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THURSDAY, APRIL 25, 2013 11:30 a.m. SOCIAL
12:00 noon plenary meeting SINBAD'S RESTAURANT
NEXT TO THE FERRY BUILDING ON THE EMBARCADERO

HONOR HEROES OF PATRIOTS DAY, 1775 AND 2013

Join us on April 25 when we will join with compatriots across America commending the members of the Massachusetts National Guard and other heroes who came to the aid of Boston Marathon runners and fans hurt in the terror attack of Apr. 15. We will be asked to observe a prayerful moment of silence in memory of the innocent civilians of all ages who lost their lives in the tragedy that befell Patriots Day. The Monday holiday is observed in Massachusetts and Wisconsin to commemorate the Apr. 19, 1775 battles of Lexington and Concord. Our chapter meeting is to commence 12:00 noon, Thurs., Apr. 25 at Sinbad's Restaurant, next to the Ferry Building on San Francisco's Embarcadero. Compatriots are also invited to attend the Silicon Valley SAR breakfast meeting 9:00 a.m. Sat., Apr. 20 at the Forum at Rancho San Antonio, 23500 Cristo Rey Drive, Cupertino, when SVSAR President Terry Briggs will give a talk on the battles of Lexington and Concord.



CISCO COFOUNDER AND OTHERS JOINING S.F.S.A.R.

Our registrar reports that SFSAR membership applications of Joe, Mike and David Cruff were received at National Mar. 5. Frank Rhodes, descendant of William Travis; Walter Lynam, descendant of John Roundy; and Ron Walker, ancestor of Shadrack Walker, were inducted at our Mar. 28 meeting. Applications of Mike and David Kresse were mailed to National on Apr. 1. Applications of Charles and Todd Cruff were approved on Apr. 8. Applications of Bob Burnett and Alexander Brown are to be mailed by CASSAR to National on Apr. 15, 2013. Eight new applications are coming up, including that of Robert Wesley Burnett, who describes himself as a computer scientist with an MBA. He also is one of the cofounders of Cisco Systems.

EDUCATIONAL OUTREACH PROGRAMS STUDIED

Compatriot Curran Engel has accepted appointment as SFSAR educational and youth programs coordinator. He is reviewing national SAR outreach programs in which chapters are allowed to participate, such as the Joseph S. Rumbaugh Historical Oration Contest; the Arthur M. and Berdina King Eagle Scout Scholarship; the Knight Essay Contest; and the Americanism Elementary School Poster Contest. Steve Schmidt, history teacher at San Francisco's elite Lowell High School and a previous SFSAR awardee, has submitted an application for the SAR Valley Forge Teacher Recognition program (Revolutionary War North).

AMERICAN REVOLUTION AND WWII EVENTS RECALLED

On Mar. 17, SFSAR President Tony Bothwell and First Lady Cindy visited the Revolutionary War site of the Battle of Savannah, a park featuring plaques that honor heroes of the Revolution. Tony and Cindy plan to take part Apr. 29 in events in Washington observing the 20th anniversary of the founding of the U.S. Holocaust Museum. Liberation of Nazi death camps in 1945 by Allied forces also is commemorated this month. The first Nazi concentration camp liberated by the U.S. Army was at Ohrdruf on Apr. 4, 1945. Eight days after the 4th Armopred Division and 89th Infantry Division entered the camp, General Eisenhower, Supreme Allied Commander, visited Ohrdruf with generals George Patton and Omar Bradley. Ike said afterwards, "The visual evidence and the verbal testimony of starvation, cruelty and bestiality were so overpowering..." He added, "I made the visit deliberately, in order to be in a position to give first-hand evidence of these things if ever, in the future, there develops a tendency to charge these allegations merely to 'propaganda.'"

'BE WELL,' THEME OF MARCH MEETING

The March SFSAR meeting featured a well-received presentation by Coco O'Donnell, a healthy lifestyle consultant who recommended following some of the dietary practices of our ancestors. All attending our Mar. 28 meeting signed get well cards for past president Larry Wynne and past treasurers Tim Boddy and Chase Young.

FIDUCIARY DUTY CITED

For the CASSAR meeting in Ventura Apr. 12-13, Roy Schneider, Esq. of Oxnard prepared a PowerPoint presentation on directors' and officers' duties of good faith and due care. John Dodd, Esq. reported that, to conform to fiduciary "best practices," the bylaws needed to be changed to reduce the percentage of the portfolio held in U.S. government securities from fifty percent to eight percent.

TAX-EXEMPT FILINGS ARE COMPLETE

Dues, statements and tax-deductible donations for SFSAR should be sent to Chapter Treasurer Jeff Harrison, 1373 Clay St., Apt. 19, San Francisco, CA 94109. SFSAR (federal EIN number 94-6131734, is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, nonpolitical, educational organization. Compatriot Jeff reports that SFSAR has filed its 990-N for the year, and that all the filings as a tax-exempt organization are now complete.