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Happy New Year January Newsletter



NEXT MEETING:

Thursday January 23 2014

S.F.S.A.R. MEETING AT SINBAD'S, PIER 2

11:30 A.M. SOCIAL, 12:00 NOON PLENARY—SINBAD'S RESTAURANT



James Madison

SEE A LIVE PERFORMANCE of "JAMES MADISON" AT SINBAD'S

"James Madison", a one-man stage show, will be presented by **Mark Meuser**, live in costume, during the SFSAR meeting set for 12:00 noon January 23 at Sinbad's. A legal scholar, Meuser will use Madison's own words to talk about the Revolution, the Continental Congress and the Bill of Rights.



In a special interlude during the SFSAR meeting, Compatriot **Curran Engel's** mother will be inducted as a member of the DAR Puerto de Oro DAR Chapter.

The business part of our meeting will include special inductions, awards, a financial report, and approval of plans for chapter activities in the year ahead. Pre-meeting social time is to commence at 11:30 a.m.

GEN. SEBREE HONORED IN WREATH CEREMONIES

Maj. Gen. Edmund Sebree, 1898-1966, hero of World War I (Lyon), World War II (Guadalcanal) and Korea, was honored during **Wreaths Across America** ceremonies Dec. 14 at San Francisco National Cemetery. The late general's cousin, Compatriot **Ed Sebree** – accompanied by his wife **Jane Sebree** of the Presidio DAR Chapter – placed a wreath at the gravestone. **Pauline W. Sebree**, 1897-1967, is interred next to the general in the cemetery on the grounds of the Presidio of San Francisco.

Sons and Daughters of the American Revolution "are at once solemn, happy and proud to remember the

dedicated men and women who gave their last full measure of devotion," SFSAR Chapter President **Tony Bothwell Sr.** said as the ceremonies got under way at the Presidio. "All Americans enjoy the civil liberties first procured by patriots of the American Revolution, and then preserved by subsequent generations of men and women who stood in harm's way," he said, reading a Proclamation issued by NSSAR President-General **Joe Dooley**.

Sgt. Ed Collins, USMC, described the heroism of marines who sacrificed their own lives while fighting to retrieve the remains of a fallen comrade in Vietnam. Members of the Vietnam Helicopter Association did a fly-over as **Elizabeth Koontz**, soprano, sang patriotic songs. **Capt. Elsie Lam** of the Civil Air Patrol, Diablo Composite Squadron 44, played Amazing Grace on the bagpipes. Warriors' Watch Riders, motorcyclists who bear witness for POWs and MIAs, attended the TV-news-covered event along with hundreds of veterans, first responders, cadets, scouts, Gold Star mothers and others.

SFSAR RECEIVES ENTRIES FOR ESSAY AND ORATION CONTESTS

SFSAR Education Chairman **Curran Engel** has received 29 entries in our Knight Essay Contest competition from students at San Francisco's Lowell High School. According to contest rules, the essay must be an original research paper (800 - 1200 words) on a topic concerning an event, person, philosophy, or ideal associated with the American Revolution, Declaration of Independence, or the framing of the United States Constitution.

Compatriot Engel also reports that our chapter has received an entry from **Dave Poojan** in the SAR **Joseph S. Rumbaugh** Oration Contest. The oration is required to be on an event, personality, or document pertaining to the American Revolutionary War and showing a relationship to America today. Please let Curran know if you would be willing to serve as a judge for the essay contest and/or the oration contest. If you are able to make a donation for the chapter award for winning essay and oration contest entries, please send a check or money order to our chapter treasurer, and indicate in the memo line "SAR Essay" or "SAR Oration." (Chapter Treasurer, **Jeff Harrison**, 1373 Clay St., Apt. 19, San Francisco, CA 94109).

O.M.I. GRADS AT THE ACADEMIES

Oakland Military Institute graduates now are attending West Point, Annapolis, the Air Force Academy, the Coast Guard Academy, Berkeley, Stanford, Yale and other institutions of higher learning, OMI Superintendent **Mark Ryan** told SFSAR's Nov. 21 meeting at Sinbad's. Lt. Col. Ryan, who has been at the helm at OMI since 2005, earned his doctorate in curriculum and instruction from the University of Southern California. At OMI, he emphasizes cadets' academic excellence, leadership, and the ethics of citizenship. Cadets also learn patriotic songs and flag etiquette. The OMI Color Guard presented the colors at our meeting.

MEET THE TEACHER WHO SAVED GEORGE WASHINGTON

Jo Marcus, the teacher who rescued George Washington's larger-than-life bronze statue from a junk pile south of Mission many years ago, will be honored in the Washington's Birthday celebration at G.W. High School on Wed., Feb. 19. SAR and DAR members are invited to attend the 9:00 a.m. festivities to be followed by lunch at the Presidio Cafe inside the Arguello Gate.



CHAPTERS HOST CHRISTMAS PARTIES

Compatriots **Chuck Kimball**, **Ed Sebree** and **Tony Bothwell Sr.** and their wives (**Judy**, **Jane** and **Cindy**, respectively) attended the DAR Presidio Chapter Christmas Party on Dec. 13 at the Marine Memorial on Sutter; several Marine sergeants from Alameda were there as guests of honor. Tony and Cindy attended the Puerta de Oro DAR Chapter holiday party at the Irish Cultural Center where guests sang Christmas carols. Members of SAR, DAR and a new Student Veterans Association attended SFSAR's Pearl Harbor Day lunch Dec. 7 at Sinbad's.

DUES ARE A BARGAIN

Total dues of \$70 were due Dec. 31 for your combined chapter, state and national SAR membership for 2014. Any member who has not yet paid is asked to send a check, payable to SFSAR, by postal mail a.s.a.p. to our Chapter Treasurer, **Jeff Harrison**, 1373 Clay St., Apt. 19, San Francisco, CA 94109.

REGISTRAR REPORT – JANUARY 2014 **by Chapter Registrar Grant Noah**

Congratulations to Casey Bruce, Trevor Bruce and Tyson Bruce, the sons of Compatriot Rick Bruce, whose memberships were approved in December.

At National Headquarters are the following pending applications: Tony Fretty, Stephen Bustin, Jon Ruff and Jonathan Ruff.

Cody Blackshear's application and a supplemental for Donald Cecil have been mailed to the California Society Registrar, Owen Stiles.

New members 2013

Donald Bent
Robert Burnett
Todd Cruff
Christopher Born

Nathan Bent
James Bennington
Jack Kewin
Richard Bruce

Alexander Brown
Charles Cruff
Dr. Stephen Born
John Lee Gregg II

Michael Kress
John Kewin
Charles Cruff
Justin Goerss

David Diewert
George Kewin
David Goerss
Jared Gonzales

Keith Schuerholz
Paul Kewin
David Kresse
Ross Holman

Myron Farr
Walter Lynam
Ron Walker

Frank Rhodes
Joseph Kress
Clark Vilas

Chris DeNoia
Robert Walker

