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Orange County Chapter Sons of the American Revolution

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MEETING INFORMATION

When December 12, 2015

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

Fellow Compatriots,

Please plan to attend our next chapter meeting on Saturday, December 12th, when we will elect our chapter officers for 2016. Our Chapter Nominating Committee will be presenting their slate of recommendations for elective Chapter officers for next year. As stated in the Chapter By-Laws, the elective officer positions are: President, Vice-President, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, Treasurer, Registrar, Chaplain, and Chancellor.

Also, our December meeting is our annual Christmas Party and gift exchange. If you want to participate in the gift exchange, please bring a gift. The rules for the gift exchange are included in this issue of the newsletter.

In honoring our patriot ancestors, we remember that December was the month of many important events in the American Revolution. The Boston Tea Party took place on December 16, 1773; General George Washington and his troops crossed the Delaware River in a surprise attack on Trenton, NJ on December 25-26, 1776, and the Continental Army under the command of General Washington began their encampment at Valley Forge on December 19, 1777.

As I consider the encampment at Valley Forge, I think about not only the soldiers in the Continental Army who made the sacrifice to spend that Christmas holiday away from their families in the fight for our freedom, but also the men and women currently in our Armed Forces who are away from their families this Christmas holiday to defend and maintain our freedom. I urge my fellow compatriots to consider ways you can support our troops this holiday, whether by financial donations or by sending items to the troops through various charitable organizations.



Finally, as I have written before, one of the top priorities for the NSSAR this year is the **SAR 1776 Campaign** to raise funds to complete the opening of a gallery, library, and education center in the SAR Center For Advancing America's Heritage. As you plan your year-end charitable giving, please consider joining the **SAR 1776 Society** with your contribution. You can find information about making a contribution on the NSSAR website, which is linked to our SAR-Orange County Chapter website.

Christmas and Holiday Blessings to All!

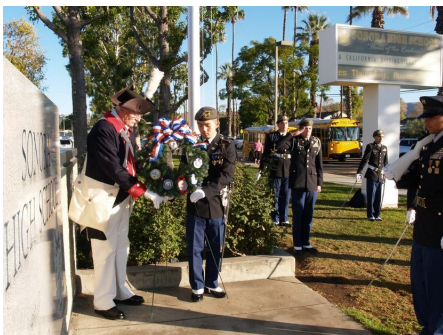
In Patriotism,
Jim Klingler

VETERAN'S DAY CEREMONY

Flag Certificate Presentation

On 10 Nov 2015, the Sonora High School Army JROTC Conducted a Flag Raising Ceremony to Honor our Nations Veterans. Cadets conducted an Armed escort of the United States and California Flags to the flag pole as they walked through a Saber Arch conducted by the JROTC Saber Team. The Flag was raised and a present Arms was conducted, followed by order arms. Our fallen comrades were honored by a wreath carried by our Cadet Battalion Commander Chad Kim and Compatriot and Color Guard Commander Jim Fosdyck. They laid it at the flag pole in honor of our veterans and by the playing of taps. LTC Hans Hunt then spoke a few words to our Veterans and the importance of Veterans Day. The National Society Sons of the American Revolution

Flag Certificate was presented to Sonora High School, and accepted by Steve Hardy for outstanding patriotism and display of the Flag. The



Sonora High Veteran's Day Flag raising and wreath Laying ceremony. Army JROTC Raider Battalion Commander, Cadet Lt Col. Kim and NSSAR Color Guard Adjutant Jim Fosdyck, place a wreath.

Saber Team then moved to the front of the school and conducted a Saber Arch where all our Veterans were honored by walking through as they moved to the High School staff lounge for Certificate of Appreciation and flag pin presented by LTC Hans Hunt and the Fullerton Joint Union High School District Superintendent Scott Scambray. The certificate and Flag pin were presented to Commander Fosdyck by Scott Scambray.

NOMINATIONS FOR 2016 OFFICERS

The Nomination Committee is comprised of Chairman Dan Shippey, Dan Henry and Larry Wood. Their report has changed since Nov. meeting. Treasurer is Don Carlson as Arthur has decided to retire from that job. The slate for 2016 is; President –John Ferris, Vice-President–David Beall, Corresponding Secretary-Gus Fischer, Recording Secretary-Jim Blauer, Treasurer-Donald Carlson, Chaplain-Richard Adams, Sergeant-at-Arms-Danny Cox, Registrar-Kent Gregory, Chancellor-John Dodd.

If you are interested in serving in one of these positions, you may be nominated from the floor at our December Meeting when the elections will take place. Installation will take place at our January Meeting.

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 Dan Shippey, 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, 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.

CHRISTMAS 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 Zsolywachtz, 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.

DUES REMINDER

Many of you have already received and sent in your dues(\$70) for 2016. Your promptness in this matter is greatly appreciated on many levels. If you

have not, we ask that you do so now as the report on our chapter membership has to be sent in by December 31st so the State can finalize the roster for 2015 and get it off to National.

Those Compatriots who have a Life Membership do not need to send dues in, but that does not preclude one from making a donation to the chapter. Should you wish to make a donation you may designate it for a specific purpose. This could include; Medals & Certificates, Eagle Scout Medals & Certificates, newsletter costs, financial Awards to our various youth contest winners or to the general fund, to name a few.

If you feel you might want to convert from an Annual Membership to a Life Membership, the fee is based on ones age. See the charts on page 9 and 10 of this newsletter. At present your Orange County Chapter has about 40 Life Members, one of the largest chapter contingents in the society. That is less than one quarter of the chapter membership. It may be something you wish to consider for your future with the SAR.

For those of you who are contemplating getting a Life Membership, you will find that as of Spring (2014) things have changed. In the past one could get a Life Membership and it would cover all National, State and Chapter dues. Now it is necessary to first obtain a Life Membership from National, then when you have your Life Membership number you can then contact the state to get their Life Membership which covers just the State and Chapter dues.

The reason for this change has to do with National changing their dues and the actuarial table we use to determine what you will owe for a Life Membership by your age. Every time National raises their dues, that requires a complete refiguring of the Actuarial table. Please see the current actuarial tables on page 7 and 8. It shows that once you pay for your National Life Membership your fee for the State Life Membership by age.

The figures on this table are based upon a 4% return (7.5% return less 2% inflation and 1.5% fees). This figures dues at \$30 (\$20 CA and \$10 Chapter).

If your chapter charges a higher fee for annual membership, they will only get a maximum of \$10 from the state for all Life Memberships.

For our annual members the fee breakdown is \$35 for National, \$20 for State and \$15 for our chapter. That totals to \$70 for annual dues members. Annual dues for Junior members is \$5.00. Ladies Auxiliary members is \$10 each.

For SAR dues they go to Gus Fischer, 834 S. Sherill St. Anaheim, CA 92804-4022. For Ladies Auxiliary dues send them to Karen Dodd, 10072 Highcliff Drive, Santa Ana, CA 92705-1545.

So, please get your annual dues in on time. It will be greatly appreciated by your Corresponding Secretary.

By getting your dues in on time, it prevents our Corresponding Secretary from having to do the reinstatement forms that are required after the first of the year.

Again, we thank those of you who have been so prompt in sending in your dues and for those of you have yet to do so, we hope you will take a moment to get that check into the mail to our Corresponding Secretary Gus Fischer.

Thank you.

WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA

On December 12th at 9am your Orange County Chapter will once again take the lead role in hosting this event at the Memory Gardens Memorial Park in Brea. As you enter we will meet to the left at the soldiers monument and plot.

Lee's Color Guard will be represented and the event will be emceed by Compatriot John

Dodd. Compatriot Chaplain Richard Adams will handle the prayers for the event.

Members from various groups and organizations will be in attendance. All the military branches will be represented. Also, besides the SAR, the local DAR, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and the local Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War will be there.

Most of these groups have obtained a wreath for the purpose of laying it at the foot of the soldiers monument. A solemn part of the ceremony to say "Thank You" to all those who have served and passed on.

Lee's Legion will be joined by Color Guardsmen from other chapters in the areas of Southern California. As such this will be a State Color Guard under the command of Jim Fosdyck. This is a National Color Guard event that counts toward the SAR Color Guard medals.

Following the ceremonies we will depart for the Sizzler Restaurant in Fullerton to have our December meeting and Gift Exchange. Do check out the rules for the Gift Exchange in this newsletter in case you wish to participate.

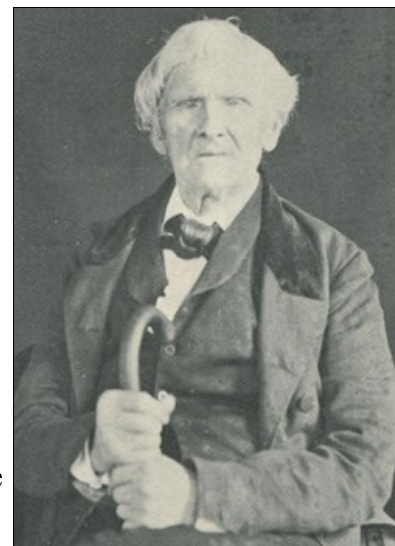
We hope that you will be able to join us for this very special event in honoring all the men and women of our armed forces who have left us, but have also left us with our freedoms that we cherish to this day. God bless them one and all.

ALEXANDER MILLINER

This is the fourth of six installments on the last men of the American Revolution.

Alexander Milliner was born on March 14, 1760 in Quebec, Canada. In Hillard's account, Alexander's parents' names aren't mentioned. His father was an English goldsmith who came over with Major General James Wolfe as an artif-

icer (a skilled craftsman or mechanic for the armed forces). At the Battle of Quebec on September 13, 1759, Wolfe was killed. Alexander's father died the same day, but not



from a battle wound. At the end of the battle his father laid down to drink from a spring and "never rose again; the cold water, in his heated and exhausted condition, caused instant death."

His mother, pregnant with Alexander, remained in Quebec and the following spring Alexander was born. Young Alexander and his mother eventually moved to New York where she married a man by the name of Maroney, a wealthy mason. When Alexander enlisted he did so using his step-father's surname. Although Hillard's article doesn't mention the date of his enlistment, Alexander was too young to serve with rank and file soldiers, but instead enlisted as a drummer boy in George Washington's Life Guard which was formed in 1776. Alexander served in that capacity for four years.

Alexander was said to have been a favorite of Washington, who after reveille would "come along and pat him on the head, and call him his boy." At the time of his interview with Hillard, Alexander recalled George Washington fondly: He was a good man, a beautiful man. He was always pleasant; never changed countenance, but

wore the same in defeat and retreat as in victory. Lady Washington, too, he recollects, on her visits to the camp. She was a short, thick woman; very pleasant and kind. She used to visit the hospitals, was kind-hearted, and had a motherly care.

Alexander was present at several battles: White Plains, Brandywine, Saratoga, Monmouth, Yorktown and others. He received a flesh wound in his thigh at Monmouth, the bullet passing through the head of his drum. Alexander was also with General Washington at Valley Forge, vividly remembering the soldiers' bloody feet. At Yorktown he was present for Cornwallis' surrender. In August of 1777 a battle occurred near Fort Stanwix with the Loyalists and Indians joining together to oppose the Americans. Alexander again provided a vivid description to Hillard:

The Indians burnt all before them. Our women came down in their shirt tails. The Indians got one of our young ones, stuck pine-splinters into it, and set them on fire. They came down a good body of 'em. We had a smart engagement with 'em, and whipped 'em. One of 'em got up into a tree – a sharp-shooter. He killed our men when they went after water. The colonel see where he was, and says, 'Draw up the twenty-four-pounder and load it with grape, canister, and ball.' They did it. The Indians sat up in a crotch of the tree. They fired and shot the top of the tree off. The Indians gave a leap and a yell, and came down. Three brigades got there just in the nick of time. The Massachusetts Grenadiers and the Connecticut troops went forward, and the Indians fled.

Military service apparently suited Alexander

Milliner – following his six and one-half years in the army he later served five and one-half more years in the navy during the War of 1812. Three of those years in the service of the navy were spent on the Constitution. He was captured by the French and imprisoned, declaring later that, regarding the harsh treatment he received: “of the bread which he says he has eaten in seven kingdoms, he pronounce[d] that in the French prison decidedly the worst.”

He would later receive a pension of eight dollars per month to commence on September 19, 1819. Alexander married eighteen year-old Abigail Barton in 1800 and settled in Cortlandt County, New York. When asked by Hillard how he decided to settle there, Alexander replied, “O, I kind o' wandered round.” He and Abigail lived together for sixty-two years, “without a death in the family or a coffin in the house” until her death in 1862. They had nine children and seven were still living at the time of the interview, along with forty-three grandchildren, seventeen great grandchildren and three great-great grandchildren.

By occupation he was a farmer and still able to work in his garden at the age of one hundred and two years. Hillard noted that:

His temperament has even been free, happy, jovial, careless; and to this, doubtless, is largely owing the extreme prolongation of his life. He has been throughout life full of jokes; in the army he was the life of the camp; could dance and sing, and has always taken the world easily, “nothing troubling him over five minutes at a

time,” care finding it impossible to fasten itself upon him, and so, after trial, letting him alone. His spirits have always been buoyant, nothing depressing him.

Even at an advanced age, his eyesight remained good and he read his Bible every day without glasses. Memories of long ago events were still fairly clear. As with the other veterans’, Hillard, perhaps hoping to find the secret of their longevity, mentioned the personal habits of Alexander Milliner:

In size, he is small, more so than his picture would indicate. Though never robust, his health has always been good. This has not been from any special carefulness in his habits – in which he has been careless – rather giving himself and his health no thought. He uses tea and coffee, and still takes regular his dram.

Alexander was pro-Union in regards to the Civil War, lamenting that it was “too bad that this country, so hardly got, should be destroyed by its own people.” On the occasion of his one hundred and fourth birthday on March 14, 1864, he was honored by the local veterans association. Hillard noted that since that time his health had begun to fail rapidly and he would not likely see another birthday.

Hillard’s observation was incredibly prescient. On March 13, 1865, one day before his one hundred and fifth birthday, Alexander Milliner passed away in Adams Basin, Monroe County, New York. He was buried in Rochester’s Mount Hope Cemetery.

This article was obtained from, <http://digging->

history.com/2014/07/01/tombstone-tuesday-alexander-milliner-1760-1865/

PROFESSOR JIM MILLER

Professor Jim Miller was a long time friend of our chapter. He was our guest speaker on 30 to 50 occasions when we needed a speaker.. We would give him a topic and he would arrive notes in hand to regale us on the topic of the day. It was always on some event or persons in the American Revolution.

He had fun as he told us about something his mother use to say and how he might use that saying with his students at Chapman University. He also had fun asking questions about the subject as he went along with his talk. He was fun. We always learned something and had a good time doing it.

Because your editor has such fond memories of professor Miller I have included the obituary on him from the Orange County Register from November 24th.

Chapman remembers beloved professor Jim Miller

Chapman University lost a dear friend and inspirational source when professor emeritus James “Jim” Miller died at age 88 on Nov 11.

A longtime member of the Department of History faculty, Miller taught at Chapman for 47 years and retired in 2003. There are two things named after Miller at Chapman: the Jim Miller Parking



Structure near the student residence halls and an endowed scholarship in his name.

When it came to exams, Miller was feared as “Killer Miller,” famous for marking up tests with his red pen and his lofty expectations of his students. Even for students who consistently received “Cs,” “Ds” and worse from Miller, an overpowering sense of respect kept them coming back and hanging on his every word.

Miller served as a pillar of inspiration for his students and fellow faculty alike, and even his dreaded exams were overshadowed by love for the warm stories he would pepper throughout his lectures. Miller grew up in Texas as the youngest of eight siblings, and would often recount nuggets of wisdom his “mama” imparted to him. These “Things Mama Said” became a beloved staple of his classes, serving as a double dose of nostalgia and inspiration for his students. These, among Miller’s other inspiring words and tales, left his students eager to improve themselves and rise to his expectations, rather than giving up before his tough reputation.

Since Miller arrived at “Chapman College” back in 1956, quite a lot has changed. Back then, the only building that a current student would recognize by name was Wilkinson Hall.

For all that changed over those years, some things remained tried and true. When Miller was only a lad, he learned by the “five Rs,”: reading, writing, arithmetic, respect and responsibility.

He imparted these same principles on to his students with a strict yet kind approach to many great success, proving that some things never go out of style.

When Miller announced his retirement from Chapman in 2003, he penned an essay titled “Then and Now,” reflecting on his 47 years with the university. In his concluding lines, he wrote about the “Chapman spirit.” Though he didn’t take any credit for it in the essay, that spirit can be seen burning brightly in the students who made it through “Killer Miller’s” classes, including George L. Argyros, former U.S. Ambassador to Spain and namesake of both Chapman’s business school and student union, Congresswoman Loretta Sanchez and William Cumiford, who is following in Miller’s footsteps as a history professor at Chapman.

What follows are the closing words of Miller’s essay, as he prepared to bid farewell to Chapman after 47 years of teaching.

“Much has changed in the last 47 years,” Miller wrote. “But one thing hasn’t changed very much: The Chapman spirit. There is still a very special something about this University which almost half a century of history has not dulled or tarnished, and which I will sincerely miss and forever treasure.”

Thank you Jim Miller for being a part of our chapter’s history.

New Life Dual Member Fee Schedule

California Society of the Sons of the American Revolution

(ONLY PAYS CALIFORNIA AND CHAPTER DUES)

Age	Fee	Age	Fee	Age	Fee
18	716.37	49	\$576.04	80	\$257.18
19	714.08	50	\$568.71	81	\$246.82
20	711.45	51	\$561.12	82	\$236.26
21	708.70	52	\$553.25	83	\$225.50
22	706.14	53	\$546.02	84	\$214.51
23	703.19	54	\$537.62	85	\$205.57
24	700.12	55	\$528.91	86	\$194.20
25	697.25	56	\$519.89	87	\$184.93
26	693.94	57	\$511.60	88	\$175.53
27	690.49	58	\$501.95	89	\$168.37
28	687.28	59	\$491.96	90	\$158.70
29	683.57	60	\$482.78	91	\$151.35
30	679.71	61	\$472.10	92	\$143.91
31	676.11	62	\$462.29	93	\$136.38
32	671.95	63	\$452.16	94	\$128.76
33	668.07	64	\$441.71	95	\$121.05
34	663.59	65	\$429.56	96	\$115.86
35	658.94	66	\$418.39	97	\$108.00
36	654.59	67	\$408.32	98	\$102.71
37	649.57	68	\$396.48	99	\$97.38
38	644.35	69	\$384.25	100	\$89.30
39	639.48	70	\$373.24	101	\$83.86
40	633.86	71	\$361.92	102	\$78.38
41	628.01	72	\$350.28	103	\$70.07
42	622.55	73	\$338.32	104	\$64.48
43	616.26	74	\$326.02	105	\$58.85
44	610.37	75	\$315.21	106	\$53.17
45	603.59	76	\$302.28	107	\$47.44
46	597.25	77	\$290.90	108	\$41.67
47	590.68	78	\$279.25	109	\$38.77
48	583.88	79	\$269.34	110	\$32.94

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Life Membership in the National Society is available to be purchased at a rate that depends on your age. At the 124th Congress the following fee scale was approved.

Age = \$Cost	Age = \$Cost	Age = \$Cost	Age=cost
1 = \$1,040	26 = \$915	51 = \$675	76 = \$330
2 = \$1,035	27 = \$900	52 = \$660	77 = \$315
3 = \$1,030	28 = \$895	53 = \$650	78 = \$300
4 = \$1,025	29 = \$885	54 = \$635	79 = \$290
5 = \$1,020	30 = \$875	55 = \$625	80 = \$275
6 = \$1,015	31 = \$870	56 = \$610	81 = \$265
7 = \$1,010	32 = \$860	57 = \$595	82 = \$250
8 = \$1,005	33 = \$855	58 = \$585	83 = \$240
9 = \$1,000	34 = \$845	59 = \$570	84 = \$225
10 = \$995	35 = \$835	60 = \$550	85 = \$215
11 = \$990	36 = \$830	61 = \$540	86 = \$205
12 = \$985	37 = \$820	62 = \$530	87 = \$190
13 = \$980	38 = \$810	63 = \$515	88 = \$185
14 = \$975	39 = \$800	64 = \$500	89 = \$175
15 = \$970	40 = \$790	65 = \$485	90 = \$165
16 = \$965	41 = \$780	66 = \$470	91 = \$160
17 = \$960	42 = \$770	67 = \$460	92 = \$150
18 = \$955	43 = \$760	68 = \$440	93 = \$140
19 = \$950	44 = \$750	69 = \$425	94 = \$135
20 = \$945	45 = \$740	70 = \$415	95 = \$125
21 = \$940	46 = \$730	71 = \$400	96 = \$120
22 = \$935	47 = \$720	72 = \$385	97 = \$90
23 = \$925	48 = \$705	73 = \$370	98 = \$60
24 = \$920	49 = \$700	74 = \$353	99 = \$30
25 = \$915	50 = \$685	75 = \$345	100 = \$0

California Society,
Sons of the American Revolution

Proclamation

December 12, 2015

Today, the 12th day of December, 2015, we gather at cemeteries to honor American patriots. This *Wreaths Across America* ceremony honors American men and women who served this country in the military, including many who gave their lives on the battlefield to preserve democracy and freedom.

The *Sons of the American Revolution* is honored to join other veteran and patriotic organizations as part of *Wreaths Across America*. This year there are wreath laying ceremonies at over 1,000 sites throughout the United States and at American military cemeteries overseas. Americans have honored our fallen patriots and war veterans since that first shot was heard 'round the world' on April 19, 1775 at Lexington and Concord in Massachusetts.

We, the descendants of the patriots of the American Revolutionary War, share a bond with the patriotic men and women who are interred in this cemetery. Since the establishment of the United States of America, brave citizens have put their lives at risk to protect the liberties and rights enshrined in the U.S. Constitution and the Bill of Rights. We, who are gathered here today, are the beneficiaries of their service and sacrifices.

It is fitting for us to remember a friend, a loved one, or an ancestor who made sacrifices that brought honor and peace to our great nation. We honor and thank those who have served in all the branches of the U.S. military.

Thank you for your participation in this *Wreaths Across America* ceremony. Members of the *Sons of the American Revolution* are proud to stand with you to remember and honor these dedicated men and women who served our country.

May God Bless America!

M. Kent Gregory, President
California Society, Sons of the American Revolution

Photo Album



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Center right, Veterans do a walk through the Saber Arch.

At left, Compatriot Fosdyck and Cadet Kim place wreath at flagpole.

At right, Steve Hardy accepts the Flag Certificate presented by Hans Hunt and Jim Fosdyck.



VETERAN'S DAY CEREMONIES

NOVEMBER MEETING



Jim Fosdyck is presented a Certificate of Appreciation from LTC Hans Hunt. He also received a Flag Pin. Scott Scambray, school district supervisor looks on.



President Jim Klingler presents Donald "Pete" Moriarty with a Certificate of Appreciation for speaking to us about the Louisiana territory and the military presence there.



Karen Richards presents LtC Moriarty with a quilt from Quilts of Valor to thank him for his service in our military.



Veterans Affairs Chairman, Dan Henry, presented the Wounded Warrior coin and Certificate to Bob McClaine. Presented with a quilt from Quilts of Valor his wife Lois joins him for this photo.



Compatriot Philip Mitchell is inducted as our newest member by President Jim Klingler. He receives his membership certificate from President Klingler and has Kent Gregory his sponsor pin the SAR rosette on his lapel.

