

The President's Message

By Chapter President Wayne A. Griswold

The California Society celebrated its 134th anniversary last month, making it the oldest of the state societies in the Sons of the American Revolution. Our state society was first instituted October 22, 1875 and was the first body to unite the descendants of Revolutionary patriots and to perpetuate the memory of all those who took part in the American Revolution. In honor of this event, the San Francisco Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution held a gala celebration on October 22nd at the Veteran's War Memorial Museum in San Francisco. Many dignitaries were present, including a descendant of Major General Alfred M. Winn, first president of the Sons of Revolutionary Sires and first honorary president of the National Society, Sons of the American Revolution. I was honored to represent the chapter during the festivities.

An All Veterans Stand-down was held October 23rd and 24th at the Nevada County Fairgrounds in Grass Valley. More than 250 veterans attended the two-day event where Gold Country hosted a patriotic display of Revolutionary War artifacts and flags from the chapter's historical flag collection. The chapter also provided online genealogy assistance and I am happy to report many vets walked away knowing long lost secrets pertaining to their family's history. I now look forward to coming months in anticipation that some of these modern patriots will become new members of the chapter. I want to express appreciation to those who manned the booth: Keith Bigbee, Dave Gilliard, Dale & Coreena Ross, Frank Wandell, and Earl Young.

An Auburn event since 1919, the 2009 Veterans Day Parade will be held Wednesday, November 11th, beginning at 10:30 AM. The parade carries the theme "Welcome Home Vietnam Vets" and honors all veterans of the armed forces. The parade will begin at the Auburn Chamber of Commerce and proceed to the Gold Country Fairgrounds. At 11:00 A.M. the procession will pause at the Clock Tower for a rifle volley tribute followed by Taps. Your participation is appreciated and interested members and guests should contact Dale Ross at 530-274-1838 for more information.

I want to close with one final and important note. We need you! The chapter is in dire need of nominees to fill the chapter offices of president, first vice president, secretary, and genealogist. Elections are scheduled for the November 21st monthly meeting. The award winning Gold Country Chapter is well respected in the state society and has reached many milestones over the years. In 2009 it met its goal of 100 plus members. The chapter needs a few of you to step forward to carry the torch into 2010. Who will be first?

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Calendar of Events

November 6-7

CASSAR Fall Board of Managers Meeting, Mission Inn, Riverside. Registration form is available at www.californiasar.org.

Tuesday, November 10th
USMC Birthday, Fly the Flag!

Wednesday, November 11th
Veterans Day, Fly the Flag!

Wednesday, November 11th
Veterans Day Parade, Auburn!

Saturday, November 21st
Regular Meeting, 9:00 A.M., Lou LaBonte's Restaurant, Auburn.

Thursday, November 26th
Thanksgiving, Fly the Flag!

Monday, December 7th
National Pearl Harbor Day - Fly the Flag at half staff to sunset.

Monday, December 14th

209th Anniversary of the death of George Washington, Fly the Flag!

Saturday, December 19th

Annual Christmas Potluck & Award Ceremony, 2:00-5:00 P.M. Shady Glen Estates, Colfax.

Friday, December 25th
Christmas Day, Fly the Flag!



The next Gold Country Chapter meeting is
Saturday, November 21st at 9:00 A.M.
Lou LaBonte's Restaurant, Auburn

The Gold Country Chapter's 2009 regular meetings will be held on the 3rd Saturday of each month except in May, September, and December. During these months special meeting dates occur in order to accommodate other Chapter or California Society activities. All regular meetings are held in the banquet room of Lou LaBonte's Restaurant, 13460 Lincoln Way, Auburn, (530) 885-9193, at 9:00AM. See you there!

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The submission deadline for the December edition of
The Forty-Niner is Friday, November 27, 2009.



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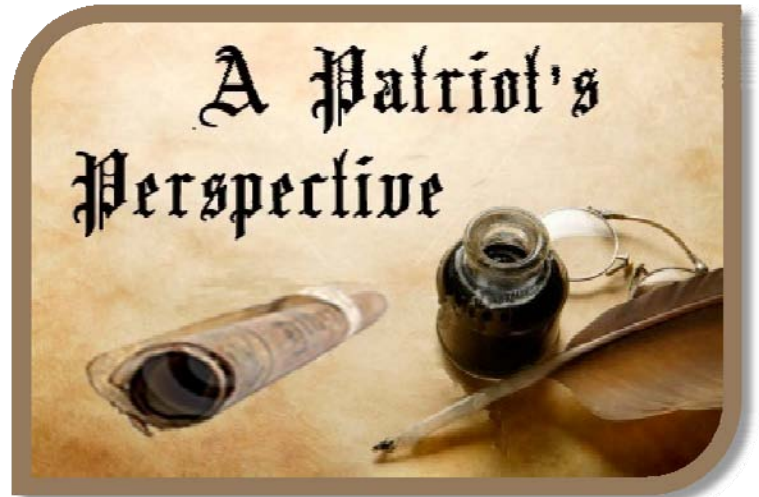
Answering the Call of Duty

By Michael G. Lucas

Veterans Day is a time to honor and thank all Americans who have answered their nation's call to duty. America remains strong and free because of those who, throughout our nation's history, have selflessly served in the military. After the Revolutionary War, President George Washington stated that, "we owe these veterans a debt of gratitude, indeed a debt of honor." President John Kennedy honored the nation's veterans when he stated, "Since this country was founded, each generation of Americans has been summoned to give testimony to its national loyalty. The graves of young Americans who answered the call to service surround the globe. Now the trumpet summons us again. The energy, the faith, the devotion which we bring to this endeavor will light our country and all who serve it...and the glow from that fire can truly light the world."

Americans today enjoy freedom and protection from tyranny because of those who set the pattern by answering the first call to duty over two hundred years ago. America's sons and daughters struggled and fought to give birth to a new nation, founded on the principle of self-government. Those early veterans answered the call to duty and ignited a firestorm, forever changing the course of world history. A generation of patriots banded together to fight for an unprecedented set of ideals. Armed with little more than hunting muskets and facing insurmountable odds, they responded to a call to duty.

In the predawn hours of April 19, 1775, church bells and beating drums proclaimed a call to duty for about seventy Lexington militiamen. Hundreds of battle hardened redcoats were approaching their town. Captain John Parker was their commander and he had every reason to decline his call to duty. He was suffering from tuberculosis, which would end his life in a few months. However, he unselfishly answered the call without regard for his own health. His personal health became insignificant compared to the health of his new nation. Parker was ready for the British both at Lexington Green and hours later at Pine Hill where he wounded two British officers. Captain Parker's call to duty on that fateful day gave birth to a new nation of free men and women.



On December 30, 1776, the soldiers in the Continental Army heard the call of their country and had every reason to decline. Their enlistments were slated to expire the next day. They had already sacrificed enormously for their country and it was time for them to return home. It was now someone else's turn to sacrifice. General Washington entreated his men to reenlist for another six weeks. He addressed his men, "My brave fellows, you have done all I asked you to do, and more than could be reasonably expected, but your country is at stake: your wives, your houses, and all that you hold dear. You have worn yourselves out with fatigues and hardships, but we know not how to spare you. If you will consent to stay...you will render that service to the cause of liberty and to your country which you probably never can do under any other circumstances. The present is emphatically the crisis which is to decide our destiny." Almost fifteen hundred men answered the General's call to duty and extended their service to the army. Within a few weeks nearly half of those volunteers would be dead from wounds or disease.

Deborah Samson heard the call to duty and had every reason to turn a deaf ear. She wanted to fight for her country but that was not permitted. She impersonated a man and joined the Fourth Massachusetts Regiment as Robert Shurtleff. She fought and was wounded three times. In order to guard her secret, she refused to have a musket ball removed from her leg. As a result, her leg never healed properly. Her service to the nation through combat was ended only because her identity was finally uncovered. At long last the doctors discovered her secret when she was admitted into a hospital to receive treatment for a life-threatening fever.

Nathanael Greene had a number of reasons for disregarding the call to duty. He was a member of the Quakers, a pacifist group who rejected warfare. Joining the military resulted in rejection by his community. In addition, he walked with a limp. After joining a militia unit as a private, he was told that he was unfit and unworthy for duty. They considered his limp to be a blemish on the company. Greene would not be

deterred from his call to duty. In eight months he went from being a spurned private to becoming a general in the Continental Army. He became General Washington's most gifted and steadfast officer, serving faithfully for the duration of the entire war.

Charles and James Peale heard the call to duty and could have ignored it. The Peale brothers were the preeminent artists in America. Most of the portraits of our Founders were painted by Charles Willson Peale and James Peale. They could have argued that the nation needed their artistic talents more than their combat skills, but after the call to duty went out, neither hesitated to answer. Often a patriot's commitment to his country became tested by very difficult circumstances. During the retreat from New York, Charles watched the sick, exhausted, starving, and naked army and described it as "the most hellish scene I ever beheld." He encountered a soldier who had lost his clothes in the rush to escape. He was in an old, dirty blanket jacket, with a long beard, and his face so full of sores that it couldn't even be washed. Only when the man spoke did Charles realize, from the sound of his voice, that it was his own beloved brother James. Charles later fought in the battles of Trenton and Princeton. James went on to fight in the battles of Trenton, Brandywine, Germantown, Princeton, and Monmouth. They both set aside their lofty status and careers to answer the nation's call.

If anyone had a reason to ignore the call to duty, it would have been Peter Salem. Salem was a black man and a victim of humiliating discrimination. Lacking most rights, he was not a real stakeholder in the country. But Peter Salem heard the call and answered anyway. He became one of the Minutemen heroes at Concord. He also fought at the Battle of Bunker Hill where he shot and killed British Major John Pitcairn. White soldiers raised money to reward him, and he was presented to General Washington as the man who killed Pitcairn. He later fought at Saratoga and Stony Point. The nation did not always continue to show its appreciation to those who answered the call to duty. For Peter Salem, glory was short lived and he died in a poorhouse.

Our nation celebrates Veterans Day because our Revolutionary Patriots placed the welfare of the entire country above their own. They created the first nation in human history where power resided with its citizens. The veterans of each subsequent generation have continued to safeguard it by putting the welfare of the nation above their own. We honor America's veterans and express our thanks to each and every one of them for answering the call to duty! Unfortunately the expression of a simple thank you can never convey our overwhelming gratitude for the many sacrifices made by our veterans so that we can live as a free people.

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On Veterans Day we proudly salute you and express our appreciation for having answered the call of duty by serving in our Armed Forces.

The American Revolution Month-by-Month



November 1775

Attempts to Capture Canada

By Andrew Jackson Stough, III

Edited by Michael G. Lucas



It was planned that General Montgomery would join forces with Colonel Benedict Arnold who had been sent by General Washington to proceed across Maine and join

forces at Quebec. Montgomery's march to Montreal was both difficult and trying but the march across the Maine wilderness then on to Quebec took a dreadful toll on Arnold's command. That the small force survived at all was due to Arnold's driving force and his ability to inspire and lead men (Ward).

Arnold arrived at the St. Lawrence across from Quebec on November 9th. He had planned an immediate attack, which, if it had been made at that time, would probably have been successful. A raging storm and high waves on the St. Lawrence prevented Arnold from crossing and the moment was lost. The delay of a few short hours

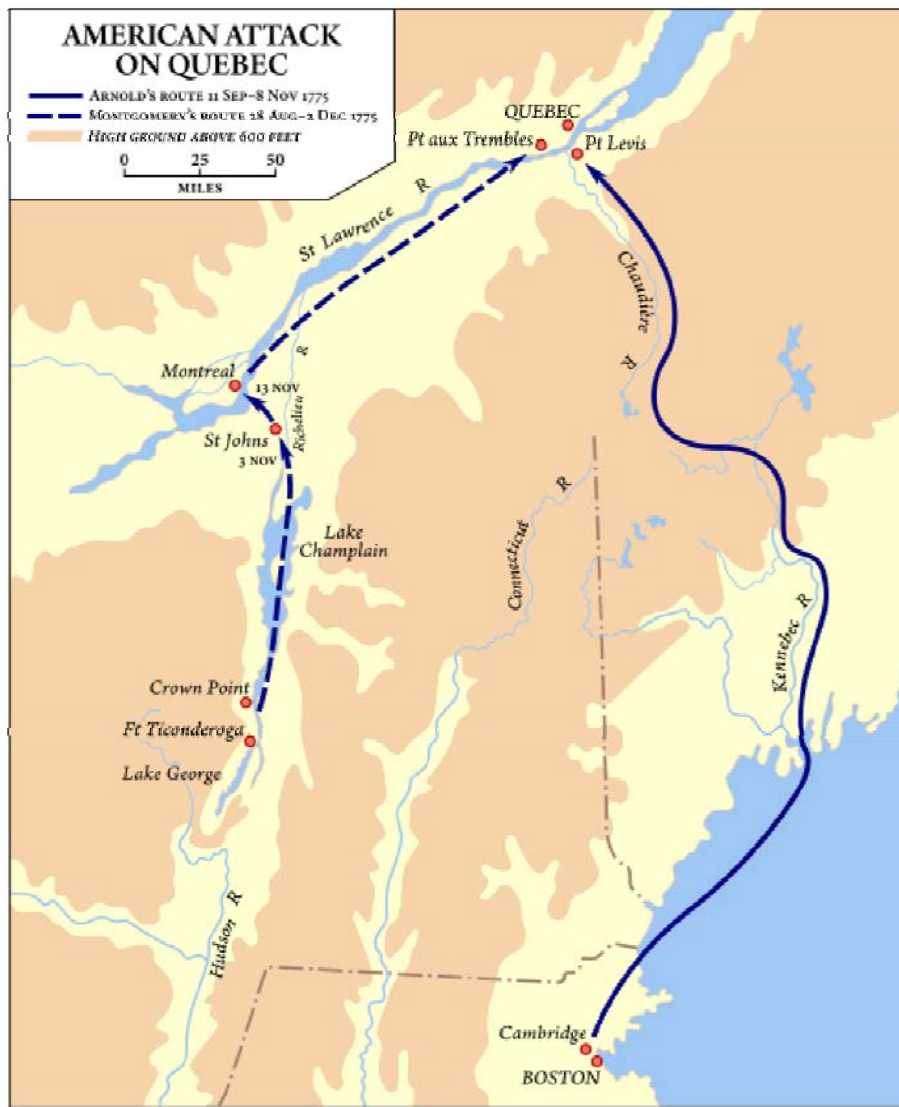
allowed Canadian Governor Sir Guy Carleton to add to his force, denying Arnold his golden opportunity. Arnold, with a minimum of ammunition (five rounds per man) and short of

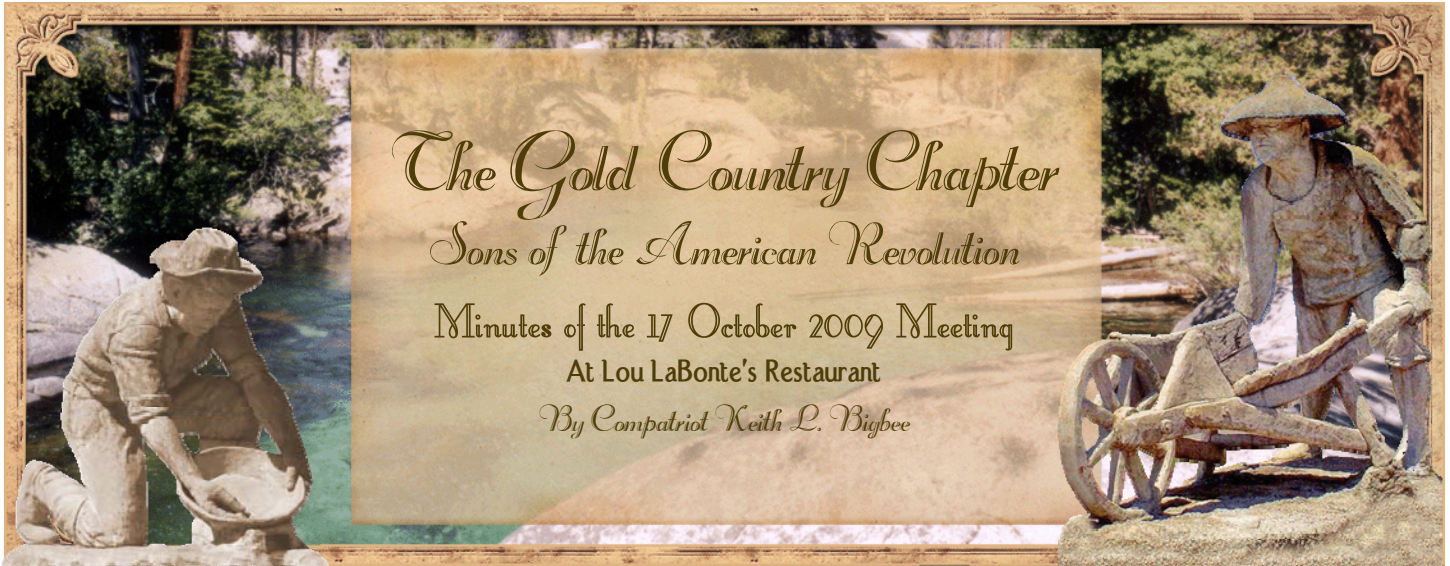
food as well as everything else necessary for a winter military expedition, went into a siege position, close enough to challenge the city but far enough away to protect the force from the Canadians' cannon fire.

On the 13th of November Montreal was captured and Montgomery left a holding force in the city; the army was now on the march to Quebec.

Reference: Christopher Ward's *War of the Revolution*.

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President Griswold called the meeting to order at 9:00 A.M. President Griswold gave the Invocation; Richard Fowler led the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by the SAR Pledge, led by Compatriot Dave Gilliard.

Attendance: There were twelve members and eight guests in attendance, including the guest speaker, Juli Longtin. President Griswold welcomed all the guests: Patrick & Juli Longtin, Bill & Wanda King, Crane Walden, and Bob Gentry.

President Griswold then recognized all of the DAR members in attendance: Coreena Ross and Ann Young from the Captain John Oldham Chapter as well as Winona Virgil and Io Beyer from the Emigrant Trails Chapter.

General Business: President Griswold asked for a motion to approve the September meeting minutes as published in the newsletter. A motion was made, seconded, and passed approving the minutes. He then thanked those who attended and helped with the Constitution Day parade: Dale & Coreena Ross, Earl & Ann Young, Smitty & Winona Virgil, and Keith & Cyndy Bigbee.

President Griswold reminded everyone that the next spring planning meeting will be Oct. 21st at 6:30 P.M. at Denny's on Hwy 49. The All Veterans Stand-down will be Oct. 23rd and 24th at the Nevada County Fairgrounds 8:00 to 4:00.

Color Guard Captain Dale Ross reported on the Auburn Veterans Day Parade. We are still looking for more Compatriots to march. Dale also reported that the Color Guard had received a second place ribbon for both the Constitution Day Parade and the Gold Country Fair Parade.

Guest Speaker: A raffle for an autographed copy of Ted Robinson's *Water in My Veins* was held. Juli Longtin was the winner. President Griswold then turned the meeting over to Ms. Longtin, who gave a very interesting slide presentation on her time in Philadelphia at the Freedoms Foundation Summer Program, studying the French and Indian War.



Juli Longtin was October's guest speaker.

National SAR Reports: After the presentation President Griswold spoke about some of the decisions made at the Fall Leadership Meeting in Louisville. He explained the controversial DAR center check mark issue. He also said he was going to chair the committee working towards traveling museum exhibits, which includes a copy of the Magna Charta and an original copy of the Declaration of Independence.

Closing: The meeting was drawn to a close with a Moment of Silence in recognition of our passed compatriots. President Griswold gave the Benediction and Dave Gilliard led us in the SAR Recessional. The meeting was adjourned at 10:45. ❧



Officer Reports:

Membership: Membership Chairman Earl Young reported that the statement concerning the 2010 dues have been mailed to the membership. Dues of \$63.00 are now payable.

Registrar: Registrar Smith Virgil reported that there had been no new member applications or supplemental applications submitted during the last two months.

Chaplain: Chaplain Ron Williams reported that he sent out a sympathy card from the chapter during October.

Treasurer: Treasurer Bruce Choate reported a checking account balance of \$3060.16; money market account balance of \$15,963.35. USO donations year to date have totaled \$581.00.

Program Reports:

Americanism Poster Contest: Chairman Dave Gilliard reported that because of our reputation in the community, two new schools in Rocklin recently contacted the chapter. They asked to be included in the next Poster Contest Program. Next year will probably set another record in participation. The theme "Battle of Bunker Hill" promises to excite another large group of elementary school students.

Color Guard: Chairman Dale Ross reported that there will be a Color Guard Activity on November 11th for the Auburn Veterans Day Parade in Auburn, CA. The Color Guard will meet at the Auburn Chamber of Commerce at 9:30 A.M.

Junior ROTC: Chairman Mike Holmes reported there will be no activity until early next year.

Eagle Scout: Chairman Dale Ross reported that he distributed five Eagle Scout packets during August and September. On September 25th, the chapter attended the Eagle Scout Court of Honor for Landon J. Barney and David M. Hargadon. Representing the chapter were Bill D. & Jeannette Welch, Bill A. & Janet Welch, Earl & Ann Young, and Dale Ross.

Newsletter and website: Mike Lucas, The Forty-Niner editor, webmaster, and writer of "A Patriot's Perspective" series, announced his retirement from these responsibilities, following publication of the September 2010 newsletter. This provides an opportunity for a successor to develop desktop publishing and web skills. Mike honed his skills from the 2006 Carl F. Bessent Award winner, Wayne Griswold. In the same manner, Mike, winner of the 2008 Bessent Award, is willing to work with a successor. There is also an opportunity for history enthusiasts to share their interest through historical newsletter articles starting in October 2010. Who will step forward and keep our nationally-recognized tradition going?

Knight Essay Contest: Chairman Earl Young reported that the Knight Essay contest is open to all students who are United States citizens or legal aliens. Contestants shall be attending public, parochial, or private high schools (including accredited home schools). Contestants shall be in the sophomore, junior or senior grade of study during the contest year. The contest is conducted in three phases: local (Chapter), state (State Society) and National. The contest must be entered through a Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution near the student's residence. The Chapter deadline is December 15th.

Valley Forge Teacher Project: Chairman Earl Young reported that the 2010 Valley Forge Teacher Project will probably undergo some changes at the November CASSAR Manager's meeting. This program will remain on hold until at least November. ☺

Processing SAR Applications using DAR Application “center check marks” has recently become a ‘hot button’ issue. Here’s an informative clarification by Tom Chilton, CASSAR Registrar.

When I was elected to the position of Registrar for the Sacramento Chapter in 1996 anyone related to a DAR member was almost assured of membership in the SAR. All you had to do was obtain a record copy of that relative's DAR application and submit it with documentation proving your relationship to your common ancestor. For older applications (both DAR and SAR) it was sometimes necessary to submit dates and places and some documentation when that information was not required or included on the old application. Times have changed!!

As you probably know, the DAR from time to time has changed their application form and the amount of information required for approval. Over the years, they have also changed the way they mark their applications to verify that the information is correct. The check mark (✓) appears to have been their method of verifying approval for some time. An old DAR application, dated 1941, has only one check mark next to the patriot's name. By 1968, the DAR reviewers were marking every piece of data with a check mark. It was not uncommon in 1968 and later for the application to have over one hundred small check marks next to the various data points.

In a DAR pamphlet, entitled Genealogy Consultant Course and dated August 18-21, 2008, the following information for symbols on DAR applications was given:

- Center Checks
- Information taken from a previously verified application
- Individual Checks
- New information proven on this application
- Brackets or Parentheses
- Information that has not been proven
- Links
- Documentation that was used to establish parent/child relationship

Thus, when viewing the lineage page of a DAR application in which each name (first, middle, and last), date (day, month, and year), and place (city, county, and state) has a check mark, you can be satisfied that the DAR reviewer actually reviewed the record containing that information (i.e. a birth certificate, death certificate, etc.). When you view the lineage page of a DAR application in which only one check mark is found, usually in the center of the page, you must realize that the DAR reviewer only looked at an older application, and did not view the actual document containing that information. This is what is commonly referred to as a “Center Check Mark” application.

It is not uncommon for a DAR application to have data that is fully checked for several generations, and data that has only the center check marks. This means that the DAR reviewer verified some of the data by viewing the actual documents, and some of it was verified by only looking at an older approved DAR application.

In the past, SAR has taken the position that an approved DAR application was acceptable documentation, regardless of where or how many check marks it might have. Recently, some glaring errors have been noted in some DAR applications with center check marks. As an example, an application with center check marks showing children to be born after the date of the mother's death date was found.

This has led to a general concern by some of the members of the NSSAR Genealogy Committee and the NSSAR Genealogist-General that DAR record copy applications that have been verified by only looking at a previously approved application may contain errors. As a result, DAR record copy applications with any center check marks are no longer considered to be acceptable as a proof document by the SAR Staff genealogists.

This has led to a long and somewhat contentious debate. At the July 2009 National Congress, held in Atlanta, a “Blue Ribbon” Committee was appointed to evaluate the “Center Check Mark” issue. At the NSSAR Trustees meeting in September 2009, this committee gave their report to the Genealogy Committee. The Genealogy Committee voted to continue the practice of not accepting DAR record copy applications with any center check marks for proof of lineage. If on the lineage page you find references to a DAR application (i.e. a DAR number), you can be certain that it is a center check mark application, and will not be accepted as proof of lineage under the current policy.

There was one compromise made. Anyone within two generations of a DAR member whose application was approved with center check marks would be “grandmothered.” Thus, if your mother is/was a DAR member, and her application was approved with center check marks, you and your son could use her application as proof of lineage, but your grandson would have to prove the lineage again. Your first cousin could use her application, but your second cousin would also have to prove the lineage again.

But that may not be the last word!! We asked Joe Dooley, the current Genealogist-General, if this policy applied to old DAR applications. His answer was:

“Your applicant, who is the son of a DAR member whose application was approved by the DAR in 1917, would still be welcome to document his application fully, in which case his line would not be grandfathered [grandmothered]. However, if he is unwilling or unable to do so, his application may be accepted by the SAR pursuant to the grandfather clause.”

I call your attention to the word “may”!! I read it as meaning that it may or may not be accepted. I hope that clarifies this issue for you. If you have any questions, please feel free to call me at 916-933-6576, or email me at tchilton@telis.org.

Thomas H. Chilton, Jr.

CASSAR Registrar



Columbus Day Parade, Colfax, October 10, 2009





Gold Country Chapter during September serving:

In the Historic Flag Program, Chief Salano Chapter, DAR

In the Gold Country Booster Parade

On September 10th, chapter members participated in the Gold Country Fair Boosters Parade in Auburn (See photos 2 and 3.) The Color Guard consisted of Barry Hopkins, Bill D. Welch, Smitty Virgil, Lyndell Virgil, Keith Bigbee, Dale Ross, and Bill A. Welch. Gold Country Chapter was honored with the second place award.

On September 19th, chapter members presented our Historic Flag Program to the Chief Salano Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution meeting at the Marriot Hotel in Fairfield, CA. (See photos 1, 4, and 5.) Participating were Barry Hopkins, Ernie McPherson, and Wayne Griswold from the Gold Country Chapter. Joining them was Tom Chilton of the Sacramento Chapter, along with Fred Barnes and Dick Williamson of the Thomas Jefferson Chapter.





NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

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POTENTIAL MEMBERS							MEMBER SUPPLEMENTALS					
NAME	1	2	3	4	5	6	NAME	3	4	5	6	
Baker, Malcolm E. (Thomas Baker)	X	X	X				Gilliard, David A. (John Hoagland)	X				
Blackburn, Thomas	X	X	X				McClurg, Robert (Isaiah Bowker)	X				
Bohmfalk, Fred (Silas Joy)	X	X	X				McClurg, Robert (Rev. Benjamin Stone)	X				
Clark, Joseph D. (John Dolson)	X	X	X				Ross, Dale (Nicolas Bieber)	X				
Curl, Daniel L. (Thomas Jarnagin)	X	X	X				Rowe, Andrew (Henry Allshouse)	X	X	X	X	
Curl, Steven T. (Thomas Jarnagin)	X	X	X				Virgil, Smith (Keziah Mealman)	X				
Curl, Steven W. (Thomas Jarnagin)	X	X	X				Welch, John D. (Jeremiah Phillips)	X	X	X	A	
Curl, William W. (Thomas Jarnagin)	X	X	X				Welch, John D. (George Russell)	X	X	X	X	
Davey, Steve (John Hubbard)	X	X	X				Welch, William A. (Jeremiah Phillips)	X	X	X	A	
Gaines, Ted (William Lee)	X	X	X	X			Welch, William A. (George Russell)	X	X	X	X	
Hanley, Kenneth (Clark)	X	X	X									
Hiatt, Thomas (George Hiatt)	X	X	X				JUNIOR MEMBERS					
Hill, James (Andrew Hartsfield)	X	X	X	X			Curl, Artilliam C. (Thomas Jarnagin)	X				
Hines, Tony	X	X	X				Davey, (John Hubbard)	X				
Holland, Steve	X						Dike, Tristian R. (George Eskridge)	X				
Kopp, Aaron & Jerold (James Reed)	X	X	X	X	X	X	Gaines, Edward S. (William Lee)	X	X			
LaPlante, William J. (Simon Kenton)	X						Manifor, Michael D. (Martin Severance)	X	X	X	A	
Lawson, Michael (William Dawes)	X	X	X	X			Welch, Aaden D. (Josiah Seely)	X	X	X	X	
Lawton, George M.	X	X	X				Young, Matthew J. (James French)	X	X	X	X	
Liedstrand, David	X											
Manifor, B., R., & S. (Martin Severance)	X	X	X	X	X	A						
Manifor, Michael J. (Martin Severance)	X	X	X	X								
Ruth, Rex	X											
Rogers, Michael (Charles Talbot)	X											
White, George (Isaac Tillotson)	X	X	X	X								

(1) Worksheet Sent To Individual
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 (3) Application Being Prepared
 (4) Application Out for Signature
 (5) Application Submitted
 (6) Application Approved
 A – Additional Info Required Name within () Rev War Patriot
 ** Signifies Youth Registrant



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First Class

Address Correction Requested

Presentation of National
Winning Americanism Poster
Contest Award to Hailey LeBar,
Loomis Elementary School,
September 25, 2009

