

The Liberty Tree Newsletter

Sons of Liberty Chapter CASSAR

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In Remembrance of George Washington's Birthday

"The foundation of our national policy will be laid in the pure and immutable principles of private morality, and the preeminence of free government be exemplified by all the attributes which can win the affections of its citizens and command the respect of the world." - George Washington

January's Joint Meeting

The Sons of Liberty, Los Angeles Chapter - CASSAR and the Society of Colonial Wars in the State of California co-hosted the 124th General Court annual joint meeting at the Valley Hunt Club in Pasadena, CA last month. An excellent presentation was given, "The First Battle for New England" by Professor Peter C. Mancall of the University of Southern California.

The new Board of the Son's of Liberty Chapter was sworn in immediately following the presentation by Robert Taylor, the Executive Vice President of CASSAR.



From left- Robert Taylor (CASSAR), Tom Perkins (SoL President), Troy Munday (SoL 1st Vice President), John Kuzma (SoL Treasurer), Don Jones (SoL Chancellor) and Jim Fosdyck (CASSAR)

The Son's of Liberty Chapter's newest President made some brief remarks and then as his first order of official business, presented the Bronze Roger Sherman Medal to five very worthy recipients. John Kuzma (current Treasurer) and Richard Humphrey (past Secretary) were in attendance and received their medals at the meeting. Mark Ladd (current Secretary and past President), Steve Barnes (past Registrar) and Brigadier General, Dr. David Smith (past President) were unable to attend the joint meeting but were presented with the Bronze Roger Sherman Medal in absentia.



From left - Tom Perkins, John Kuzma, Richard Humphrey

The Bronze Roger Sherman Medal may be awarded to a compatriot in recognition of, and in appreciation of, outstanding services rendered to a Chapter. The recipient must have served as an active officer for a minimum of two years, as an active committee chairman for three years, or as an active member of a committee for four years. Recognition of the countless volunteer hours and numerous contributions of each of our five chapter Compatriots was long overdue.

Our Next General Chapter Meeting will be held on Saturday, March 23 – Our special guests at this meeting will be Brian Stephens, the Vice President of Southern

district of the California Society of the Sons of the American Revolution and the Past President of the CASSAR, Jim Fosdyck.

Our regular Chapter meetings in 2019 will take place on, May 18th, July – TBD, September 28th & November 23rd. We meet for lunch (noon until 2) at the marvelous Tam O'Shanter Restaurant located at 2980 Los Feliz Blvd, Los Angeles, CA 90039. Come join us as we honor and share stories about our patriot ancestors, enjoy good food, camaraderie and interesting presentations (to be announced).

All Compatriots, their guests and Associate Members are highly encouraged to attend!

Genealogy Workshop Dates - Hit a brick wall in your search for records on your Patriot Ancestor? The Sons of Liberty is pleased to host four Genealogy Workshops annually at the Los Angeles Family History Library, 10741 Santa Monica Blvd, Los Angeles. All workshops are held on Saturday morning's from 9 am till 10:30 am. Our schedule of dates for 2019 is February 9th, April 13th, September 14th, and November 16th. Contact our brilliant Chapter Genealogist, Bill Kruzykowski at bill.kruzykowski@sons-of-liberty-sar.org with any questions about these workshops.

Massing of the Colors & Salute to Our Armed Forces



The largest celebration of its kind in the western United States, 2019 will be the 37th annual celebration of George Washington's birth sponsored by the Sons of Liberty Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution!

This upcoming event will be held at 3:00 PM, Sunday, February 17, 2019, at Hall of

Liberty, Forest Lawn Hollywood Hills, 6300 Forest Lawn Drive, Los Angeles, CA 90068. All participants are requested to arrive at least an hour early.

Previous Massing's of the Colors have been a great success. Over 600 people and fifty color guards participate each year, including over ten of our brother SAR Chapters. Many greater Los Angeles area High School and College color guards take part in this celebration. If you would like to be part of this event, contact us for details on how you can participate. Your volunteer efforts during the event are greatly appreciated!

Forest Lawn might initially seem a strange place for our event, but it offers an area that showcases a collection of American architecture and artworks that honor our country. There's the world's largest historical mosaic, The Birth of Liberty, a faithful reproduction of Boston's Old North Church, and larger-than-life-sized bronze statues of Washington and Jefferson. You can watch a free 26-minute movie about the American Revolution as well.

The Southern California Genealogical Society 2019 Jamboree - we are excited to announce that we will once again have a table at the 2019 Southern California Genealogical Society Jamboree! The show will be held May 30th – June 2nd, 2019 at the Los Angeles Marriott Burbank Airport Hotel, 2500 Hollywood Way in Burbank. We have enjoyed a presence at this annual show for many years now, but this year is special – come join us as we help celebrate the Southern California Genealogical Society's 50TH BIRTHDAY BASH! We will send out a special email blast with details and a call for volunteers to man our table, once the details are set.

2018-2019 California SAR Youth Programs Update - We are pleased to announce that a winner has been selected for the 2018 California level of the NSSAR Eagle Scout Scholarship. The winner is, Mr. Bilal Malik he was the nominee submitted by the Silicon Valley Chapter SAR. Attached is his essay. Bilal will now represent the state of California in the final stage of selecting a National winner.

Bill's wish is to see that our statewide participation doubles for the 2019 Eagle Scout Scholarship submissions. Please contact Bill at bill.kruzykowski@sons-of-liberty-sar.org with any questions you may have about this exciting scholarship program.

Bilal Malik/SAR Eagle Scout Contest/Essay

The Swamp Fox

Colonel Francis Marion, the "Swamp Fox," was not a physically strong man, but he made up for it with his courage and deadliness as a soldier. Marion's stealth and agility played a critical role in stalling and attacking British forces until more help came. His unconventional guerilla warfare tactics severely crippled British campaigns in the South and helped to ensure America's victory in the Revolutionary War.

Francis Marion was born in 1732 at his family's plantation in Berkeley County, South Carolina. (New World Encyclopedia). He was a small boy with malformed legs, but that did not diminish his spirit and bravery. At age fifteen, he joined the crew of a ship and sailed to the West Indies. During this voyage, the ship sank, and the crew sailed on a lifeboat for about a week before reaching land (Crawford). After returning to dry land, Marion managed his family's plantation until he joined the militia at age twenty-five to fight in the French and Indian War. It was during this time that Marion first learned and used his guerilla style of warfare. He led brutal and devastating ambushes against Cherokee Indians in the war, which prepared him for his service in the Continental Army.

In 1776, Marion was commissioned as a major in the South Carolina militia. He helped to repel the British bombardment of Charleston, commanding a battery of cannons that crippled the British fleet. However, the Redcoats returned under General Cornwallis and captured Charleston and later shattered another American army at Camden. Without an

army, Colonel Marion collected a ragged band of followers and slipped into hiding in the swampy wetlands of British-occupied South Carolina.

During the next 2 ½ years, Marion engaged in the devastating guerilla warfare that earned him the title of "Swamp Fox." Although deep in British territory, Marion kept the resistance alive in South Carolina. The Swamp Fox and his men hid and camped in the woods and swamps of the backcountry, foraging for food and supplies, and when the opportunity arose, striking at the British and Tory forces with ferocity.

Marion's Men, as they were known, specialized in ambush, and used the element of surprise as their secret weapon. They attacked swiftly and then vanished into the swamps before more Redcoats could arrive. British officers soon became obsessed with capturing the Swamp Fox and his men (Brittanica). Marion actively gathered intelligence and disrupted the Redcoats' communication lines, frustrating them. The British seemed powerless to stop him and the once strong Loyalist militia was too afraid to fight him.

Due to Marion's guerilla bands, the British could never secure South Carolina permanently; their entire Southern offensive was stonewalled. These setbacks propelled Lord Cornwallis to make the decision to leave the Carolinas and attack Virginia instead—a decision that landed him and his troops in Yorktown, where they lost the war. When Francis Marion died in 1795, the "little Colonel with a limp" had the respect and admiration of the nation whose independence he had fought to secure.

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Revolutionary Recipe's

We owe this new feature of our Liberty Tree Newsletter to our compatriot and 1st VP, Troy Munday! Each month he will introduce us all to a new recipe that was popular during the Revolutionary War Era. Thank you Troy! In honor of Presidents Day and George Washington's upcoming birthday, our inaugural recipe will be:

Martha Washington's Spiced "Gyngerbrede"

2 3/4 cups sifted all-purpose flour
1 teaspoon baking soda
1/2 teaspoon salt
2 teaspoons ground ginger
1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
1 teaspoon ground mace
1 teaspoon ground nutmeg
1/2 cup shortening
2 Tablespoons grated orange peel
1/2 cup packed brown sugar
3 eggs
1/4 cup strained orange juice
1/4 cup brandy
1 cup molasses

Sift the first 7 ingredients together and set aside. Cream shortening, orange peel, and brown sugar until thoroughly blended. Add eggs, one at a time, beating until light and fluffy after each addition. Heat orange juice and brandy until warm; add to molasses and mix well. Alternately add dry ingredients and molasses mixture to creamed mixture, beginning and ending with dry ingredients. Beat only until blended after each addition. Turn batter into a greased 9 x 9 x 2-inch baking pan. Bake at 350 degrees, 30 minutes, or until a cake tester inserted in center comes out clean. Cool in pan on cooling rack.

ENJOY!!