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★ ★ Our Commander-in-Chief's Guards at the American Cemetery, Normandy, France ★ ★

The 118th Annual National Congress - Sacramento, California

Each year a different State Society hosts the annual SAR Congress. Owing to the size of the Congress it is usually held in a major city and hosted by a large State Society. In recent years California hosted the 1989, 1999 and 2008 Congress. The latest was held in Sacramento. Attending from our Chapter this year was Second Vice President Melvin Harrell, and wife Kathy, Lucas Borncamp, who received his SAR membership certificate there, Linda Stufflebean, the wife of Compatriot David and mother of Compatriot Michael Stufflebean, she was representing the C.A.R. and Donald and Linda Moran.

Saturday evening was the California Society reception held at the California State Railroad Museum in old town. In addition to it being a marvelous location for such an event, the California Society Ladies Auxiliary celebrated their twenty-fifth anniversary with the Bishop Louis V. Carlson, our State Executive Vice President serving as Master of ceremonies. This was done with a great deal of fanfare. Linda Moran gave the keynote address, and Mrs. Anne Lampman using her husband, dual member Chuck Lampman's Revolutionary War presentation sword, cut the anniversary cake. They were assisted by both the California Auxiliary officers and National Auxiliary of-

icers.

Sunday was the annual memorial service held in honor of all the Compatriots that departed our ranks during the year. Chaplain General the Rev. Stanley DeLong of the San Diego Chapter, delivered the sermon. Participating were over seventy five Color Guardsmen. The memorial service was held at the magnificent Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament. Fol-

lowing the Memorial Service members of the California Color Guard and senior SAR officers laid a wreath at the grave of General Winn, the Society's founder.

Monday morning was opening ceremonies of the Congress. President General Bruce Wilcox presided. Greeting were brought by several lineage societies. Kevin Baker, National President of the Children of the American Revolution (C.A.R.) was one that brought greetings, he was followed by Lucas Brncamp, California State President (C.A.R.).

President General Wilcox presented him with his SAR membership certificate and lapel pin. Lucas is now a Compatriot of our Chapter.

That evening was National Awards night. Among the awards presented, three were of particular interest to our Chapter. Compatriot Larry Magerkurth, a former California State President was awarded the Minuteman Award, the



COMPATRIOT LUCAS BORNCAMP RECEIVING HIS MEMBERSHIP CERTIFICATE FROM PRESIDENT GENERAL BRUCE WILCOX.



Named Best Chapter in
the SAR - 1983, 1989
1995, 1996, 2002 & 2003



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Meeting Notice

Saturday - - August 16th, 2008

12:00 noon

SPEAKER: COMMANDER CHARLES R. LAMPMAN, USN (RET.)

TOPIC: MAJOR JOHN ANDRE, SPY

Chuck is the author of the SAR's history series publication on Major John Andre, and is an expert on the Benedict Arnold betrayal and Major Andre's involvement. His talk will be informative and interesting.

Saturday - - September 20th, 2008

12:00 noon

SPEAKER: JAMES B. J. SIEVERS

TOPIC: AN AMERICAN IN LOVE WITH HIS COUNTRY

For 30 years Bruce has addressed 7 thousand groups across america, including the DAR 1995 Convention. He has done programs for Presidents, Ford, Carter, Reagan and Bush. President Reagan awarded him the George Washington Medal of Honor and the DAR, their Medal of Honor.



To be held at the Tam O'Shanter Inn
2980 Los Feliz Blvd. Los Angeles

\$20.00 per person - The ladies and guests are always welcome



Our Chapter has five Compatriots in uniform and we wish to formally thank them for their service.

- Lt. Col. David Smith, USAF - (Iraq).
- Major Mason Dula, USAF - (Middle-East),
- Capt. Eric Fourroux, USA - (Iraq),
- Sergeant Major William Fitzgerald, USMC - (Okinawa)
- 2nd Lieutenant Sean D. Hayball, USA - (South Carolina)

THE CHAPTER MEMBERSHIP MEDAL AND MASSING MEDAL

The Chapter's membership medal and the Massing of the Colors medal have been ordered, and will be available shortly. We have ordered a limited supply, so if you are interested, see the order form on page 11 of this issue of the Liberty Tree.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS



The Compatriots of the Sons of Liberty Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution are please to welcome into our Chapter:

Compatriot
Scott G. N. Crowell
 Ancestor:

David Archibald served the cause of American Independence as a Private in the Pennsylvania Militia. Scott is the former President of the Nevada Society and the Las Vegas Chapter and has transferred to us.

COMPATRIOTS IN THE NEWS

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

LtC David Rodearmel	8/04
Daniel Smith	8/04
Jameson Winthrop	8/08
Berni Campbell	8/09
William Miller	8/10
George Brandau, MD	8/12
Howard Hardman	8/12
Robert Phillips	8/21
David R. Pratt	8/22
Richard Camper	8/23
James McHargue	8/26
J. David Sympson	8/28
Jason Gordon	8/29
Floyd Parrish	9/01
David Runells	9/01
David Boyle, M.D.	9/02
Mark Gujda	9/02
Garrett Jackson	9/02
Patrick Crawford	9/04
Christian Mellow	9/06
Floyd Shadwick	9/06
Joseph Prang	9/06

Andrew Winthrop	9/09
Fred Ray	9/10
Lee Bishop	9/12
Robert Williams, M.D.	9/13
Melvin Harrell	9/23
Ty Rauschenback	9/25

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Rev. Victor & Ann Springer
Married: 06/24/1948 - 60 years

Thomas & Florence Ponton
Married: 08/02/1941- 67 years

Douglas & Roswitha Bradley
Married: 08/07/1971- 37 years

Cdr. Charles & Anne Lampman
Married: 08/09/2003 - 5 years

John & Cynthia Klinedinet
Married: 08/15/1981- 27 years

David & Laurie Hayball
Married: 08/18/1998 - 10 years

Robert & Elizabeth Williams, M.D.
Married: 08/21/1945 - 63 years

Reginald & Phildora Humphreys
Married: 09/02/1938 - 70 years

Charles & Eleanor Stall
Married: 09/09/1955- 53 years

Charles & Geraldine Branda
Married: 09/10/1960 - 48 years

Lt. Col. Elmer & Marion Rose Morse
Married: 09/17/1943 - 65 years

Gregory & Sandra Prang
Married: 09/18/1998 - 10 years

Thomas & Susan Warden
Married: 09/22/1990 - 18 years

Peter & Susan Landry
Married: 09/29/1961- 47 years

Editors Note: The average length of marriages for August and September

is 41 years, with five over *sixty years* including the Rev. Victor Springer and wife Ann who were inadvertently omitted from the June report.

REGISTRAR'S REPORT

Name	1	2	3	4	5
Michael Biferno	✓	✓			
John Borncamp	✓				
Andrew Clayton	✓				
Lowell Downer	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Michael Harrell	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Gary Alan Harris	✓	✓	✓		
Joshua Hayball	✓				
Bradley Hill	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Bob Jacobs	✓				
James Kishlock	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Mark Klatter	✓	✓	✓	✓	
John Lundstrom	✓				
John Mohler	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Christopher Pickens	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Daniel P. Pickens	✓	✓	✓	✓	
David Slay	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Michael Squires	✓	✓			
Daniel Wilson	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Matthew Wilson	✓	✓	✓	✓	

Legend

- (1) Worksheet sent to applicant
- (2) Worksheet received
- (3) Genealogical work in progress
- (4) Application in preparation
- (5) Application at Nat'l for approval

Berni K. Campbell
Registrar



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highest award the Society can give a member. Compatriot Chuck Bragg, newly elected Treasurer General was named Color Guardsman of the Year and awarded the National Society's Gold Color Guard medal. President Stephen Renouf of the California Society awarded him our Gold Von Steuben Color Guard medal. Both Compatri-

ots are dual members of our Chapter. The third award went to our Editor, Don Moran, for the editorship of *The California Compatriot*, declared to be the best large Chapter newsletter in the Society.

Also of great interest to us is our "George Washington Massing of the Colors and Salute to our Armed Forces". The article on February's Massing that appeared in *The SAR Magazine*,

attracted a great deal of interest, namely, how do we do it! Of course the F-16 flyby was admittedly a first for an SAR sponsored event. In addition to the interest, newly elected President General David Appleby, has accepted our invitation to participate in next February's George Washington Commemorative Massing of the Colors, another first - - we have never had a President General participate before.



LARRY MAGERKURTH BEING ESCORTED BY CDR. CHARLES LAMPMAN AT THE MINUTEMAN AWARD CEREMONY. LARRY WAS THE RECIPIENT OF THIS, THE HIGHEST HONOR THE NSSAR CAN BESTOW ON A COMPATRIOT



COMPATRIOT CHARLES F. BRAGG RECEIVING THE GOLD VON STEUBEN COLOR GUARD MEDAL FROM PRESIDENT STEPHEN RENOUF. CHUCK WAS NAMED NATIONAL COLOR GUARDSMAN OF THE YEAR.



COMPATRIOT DON MORAN, OUR SECRETARY, RECEIVING THE GRAHAME T. SMALLWOOD AWARD FOR BEING THE EDITOR OF THE BEST LARGE STATE SOCIETY NEWSLETTER, THE CALIFORNIA COMPATRIOT.



WREATH LAYING CEREMONY AT MAJOR GENERAL A. M. WINN'S MONUMENT

THE CALIFORNIA SOCIETY COLOR GUARD, AND SOME OF THE SAR'S SENIOR OFFICERS LAYED A WREATH AT THE GRAVE OF MAJOR GENERAL A. M. WINN, THE FOUNDING PRESIDENT GENERAL OF THE SONS OF REVOLUTIONARY WAR SIRS, THE PARENT ORGANIZATION OF THE SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION. THE GENERAL IS BURIED IN SACRAMENTO. L-TO-R: LT. COL. PETER GOEBEL, TOM CHILTON, DALE ROSS, DON MORAN, CDR. CHUCK LAMPMAN, MELVIN HARRELL, JIM FAULKINBURY, LT. COL. BOB EBERT, LARRY MAGERKURTH, EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT THE BISHOP LOU CARLSON, STATE PRESIDENT STEPHEN RENOUF, SECRETARY GENERAL DAVID APPLEBY, CHAPLAIN GENERAL THE REV. STAN DELONG, PRESIDENT GENERAL BRUCE WILCOX AND VICE PRESIDENT - SOUTH, JOHN DODD.





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 The 25th Anniversary of the Ladies Auxiliary

Larry & Barbara Magerkurth, Jim Faulkinbury and Wayne Griswold arranged for the attractive (and tasty)

25th Anniversary cake depicted to the right. In addition to it two additional sheet cakes were required to feed all the attendees at the Railway Museum.



THE ANNIVERSARY SHEET CAKE



THE BISHOP LOUIS V. CARLSON, SERVING AS MASTER OF CEREMONIES AND LINDA MORAN TELLING THE AUDIENCE ABOUT THE EARLY DAYS OF THE LADIES AUXILIARY



ANNE LAMPMAN, FORMER PRESIDENT OF THE AUXILIARY AND STATE REGENT OF THE DAR CUTTING THE ANNIVERSARY CAKE WITH HUSBAND CHUCK LAMPMAN'S SWORD.



THE LADIES AUXILIARY PRESIDENTS AT THE 118TH CONGRESS
 L-R: COREENA ROSS (*current President*), LINDA MORAN, BARBARA MAGERKURTH, ANNE LAMPMAN, KATHY WATSON AND SANDY JACOBS.



Meet Your 2008-2009 National Officers

David N. Applyby, President General
 Edward F. Butler, Secretary General
 Charles F. Bragg, Treasurer General
 J. David Sympson, Registrar General
 James K. Say, Chancellor General

Joseph W. Dooley, Genealogist General
 Stephen A. Leishman, Historian General
 Richard D. Brockway, Librarian General
 David Hockensmith, Chaplain General
 Dr. Richard Treadway, Surgeon General

Our Chapter's
 ROTC and
 JROTC
 Support
 Program



THE SAR'S ROTC MEDAL

As members of the Sons of Liberty Chapter you can be very proud of our ROTC and JROTC program, it is the largest in the entire Society. We support, with our awards program, forty-seven (47) detachments - Six University ROTC and forty-one JROTC!

The statistics supporting the value of the ROTC program are justifications enough for our support. The ROTC teaches leadership, self-pride, and good citizenship. What more could we ask?



COLONEL JOHN MOHLER, M.D. (USA RET.) PRESENTING CADET CORPORAL STEPHENIE LEYTA THE JROTC MEDAL AND CERTIFICATE.

CADET LEYTA IS A MEMBER OF THE HOLLYWOOD HIGH SCHOOL JROTC DETACHMENT, WHICH WAS FOUNDED IN 1917 AND IS ONE OF THE OLDEST JRPTC UNITS IN THE COUNTRY AND HAS OVER 300 CADETS IN ITS RANKS



Our Chapter's Commander-in-Chief's Guards and the National Society, SAR Color Guard



Twenty-Four years ago, our Chapter deployed it's newly formed Color Guard to the National Congress, held that year at Tyson Corners, Virginia (just outside Washington, D.C. Prior to our participation the National Society was hard pressed to field a complete Color Guard. Usually Maryland, Massachusetts and New Jersey would combine and furnish five or six guardsmen.

We continued to attend the National events, and in 1989, President General Charlie Prinz, and incoming President General Jim Westlake, established the National Color Guard Committee, appoint your editor as National Color Guard Commander.

With the able assistance of some dedicated guardsmen, and the publishing of "The SAR Guardsman", encouraging the establishment of Color Guards, the movement has grown to where most Chapters now have Color Guards. Here in California the growth was pheromonal. Our participation at National continued and the influence is all the more obvious when three

of the seven National Commanders have been Californians. Additionally, those California Compatriots participating at the National level agreed to wear the same historically correct uniforms, that of the Commander-in-Chief's Guard. At the Sacramento National Congress, the Commander-in-Chief's Guards were prominent. Participating were Melvin Harrell,

(*Son of Liberty Chapter*), who served as the President General's escort, Jim Faulkinbury (*Sacramento Chapter*), Larry Magerkurth (*Orange County Chapter*), Chuck Bragg (*Indiana Society*), Stephen Renouf (*Thomas Jefferson Chapter*), Karl Jacobs, (*Harbor Chapter*), Chuck Lampman (*Riverside Chapter*), Bob Ebert (*San*

Francisco Chapter) and Don Moran (*Sons of Liberty Chapter*). Other participating Color Guardsmen were Will Tisch and Ernest McCullough (*San Diego Chapter*), Jim Blauer and Kent Gregory (*Orange Country Chapter*), Tom Chilton & Ron Barker (*Sacramento Chapter*).

Our Color Guards are our best Public Relations tool!



MEMBERS OF THE CALIFORNIA SOCIETY, SAR COLOR GUARD AT THE SACRAMENTO NATIONAL CONGRESS.



General George Washington The First Director of Counterintelligence



MAJOR
BENJAMIN
TALLMADGE
WASHINGTON'S
SPY MASTER

The American Revolution was not only a revolt but a war of counterintelligence. From the first days of the rebellion it was 'intelligence' that dictated the actions of both sides. British General Sir Thomas Gage learned that the colonials were hiding their military stores in the town of Concord, Massachusetts. The Massachusetts Committee of Safety learned that Gage intended to launch a sizeable force and siege said stores, hence Paul Revere, et al, famous ride to warn the colonists.

Throughout the entire war the gathering of intelligence was paramount to planning, and this applied to both the Americans and Crown's forces. With the Royal Navy dominating the seas, the British had the advantage of mobility, whereas, General Washington's forces were forced to wait and react to the British movements.

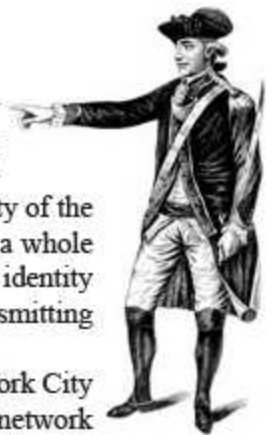
The importance of intelligence was so great that Washington decided that he would personally control the American intelligence efforts, and keep it tightly controlled and on a need to know basis only. Washington once wrote: "There is one evil I dread and that is their spies."

Greatly influencing General Washington's thinking in regards to protecting those involved in intelligence gathering was the capture and execution of Connecticut Captain Nathan Hale, on a mission for the General.

The Continental Congress also realized the importance of intelligence, and in the very beginning formed a Committee of Secret Correspondence. On November 9th, 1775, Congress required all Congressman to sign an oath of secrecy, in which they pledged to keep all matters before that body secret which were deemed so by said delegates. Said oath had teeth - it's final sentence read: "And if any member shall violate this agreement, he shall be expelled from this Congress, and deemed an enemy to the liberties of America, and liable to be treated as such" On June 12th, 1776 they extended it to require all employees of the Continental Congress to sign it.

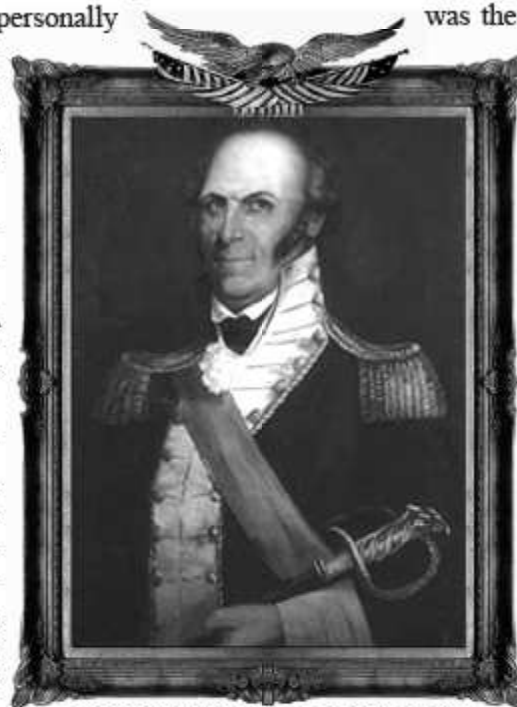
The penalty for gathering intelligence, better stated as being a spy, was death by hanging. It was therefore extremely important for the safety of the spys and the intelligence network as a whole to develop methods of concealing the identity of the spys and their methods of transmitting information.

After the British captured New York City and turned it into an island bastion, a network of spys was created. A trusted Continental Officer, Brigadier General Charles Scott, a Virginian, Commander of the 5th and later 2nd Virginia Continental Regiments, and in 1808 the Fourth Governor of Kentucky. In 1778, owing to bad health, he asked Washington to replace him, recommending John Bolton be his replacement. The identify of those in Washington's intelligence network were so closely held, that General Scott did not know that John Bolton



MAJOR
JOHN ANDRE
SIR HENRY
CLINTON'S
SPY MASTER

was the alias for Major Benjamin Tallmadge. Tallmadge was named his replacement and is acknowledged to be the father of the American Intelligence Service. He, like Scott, reported directly to Washington and was responsible for it's operation. Tallmadge was a neighbor and close friend of Nathan Hale, and his loss no doubt greatly influenced his thinking. As a result of this concern he developed a system of identifying his spies. Each spy would chose an alias, known but to the spy, Tallmadge, Washington, and the Aide-de-Camp assisting him. One the alias was decided upon, only the first and last letter of that name would be used in correspondence. Robert Townsend, a merchant in New York used the alias of Culper, Junior



BRIGADIER GENERAL CHARLES SCOTT
WASHINGTON'S FIRST SPYMASTER

- C__r. His confederate, Abraham Woodhull, alias Samuel Culper, was known as Culper, Senior. Others that were known to the community they operated in did not conceal their identity, and in some instances conveyed the gathered intelligence themselves. This was at considerable risk,



as both the Americans and British were constantly searching for spies. One, an American patriot, Enoch Crosby, a shoemaker by trade, was suspected while operating in New York. He escaped to the American lines and was reassigned to Albany.

Being a spy in the 18th century was not considered honorable service by most people, hence even after contributing greatly to the attainment of American independence, these patriots choose to remain anonymous. Robert Townsend's identity was not discovered until 1939, when New York historian Morton Pennypacker recognized the handwriting of Culper Junior and Robert Townsend were one and the same!

Others were simply brave to a point of being reckless. One such officer was Captain Allan McLane. When seeking information on the fortification and garrison at Stony Point, he disguised himself as a countryman, and under the cover of escorting a Mrs. Smith there to see her sons, he spent two weeks within the Fort. When American General "Mad" Anthony Wayne launched the night attack on the fortress, it was carried with a minimum of losses on the part of the Americans thanks to McLane's information.

The majority of intelligence had to be transmitted in writing, and numerous methods were developed to do so. One, extremely difficult to decipher, was created by Major Tallmadge, using two copies of John Entick's "New Latin and English Dictionary", published in 1771. The spy would write down the number of the page, then the number of the line, and finally, the number of the chosen word. The recipient would then simply transcribe the numbers back to words. Without knowing what books were used, it was impossible to break.

Major Tallmadge created another unique and almost impossible code to break. He listed 763 words, numbered 1 thru 763. Each number represented a single word. As an example, 38 meant attack, New York was 127, George Washington was 711, British Sir Henry Clinton, 721, Culper Senior 723, Culper Junior 724. The code was so simple, and so safe, that by 1783, John Adams, John Jay, Robert Livingston and Robert Morris were using it. Here again, without a copy of the Tallmadge list, it was impossible

to decipher.

More sophisticated methods were also used. One of these methods of transmitting intelligence was the use of "white ink". On July 25th, 1779 Washington wrote to Major Benjamin Tallmadge, a very descriptive letter concerning the operation:

"West Point, July 25, 1779

Sir,

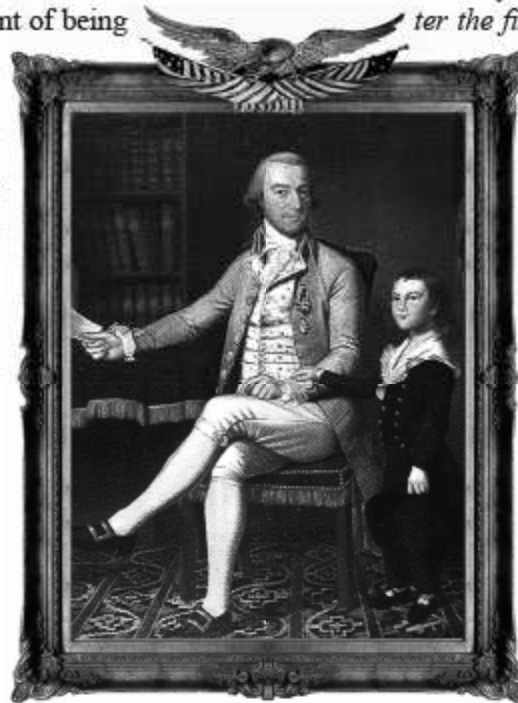
All the white Ink I now have (indeed all that there is any prospect of getting soon) is sent in Phial No. 1 by Colo. Webb. The liquid in No. 2 is the Counterpart which renders the other visible by wetting the paper with a fine brush after the first has been used and is dry. You will send these to C- - - - r Junior as soon as possible and I beg that no mention may ever be made of your having received such liquids from me or any one else. In all cases and at all times this prudence and circumspection is necessary but it is indispensably so now as I am informed that Governor Tryon, has a preparation of the same kind, or something similar to it which may lead to a detection of it is ever known that a matter of this sort has passed from me. . . ."

The "white ink" Washington referred to was a compound of cobalt chloride, glycerine and water. Dr. James Jay, brother of John Jay, developed what was called "Sympathetic Stain", which he used to send information from London to America. He supplied a quantity of the chemical to Silas Deane, alias Timothy Jones, in

Paris, and to George Washington, thereby permitting secret communication between them. In a letter written by Robert Morris to John Jay, he wrote regarding a letter received from Timothy Jones: *"concealed beauties therein . . . a cursory examination of a sea captain would never discover them, but transferred from his hand to the penetrating eye of John Jay, the diamonds stand confessed at once"*.

On July 25th, 1779 Washington wrote to Major Benjamin Tallmadge, who ran the New York Intelligence network, a very descriptive letter concerning the operation.

Even members of Washington's military family (his staff) were restricted from knowing the intimacies of the operations - it was on a need to know basis. The General relied on the talent of Lieutenant Colonel Hamilton to coordinate



COLONEL BENJAMIN TALLMADGE AND SON
GEORGE WASHINGTON TALLMADGE:
ARTIST: RALPH EARL PAINTED IN 1790

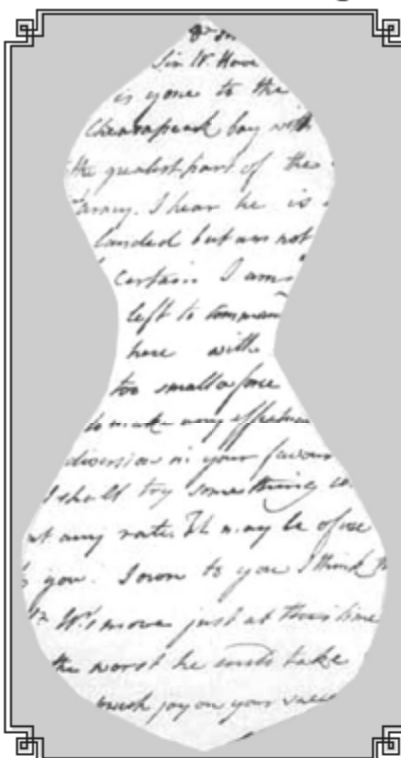


the gathered intelligence and to report his conclusions, directly to and only to the General. To a lesser degree, Major Caleb Gibbs, Commandant of the Commander-in-Chief's Guards was involved. Among his numerous duties, he was the keeper of the headquarters accounts, Gibbs had to enter the intelligence networks expenses. He did so without disclosing any vital information. As an example, on October 16th, 1780, his ledger shows an entry: "Paid Maj. Tallmadge, towards the expense of the communications with New York by the way of Long Island " A second entry reads: "Aug. 1. Secret Service - £ 146".

One interesting method of signaling that a message was ready to be picked up was accomplished by patriot Anna Strong. She would hang out her laundry, if a black petticoat was on the line it meant a message was ready for pick up, then the number of handkerchiefs hung would indicate which cove on Long Island Sound the agents would meet.

Concealing the intelligence being sent was extremely important, but so was the ability of deciphering the enemies communications. In early 1775, Elbridge Gerry of Massachusetts, and later Vice President of the United States, aided by Elisha Potter and the Reverend Samuel West, decrypted an intercepted letter which disclosed that Doctor Benjamin Church of the Massachusetts Committee of Safety, was a spy for General Gage.

The British were not asleep at the espionage game. They developed some very sophisticated codes as well. One that was not only unique, but had to have been very difficult to compose required it be read through a mask. This technique is known as the Cardan system, named for Geronimo Cardano, a 16th Century code creator. A message was written within the shape of the mask, then the beginning and ending of each line carefully added so that the entire letter made sense. But, when only the portion outlined by the mask was read an entirely different message was viewed. In Sir Henry Clinton's letter sent to General Burgoyne, during his attempt to capture the Hudson River by invading from Canada, it exaggerates the recent successes of British arms, however, when the mask is applied, we read a different story. Instead of attacking northward, to link up with Burgoyne's southward attack, General Sir William Howe chose to drive toward Philadelphia. Sir Henry's message addresses this in a negative way.



"I own to you that I think Sr. W's move just at this time the worst he could take."

When militia Sergeant Moses Harris of New York, by a stroke of luck, fell in with a group of exhausted Tories and was recruited to serve as a loyalist courier, he took the communications directly to American Major General Philip Schuyler, who opened them without breaking the wax seal. He had the messages copied, and permitted Harris to continue on as a courier. The information gleaned by this good fortune and the bravery of Moses Harris, enable Schuyler and George Washington to know what was being communi-

cated between General Sir Henry Clinton and General John Burgoyne who was leading an army south from Canada. This information informed Schuyler about British Colonel Barry St. Ledger's planned attack on Fort Stanwix. He immediately sent reinforcements to that Fort, which resulted in the ultimate defeat of St. Ledger's attack. (An in depth article on Moses Harris is on our web site entitled: "Sergeant Moses Harris - Double Agent".)

During the treason of General Benedict Arnold, it was Major Tallmadge's involvement that prevented British Major John Andre from possibly escaping his capture by the ploy set up by Arnold. Andre had been captured by three New York Militiamen, travelling as John Anderson. Tallmadge, in his memoir, published in 1858, stated he deliberately omitted "some things relating to the detention of Andre". We will never know for sure what those "things" were.

However we do know that Sarah Townsend, Robert's sister, reported that she overheard Major Andre mention West Point and mentioned John Anderson. That information was given to Tallmadge, making him aware that there was a connection.

Later in 1781, patriot James Lovell, deciphered the encryption method employed by the British. An intercepted dispatch from General Lord Cornwallis, besieged at Yorktown to Sir Henry Clinton, in New York, disclosed how desperate his situation was.

A second dispatch deciphered by Lovell, provided Washington knowledge that the British had sent a fleet south from New York to challenge the blockading French fleet. This knowledge permitted French Admiral De Grasse to prepare for a sea battle, and was successful in driving off the relief effort, thereby sealing Cornwallis' doom.



The Sons of Liberty Chapter and Children of the American Revolution Joint Meeting Minutes For July 19th, 2008

The Sons of Liberty Chapter, SAR held it's July 19th, 2008 Meeting at the Tam O'Shanter Restaurant. Second Vice President-Melvin Harrell presiding. *Attending were:* Lee Bishop, Gary Bohannon, Berni Campbell, Scott Campbell, Kerry Davidson,, David Eaton, Melvin Harrell, Jim McHargue, John Mohler, Don Moran, Vic Springer and Ken Walker. *Guests were:* Mary Campbell, Scott Crowell, Lowell Downer, Kathy Harrell, Mary Ellen Mohler, Linda Moran, Ann Springer and P.J. Walker.



OPENING CEREMONY

The Invocation was given by the Rev. Victor Springer, The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Colonel John Mohler, and the Pledge to the SAR by Don Moran, Introduction of guest, Second Vice President Melvin Harrell. Among the guests was Compatriot Scott Crowell, former President of the Las Vegas Chapter and the Nevada State Society. He is transferring his membership to our Chapter.

PROGRAM

Compatriot Scott Campbell reported on his recent visit to the battlefields of Cowpens, Camden and King's Mountain. He related the events that took place there and what is presently at those locations. It was both educational and informative.

JUNE 21st MEETING MINUTES

The minutes of the June 21st, 2008 meeting were distributed. It was moved by Scott Campbell and seconded by Lee Bishop that they be accepted. The motion carried.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER

The Treasurer's report was distributed. Treasurer David Eaton advised the Chapter has a balance in our checking account of \$ 1,211.33. A question was raised regarding "return check charge". The verbiage is being changed to "bank charge". It is for the return of the cashed checks. It was moved to accept the report by Gary Bohannon and seconded by Ken Walker. The motion carried.

PERMANENT FUND REPORT

The report of the Permanent Fund Trustees was distributed. The combined total of the Chapter's Permanent Fund is \$53,250.22. The Philo Van Wagoner bequest has been re-

ceived and has been deposited in a CD earning 5.05% per annum. It was approved with the Treasurers report.

REPORT OF THE REGISTRAR

Registrar Berni Campbell gave the report, with 16 applications in various stages of completion and two more delivered at the meeting. He also advised the Chapter of his recent visit to our National headquarters in Louisville.

CHAPTER MEDALS PROPOSAL

Compatriot Don Moran passed around the sample medals. He then advised that an anonymous Compatriot has underwritten the project by loaning the project the balance due to purchase said medals. He is to be repaid from the revenues of the sale of said medals, without interest. A special thank you to

ing the day before to a dinner / banquet and invite the State officers to attend. Don Moran to investigate our doing so. It was so moved by Scott Campbell and seconded by the Rev. Vic Springer.

REPORT ON THE ANNUAL CONGRESS

Compatriot Don Moran advised that three members, Melvin Harrell, Lucas Borncamp and himself, along with Kathy Harrell, Linda Moran and Linda Stufflebean attended. Lucas was presented his SAR certificate by President General Bruce Wilcox at the opening session of the meeting.

Melvin Harrell and Don Moran also participated in a wreath laying ceremony at the grave site of Dr. James L. Cogswell who was the founding President General of the Sons of the Revolutionary War Sires, parent organization of the SAR.

REPORT ON OUR WEB SITES

Our Web Master, Compatriot Gary Bohannon, gave his report on the web site in great detail. He advised that we will see a substantial reduction in the costs, and he is making some adjustments to sites that will get more attention on the web.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF GUARDS

Vice President Melvin Harrell passed around a photograph of our Color Guard along with the San Diego Chapter's presenting the colors at the Padres' Baseball game in San Diego on June 26th.

BENEDICTION

The closing benediction was led by the Rev. Victor M. Springer.

CLOSING RITUAL

The closing ritual was led by 2nd Vice President Melvin Harrell. There being no further business before the Chapter, the meeting was adjourned.

Donald N. Moran,
Secretary



COMPATRIOT SCOTT CAMPBELL RECEIVING THE CHAPTER'S CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION FROM VICE PRESIDENT MELVIN HARRELL

Compatriot Anonymous.

THE 2009 GEORGE WASHINGTON MASSING OF THE COLORS

Compatriot Don Moran reported that President General David Appleby is planning on attending the 2009 Massing of the Colors. This will be the first time we have had a President General participate.

Compatriot Don Moran recommended that we change the regularly scheduled meet-



The Sons of Liberty Chapter Membership Medal And The George Washington Commemorative Massing of the Colors Medal



THE SONS OF LIBERTY
CHAPTER MEDAL
ACTUAL SIZE

At our May 17th, 2008 meeting the Sons of Liberty Chapter, California Society, SAR approved the striking of the two depicted medals. The first, The Sons of Liberty Chapter's membership medal, authorized for all our regular, life and dual members - - it is shown on the left.

The second is the George Washington Commemorative Massing of the Colors and Salute to our Armed Forces participation medal. It is available to any individual who has participated in the Massing. It is shown on the right. The ribbon drapes of both medals are military quality and colorful. Both medals are depicted in actual size.

Both these medals were ordered to be struck o August 2nd, and will be distributed to those that ordered them in October.

You may purchase from the National Society Merchandise Department a bronze "cluster" for each "Massing" participated in, or the silver cluster for every five (5) Massings participated in.



THE MASSING OF THE
COLORS MEDAL
ACTUAL SIZE



THE SONS OF LIBERTY CHAPTER MEMBERSHIP MEDAL AND THE GEORGE WASHINGTON COMMEMORATIVE MASSING OF THE COLORS MEDAL ORDER FORM

The Sons of Liberty Chapter Membership Medal Number ___ \$ 25.00 each - S & H \$ 2.00 Total \$ _____

Massing of the Colors Medal Number ___ \$25.00 each - S & H \$ 2.00 Total \$ _____

I am interested in purchasing a miniature version of the Chapter Medal The Massing Medal

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**COMING EVENTS
MONTHLY MEETING**

AUGUST 16TH, 2008

Speaker

CDR. CHARLES R. LAMPMAN

*Topic: "MAJOR JOHN ANDRE
YOU ARE A SPY"*



SEPTEMBER 20TH, 2008

Speaker

JOHN B. J. SIEVERS

Topic

**"AN AMERICAN IN LOVE WITH
HIS COUNTRY"**



To be held at the
Tam O' Shanter
2980 Los Feliz Blvd
Los Angeles, California



Freedom is never more than one generation away from extinction. We didn't pass it to our children in the blood-stream. It must be fought for, protected, and handed on for them to do the same, or one day we will spend our sunset years telling our children and our children's children what it was once like in the United States where men were free.

Ronald Reagan

2008

Aug. 16th --- Monthly Meeting

Sept. 20th --- Monthly Meeting

Oct. 18th --- Monthly Meeting

Nov. 7th & 8th ---- State Meeting

Dec. tba ----- Christmas Party

2009

Jan. 17th ----- Installation of
Officers Luncheon

Feb. 21st ----- Monthly Meeting

Feb. 22nd ----- G. Washington
Massing of the Colors

Mar 21st --- Monthly Meeting

April 17th- 18th - State Meeting
Irvine, CA

Apr. 18th -- Monthly Meeting

May 16th -- Monthly Meeting

June 20th -- Monthly Meeting

July 4th - 8th - Annual Congress
- Atlanta, GA