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

MARCHING THROUGH HISTORY

OCTOBER 11TH AND 12TH



PRADO REGIONAL PARK -- 16700 SOUTH EUCLID AVENUE -- CHINO, CA 91710

The Marching Through History event is again on. Last year it was unfortunately cancelled. Our Commander-in-Chief's Guard, our George Washington's field headquarters encampment, manned by members from four SAR Chapters have proudly participated at all previous events. Those that are not part of our reenactment group are encouraged to attend and bring the children and grandchildren - it is a fantastic educational event.

Marching Through History is the largest time-line living history event west of the Mississippi River. The event has nearly one-thousand historical interpreters representing many different aspects of world history from Ancient Rome, to Elizabethan England, to Colonial America and beyond. Our time line starts with the beginning of the civilized world and marches its way through history to the current conflicts in the Universal War on Terror.

Marching Through History has a family-oriented, educa-

tional atmosphere celebrating the history of those who have defended their civilizations throughout history. Visitors are invited to walk through the camps of the participants and learn about the lives of the common man or woman or of the great names in history through interpretive specialists. There are battle reenactments that demonstrate the technology of the times, and each encampment is an opportunity to walk back into time and relive the rich history that is now only available in two-dimensions - through reading materials or the internet.

The event allows for all of your senses to become active while you march with your friends and families through the history of the civilized world. Come out and join us one and all camping is available through Prado Regional Park for all scout, fraternal, school or family groups who would wish to experience Marching Through History as a weekend event.



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the SAR - 1983, 1989
1995, 1996, 2002 & 2003



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Meeting Notice

SATURDAY OCTOBER 18TH, 2008

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SPEAKER:

GEORGE MACK

TEACHER AND CAPTAIN OF THE
23RD REGIMENT OF FOOT, THE ROYAL WELSH FUSILIERS

TOPIC

REPORT OF THE SAR'S 2008 VALLEY FORGE
TEACHER'S PROGRAM WINNER

George is in charge of the teaching program at Point Dana's Tall Ship exhibit and museum, preparing programs for the 30,000 students that visit the site each year.

George will tell us about the benefits of our Valley Forge Teacher's Program with a slide presentation.



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)



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WELCOME NEW MEMBERS



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

Compatriot

Lowell Howard Downer

Ancestor:

John Downer

He served the cause of American Independence as a Private in the Vermont Militia.

Compatriot

James Watt Kishlock

Ancestor

David Elder

He served the cause of American Independence as a Private in the Pennsylvania Militia.



COMPATRIOTS IN THE NEWS

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Kenneth Walker	10/01
Christian Williamson	10/02
Jerry Baker	10/02
Cdr. Charles Lampman	10/05
James Dawson	10/05
Thomas Emrey	10/12
Robert Emrey	10/14
Benjamin Pearman	10/14
Wm. Scott Campbell	10/17
William Belcher	10/20
Kenneth Johnson	10/22
John Klinedinet	10/26
William Blair	10/27
John Schlaerth	10/28



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Howard & Nancy Home
married: 10.01/1048 -- 60 years

Robert & Maureen Emrey
married: 10/12/2003 - 5 years

Max & Hueih Hurlbut
married: 10/13/1982 - 16 years

David & Angela Pratt
married: 10/14/2007 - 1 year

David & Evelyn Symson
married: 10/16/2004 - 4 years

Kenneth & Kelly Marie Vercellion
married: 10/19/1996 - 12 years

Bruce & Betty Jagger
married: 10/27/1962 - 46 years

Jay & Francoise Jackson
married: 10/19/1960 - 48 years



CHAPTER MEMBERSHIP MEDAL AND MASSING MEDAL

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



THE SONS OF LIBERTY CHAPTER MEDAL

THE MASSING OF THE COLORS MEDAL

REGISTRAR'S REPORT

Name	1	2	3	4	5
Nicholas Anduze	✓				
Michael Biferno	✓	✓	✓	✓	
John Borncamp	✓				
Dino Cardone	✓				
Andrew Clayton	✓				
Chistian Corsini	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Joseph Corsini	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Scott G.N. Crowell	✓				
<i>Lowell Downer</i>					
Michael Gillespie	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Daniel Harrell	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Jonathan Harrell	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Michael Harrell	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Gary Alan Harris	✓	✓	✓		
Joshua Hayball	✓	✓			
Bradley Hill	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Bob Jacobs	✓	✓			
<i>James Kishlock</i>					
John Lundstrom	✓	✓			
John Mohler	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Christopher Pickens	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Daniel P. Pickens	✓	✓	✓	✓	
David Slay	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Ray Simison	✓	✓	✓		
Michael Squires	✓	✓			
John Stites	✓				
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



We've Lost a Good Friend - Colonel John E. Ford

Although Colonel Ford was not a member of our Chapter, he was an active member of the Commander-in-Chief's Guards, and in spite of a seven year long battle with cancer, he remained very active up until his passing on August 13th. John's dedication to his Church, his Country and the SAR was an example for all of us.

John was a highly decorated Air Force officer, having served for thirty-seven years. During the Vietnam War he commanded a Combat Camera Detachment, and flew 124 combat missions. During Desert Storm he served on Gen. Norman Schwarzkopf's operations staff and was commander of all combat camera forces in Iraq.

John retired to Redlands, and became active in the Redlands Chapter, SAR, serving two terms as President.



COLONEL JOHN E. FORD, III, USAF RET.
1937 - 2008
PRESIDENT REDLAND'S CHAPTER, SAR

For four years he served as Senior Advisor for the Hemet High School JROTC, teaching his cadets to live by his maxim, "Service before self".

In addition, he was past chairman of the Board, Memorial Honor Detail, Riverside National Cemetery.

John's dedication to the Color Guard was extraordinary. He was always available for parades, reenactments, encampments and school presentations, in spite of debilitating treatments for his illness.

In addition to a chest full of Military medals, John was the recipient of the California Society, SAR's Bronze, Silver and Gold Von Steuben Color Guard Medal. At his internment at the Riverside National Cemetery, a dozen SAR Guardsmen provided an honor guard.

He is survived by his wife Sherry and daughter Shonna. He will be missed.



Sons of Liberty Chapter Compatriots in the News



LT. COL. DAVID G. SMITH

We have received word from Col. Smith that his tour of duty in Bagdad, Iraq is over and he will be rotating back to Edwards AFB - Welcome Home



JAMES C. MCHARGUE

Jim was re-elected to another two year term as Registrar and Genealogist of the Connecticut Society of Colonial Wars. Jim is a Past Deputy Governor General



WILLIAM FRANCIS "FRANK" PRICE

Frank, a member of our Chapter and New York City resident, has been elected to a one year term as New York State President of the Society of the Cincinnati.



REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Former Chapter President Scott Campbell chairman of the Chapter's Nominating Committee has conferred with the members of the committee, all former Chapter presidents and submits the following slate of officers to serve as our 2009 officers.

President - Douglas H. Bradley (former 1st Vice President)

First Vice President - Melvin M. Harrell (former 2nd Vice President)

2nd Vice President - Ronald Johnson (New)

Secretary - Donald N. Moran (incumbent)

Treasurer - David W. Eaton (incumbent)

Registrar - Berni K. Campbell (incumbent)

Chaplain The Reverend Victor M. Springer (incumbent)

Historian - James Q. Bradley (incumbent)

Chancellor - Gregory M. Gujda (incumbent)

Genealogist - Kerry Davidson (incumbent)

Surgeon - Dr. Francis P. Powers (incumbent)

Color Guard Commander Melvin M. Harrell

Trustee of the Permanent Fund David M. Hayball - Term 2009-2012

The election will take place at our November 15th meeting. In accordance with our bylaws, any Compatriot, in good standing can run for any office from the floor. As information, the Vice Color Guard Commander, Editor, Web Master are appointed positions.

Wm. Scott Campbell Chairman

TREATY OF PARIS PROCLAMATION

The National Society requested that all Chapters request their local and state governments to issue a proclamation commemorating the 225th anniversary of the Treaty of Paris. Compatriot Jeff Prang, Mayor of West Hollywood arranged this one.

The City of
WEST HOLLYWOOD

PROCLAMATION

Treaty of Paris
225th Anniversary

WHEREAS, when the first rays of daylight broke on the Lexington Green on April 19, 1775, and "the shot heard round the world" was fired as British soldiers and American patriots sparked the War of American Independence; and

WHEREAS, delegates to the Second Continental Congress declared on July 4, 1776 that "these colonies are, and of Right ought to be Free and Independent States" and in support of that declaration mutually pledged to each other their Lives, their Fortunes, and their Sacred Honor; and

WHEREAS, General George Washington led an army of American patriots who lacked everything but courage, shouldered every burden and adversity, and persevered for eight long years to secure blessings of liberty for themselves and their posterity; and

WHEREAS, the liberty of our nation was rescued often by the largesse of France's King Louis XVI and Spain's King Carlos III, and was served by the daring of Europe's elite military officers, including La Fayette, Rochambeau, von Steuben, Pulaski, Galvez, and others; and

WHEREAS, the surrender of British forces under the command of General Lord John Cornwallis at the Battle of Yorktown on October 19, 1781 to the allied forces under the command of General George Washington and General Comte de Rochambeau set the stage for peace initiatives abroad; and

WHEREAS, Congress appointed Benjamin Franklin, John Adams, and John Jay to represent the United States and David Hartley was appointed by Great Britain's King George III to negotiate terms for peace; and

WHEREAS, on September 3, 1783 the peace commissioners of the United States and Great Britain signed a Treaty of Peace in Paris which recognized American Independence and boundaries and declared the intention of both parties to "forget all past misunderstandings and differences" and "secure to both perpetual peace and harmony;" and

WHEREAS, Great Britain also signed Treaties of Peace in Paris on September 3, 1783 with France and Spain and provisionally with the Netherlands to bring a cessation of hostilities between these nations; and

WHEREAS, the people of the City of West Hollywood wish that the sacrifice of so many American patriots never be forgotten;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of West Hollywood does hereby commemorate the 225th Anniversary of the Treaty of Paris on September 3, 2008.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Sons of the American Revolution be gratefully acknowledged for their efforts to educate and preserve the heritage of the American Revolution and those who served.

Presented this 3rd of September, 2008

Jeffrey Prang
JEFFREY PRANG
Mayor

Reduce 50% to fit

Heroines of the American Revolution

Lydia Barrington Darragh



Lydia Barrington was born in Dublin in 1729 to an Anglo-Irish family, who came to Ireland during the Elizabethan era. She was educated, and in fact, married her tutor, William Darragh. Like many Quakers, they migrated to Philadelphia, Pennsylvania where religious freedom was much better than in intolerant British controlled Ireland. They arrived in America in 1753. William continued his occupation as a teacher, while Lydia worked as a nurse, midwife and later a mortician.

Lydia like Betsy Ross were both Quakers who supported the cause of American Independence. Both were expelled from their Quaker meeting because of their support for the war. Their place in American history is often challenged because there is no absolute evidence to support their Revolutionary War activities. In the case of both women, a family member brought each one's contribution to the cause to the attention of their fellow citizens.

In Lydia Darragh's case, it was her daughter Ann who made public the account of her mother's actions, thirty-eight years after Lydia died. Some historians have dismissed her story as an outright concocted tale or better stated, 'family legend'. There is no documentary evidence to support the story, however, reviewing the facts reveals that at White Marsh, General George Washington's Army was well prepared, completely 'dug in' and not in the least surprised by British General William Howe's attempt on their position - - they had to have been warned.

When the British occupied Philadelphia on September 26th, 1777, Lydia was living on Second Street. The home of her neighbor John Cadwalader (1742-1786) was occupied by General Howe and used as his headquarters during the occupation. (John Cadwalader, was a General in the Pennsylvania Militia and was heavily involved in the Trenton, Princeton campaign, and would play a significant part in the Whitemarsh.)

Shortly after the British arrived, Major John Andre (The British officer convicted of be-

ing General Benedict Arnold's contact, and hung in 1780) knocked on Lydia's door and ordered her to move out of the house so that it could be used by British officers. Lydia explained that she had two children to take care of and no place to go. She had already sent her two youngest children to stay with relatives. She decided to visit Lord Howe personally and ask for his permission to remain in her house. On the way, she met a British officer who turned out to be a second cousin, Captain Barrington, from Ireland.

The Captain intervened, and at his request Lydia was allowed to stay in her home providing she kept a room available for British officers to hold meetings.

On the night of December 2nd, her house served as a conference center for top British Officers. The officers listened attentively as Lieutenant General Howe laid out his plans for a major offensive against George Washington and his army encamped at Whitemarsh. The surprise attack was to take place on December 4th. General Howe, learned from his network of loyalist spies, that Washington intended on leaving Whitemarsh and moving further away from Philadelphia in an attempt to avoid the possibil-

ity of being surprised. Howe wanted to catch Washington before he moved out of reach.

Lydia Darragh, overheard the discussion, and realized the British officers were planning an offensive against the Americans at Whitemarsh. Her own son, Charles, was in the American Army, and was serving with the 2nd Pennsylvania Regiment of the Continental Line, hence her own son's safety was at risk. She positioned herself in a linen closet next to the meeting room so she could hear better. When the meeting was adjourned, Lydia sneaked back to her bedroom and feigned sleep.

Major Andre knocked on the door at two different intervals, but she did not respond. On his third knock, she opened the door and he told her the officers were through with their meeting.



LYDIA (BARRINGTON) DARRAUGH
by an unknown artist



Lydia Darragh had only two days to warn General Washington at Whitemarsh of the pending attack. She conceived a plan. She went to Howe's headquarters and requested a pass from her cousin, Captain Barrington to go and get flour at a mill in Frankford. The request itself was not that unusual, as the poor were frequently given passes to purchase goods in the countryside.

Lydia started early on the morning of the 3rd carrying an empty flour sack. She had to walk several miles through snow before arriving at the Rising Sun Tavern, which was north of the city. According to her daughter, Ann, shortly before she reached the tavern she encountered Colonel Thomas Craig, of the 2nd Pennsylvania Regiment and who knew her son Charles. She passed on the information she overheard of the British plans to him, who promised he would take it to General Washington himself.

Another version of the story is told by Elias Boudinot, who was serving as Commissary of Prisoners, and was having dinner at the Rising Sun Tavern. He noted in his journal: "After Dinner, a little poor looking insignificant old woman came in and solicited leave to go into the Country to buy some flour -- While we were asking some Questions, she walked up to me and put into my hands a dirty old needle book, with various small pockets in it." Boudinot told the woman to wait for the answer to her request, but she left in the interim. Boudinot poked through the book failing to find anything useful until he got to the last pocket where he "found a piece of paper rolled up into the form



LYDIA DARRAGH EASE DROPPING ON THE BRITISH
(by Alan Archambault - Bellerophon Books)

of a pipe shank. On unrolling it I found information that General Howe was coming out the next morning with 5,000 men, 13 pieces of cannon, baggage wagons, and 11 boat on wheels. On comparing this with other information, I found it true and immediately rode post to headquarters."

Although the two stories differ in many details, particularly who transferred the message to Washington, the basic story is the same -- Lydia Darragh warned General Washington. Either story becomes believable when you consider the British opinion on the subject. It was obvious to the British that the Americans had been well-prepared for their attack and further knew when they were coming. George Washington had been alerted to the pending attack.

The British were looking for the spy. Several suspects were questioned including Lydia Darragh. On December 9th, Major Andre, who was responsible for intelligence gathering for General Howe, approached Lydia Darragh and asked her if anyone had been up on the night of the 2nd. She told Andre that everyone had been asleep early. Andre either believed her or realized he could not prove her or her families involvement.

He left saying, "One thing is certain the enemy had notice of our coming, were prepared for us, and we marched back like a parcel of fools. The walls must have ears."

The Quaker midwife had outwitted the British spy master and possibly saved George Washington's Army.



LYDIA DARRAGH TELLING COLONEL THOMAS CRAIG
ABOUT THE PENDING ATTACK ON WHITEMARSH.



The Battle of Whitemarsh

After the Battle of Germantown, on October 4th, 1777 George Washington's army moved to Whitemarsh, Pennsylvania, approximately 13 miles northwest of Philadelphia.

In early December, British commander General William Howe decided to make one last attempt to destroy Washington's army before winter set in. He began preparations for the attack on the American forces who he learned were about to move to a new encampment, further away and out of his reach.

Washington became aware of British plans to surprise him thanks to a patriot women named Lydia Darragh. The Continental Army was ready when Howe marched out of Philadelphia, with a force of approximately 14,000 men at midnight on December 4th. The advance column, led by General Lord Cornwallis, headed up Germantown Pike. A second column led by General Knyphausen marched toward the American left.

Early in the morning of December 5th Cornwallis' column was observed at Chestnut Hill, three miles to the right of the American front, where they were fired upon by a patrol led by Captain Allen McLane. Washington sent out Brigadier-General James Irvine and 600 Pennsylvania troops to counter Cornwallis. In the

action that followed, Irvine was wounded and taken prisoner. A series of skirmishes were fought on December 6th and 7th, as the



GEORGE WASHINGTON'S CONTINENTALS REPULSING THE ATTACKING BRITISH THANKS TO THE WARNING RECEIVED FROM LYDIA DARRAGH (modified painting by Domenick D'Andrea)

British forces constantly probed the American lines for a weakness in their defenses, only to be repulsed by Washington and his troops. Colonel Joseph Reed and General John Cadwalader became separated from the American lines and were cut off by a detachment of Hessians. The two were rescued by Captain McLane and his cavalry, the very men that had fired the opening shots of the engagement one day earlier. On December 7th,

Howe tried to turn the American left flank. Washington counter attacked with Colonel Daniel Morgan's corps of riflemen and Mordecai Gist's Maryland militia. After some intense skirmish actions both forces withdrew.

The following day, Howe and his troops abandoned the engagement and returned to Philadelphia. The Americans suffered ninety killed or wounded, including twenty-seven of Morgan's men, sixteen or seventeen men from the Maryland militia and Major Joseph Morris of the First New Jersey Regiment. Thirty-two Americans were captured.

The British casualties were sixty killed or wounded.



Society Humor

This past June 9th, the General Society of Colonial Wars hosted a two day membership symposium in Louisville, Kentucky for key officers of the 32 individual state societies whose duties are related to membership and recruitment. The event was well attended by state Governors, Registrars and Membership Chairmen and consisted of several sessions held over two days at the Pendennis Club of Louisville.

Our Berni Campbell, the California Society SCW's Registrar and Jim McHargue, former Deputy Gov-

ernor General were among those in attendance.

The evening banquet was formal. Berni borrowed the Society's neck medal, and learning that it was 14 carat gold, and very expensive, he had Jim squeeze the clasps together to prevent losing it.

The next morning, Berni went to Jim's room to meet him for breakfast. There stood Berni with the neck medal still on. He could not release the clasp, hence had to sleep with it on.

In spite of Berni's battle with a neck medal, the event was very beneficial and much was learned.



BERNI CAMPBELL AND JIM MCHARGUE



Meeting Minutes For August 16th, 2008

The Sons of Liberty Chapter, SAR held it's August 16th, 2008 Meeting at the Tam O'Shanter Restaurant. President David M. Hayball presiding. Attending were: Lee Bishop, Gary Bohannon, Douglas Bradley, Berni Campbell, Scott Campbell, David Eaton, Melvin Harrell, David Hayball, Jim McHargue, John Mohler, Don Moran, Vic Springer. Guests were: Jennifer Bishop, Sherry Bohannon, Mary Campbell, Kathy Harrell, Mary Ellen Mohler, Linda Moran.



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 Commander Chuck Lampman,

PROGRAM

Commander Chuck Lampman provided an in depth report on the treason of Major General Benedict Arnold and his British Contact, Major John Andre. Chuck provided some interesting insights to this historic event.

SECRETARY'S COMMENT

At the last meeting, after adjournment, I failed to pick up the Secretary's copy of the agenda, as a result we do not know who moved and seconded the various agenda items.

JULY 19th MEETING MINUTES

The minutes of the July 19th, 2008 meeting were distributed. It was moved and seconded to accept the minutes, with one correction - Scott Campbell's talk was on Cowpens, King's Mountain and Guilford Courthouse. 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 \$810.26. It was moved to accept. 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 permanent fund is turning over 75% of the interest earned, a total of \$ 700.00 at this meeting.

REPORT OF THE REGISTRAR

Registrar Berni Campbell gave the report, with 18 applications in various stages of completion.

CHAPTER MEDALS PROPOSAL

Compatriot Don Moran reported that the medals are being struck and we, hopefully, will have them by the end of September.



GUEST SPEAKER COMMANDER CHARLES R. LAMPMAN, USN (RET.) RECEIVING THE CHAPTER'S CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION FROM PRESIDENT DAVID HAYBALL.

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. Compatriot Don Moran recommended that we change the regularly scheduled meeting the day before to a dinner / banquet and invite the State of officers to attend. Don Moran to investigate our doing so.

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.

REPORT ON YOUTH MEMBERSHIP

At the Sacramento Annual Congress, the National Society revised the requirements for youth membership - those under age 18. No longer will the dual membership to be a member of the Children of the American Revolution, and have to file both C.A.R. and SAR applications. They also reduced the National dues for these members to \$ 5.00. The California Society will address this topic at their November meeting.

SONS OF LIBERTY CHAPTER, YOUTH MEMBERSHIP DUES

In keeping with the actions of the National Society, it was moved by Don Moran, to remove the dues requirements for those under 18 years of age. The motion carried.

BENEDICTION

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

CLOSING RITUAL

The closing ritual was led by President David M. Hayball.

There being no further business before the Chapter, the meeting was adjourned.

Donald N. Moran, Secretary



Meeting Minutes For September 20th, 2008

The Sons of Liberty Chapter, SAR held it's September 20th, 2008 Meeting at the Tam O'Shanter Restaurant. President David M. Hayball presiding. Attending were: Douglas Bradley, Jim Bradley, Berni Campbell, Scott Campbell, Lowell Downer, Elliott Graham, Glenn Gujda, Melvin Harrell, David Hayball, Ron Johnson, Jim McHargue, John Mohler, Don Moran, LtC. Tom Pyburn, Vic Springer. Guests were: Mary Campbell, Virginia Emrey, Kathy Harrell, Mary Ellen Mohler, Barbara Johnson, Linda Moran and guest speaker Bruce Stiever.



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SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

Compatriot Jim McHargue advised that Lee Bishop was home from the hospital and recovering. He also advised that compatriot David Eaton was in an auto accident, struck from behind, and had been transferred from the hospital to a convalescent home and was recovering.

PROGRAM

The guest speaker was Bruce Sievers, who recited several poems he had written and presented before four U.S. Presidents and 7,000 public events. He is the recipient of the George Washington Medal of honor presented to him by President Reagan. It was a very moving presentation.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Linda Moran, former National President of the National SAR Ladies Auxiliary presented Barbara Johnson with her Life Membership certificate.

AUGUST 16th MEETING MINUTES

The minutes of the August 16th, 2008 meeting were distributed. It was moved by the Rev. Vic Springer and seconded by Elliott Graham to accept the minutes. The motion carried.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER

The Treasurer's report was distributed. A balance in our checking account of

\$ 1,368.21. It was moved by Doug Bradley and seconded by Elliott Graham to accept the report. 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.

REPORT OF THE REGISTRAR



THE HONORABLE BARBARA JOHNSON RECEIVING HER LADIES AUXILIARY LIFE MEMBERSHIP CERTIFICATE FROM FORMER NATIONAL PRESIDENT LINDA MORAN



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Compatriot Don Moran reported that the medals are being struck and we, hopefully, will have them by the end of the month.

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. We have arranged to have the main banquet room at the Tam O'Shanter for the Saturday luncheon and will invite all of the Society to attend.

TREATY OF PARIS PROCLAMATION

Secretary Don Moran reported that National SAR requested we procure a municipal proclamation regarding the 225th anniversary of the Treaty of Paris. Compatriot Jeffrey Prang, Mayor of West Hollywood complied and it has been forwarded to National, and a copy attached to the agenda. A special thanks to Jeff.

MARCHING THROUGH HISTORY

The Chapter's Color Guard will participate in this year's Marching Through History event - October 10th & 11th.

BENEDICTION

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

CLOSING RITUAL

The closing ritual was led by President David M. Hayball.

There being no further business before the Chapter, the meeting was adjourned.

Donald N. Moran, Secretary



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 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 have been struck and are now available.

The Chapter has arranged to furnish bronze "stars" in lieu of clusters for each "Massing you have participated in. For every five (5) "Massings" a silver may be purchased. If you wish "Stars", we will gladly arrange the purchase.

Each medal is \$25.00, plus \$2.00 Shipping and Handling.

If there is a demand, we will have miniature versions of both medals struck.



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

PLEASE SEND MY MEDAL TO:

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____
Street Address City State Zip Code

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COMING EVENTS MONTHLY MEETING

OCTOBER 18TH, 2008

Speaker

GEORGE MACK

topic:

THE SAR'S VALLEY
FORGE TEACHER'S
PROGRAM WITH A SLIDE
PRESENTATION.



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*"Every immigrant who
comes here should be required
within five years to learn Eng-
lish or leave the country".*

*Compatriot
Theodore Roosevelt
President of the United States*

2008

- Sept. 20th --- Monthly Meeting
- Oct. 18th --- Monthly Meeting
- Nov. 7th & 8th ---- State Meeting
- Dec. 20th ----- 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
- July 18th - - Monthly Meeting