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NEXT MEETING

THURSDAY, APRIL 24, 2014

11:30 A.M. Social, 12:00 noon Lunch Meeting

SINBAD'S RESTAURANT

The theme of our April 24 meeting will be "Honor." Our invited guest of honor, **Ted James Kukula**, is a veteran of World War II in both Europe and the Pacific.



BILLY BEANE, V.P. AND GENERAL MANAGER OF OAKLAND A's, IS A NEW PROSPECT FOR MEMBERSHIP IN THE S.F.S.A.R.

Chapter Registrar **Grant Noah** is working on the SAR applications of **Billy Beane** and nine members of his family, including four prospective junior members. From a statement from the Oakland Athletics: "Considered one of the most progressive and talented baseball executives in the game today, Billy Beane has molded the Athletics into a perennial postseason contender since assuming the general manager's duties shortly following the 1997 season. Under Beane's watch, the A's have compiled a 976-804 (.548) record over the last 11 seasons, which is the third-best record in the American League and fifth best in all of baseball during that time frame.... Under Beane, the A's have adopted an organizational philosophy that stresses plate discipline and pitchers who command the strike zone. Young players on the lowest-level minor league teams receive the same doctrine on developing a solid understanding of the strike zone and control pitching as do the players in the majors. A native of San Diego, Calif., Beane attended Mt. Carmel High School and UC San Diego, where he studied Economics. Billy and his wife, **Tara**, reside in Danville, CA with their twins, **Brayden** and **Tinsley**. His daughter, **Casey**, attends Kenyon (Ohio) College." We look forward to welcoming the entire Beane clan to the chapter!

COMPATRIOTS ROBERT DOWING EBERT and **DONALD CAROL CECIL** have had their supplemental applications approved under patriot ancestors **Thomas Sargent**, and **Samuel W. Cecil, Sr.**, respectively.

JIM FAULKINBERRY WAS INAUGURATED AS PRESIDENT OF CASSAR at the state society meeting held in Sacramento April 10-12. Former CASSAR President **Bob Ebert** and current SFSAR President **Tony Bothwell Sr.** represented our Chapter in the CASSAR annual meeting at the Sacramento Embassy Suites. **Kent Gregory** was inaugurated as CASSAR Executive

Vice President. Compatriot Ebert continues to serve as Executive Vice President of the National Society of SAR for the Western District. About 125 compatriots and guests attended the meeting. Scottish songs were sung by **James Beatty**, Redwood Empire SAR Chapter President on bagpipes, and his wife **Elisabeth** on drums.

COMPATRIOT ED SEBREE WON THE PATRIOT MEDAL presented by CASSAR Past President **Keith Bigbee** at the annual meeting. **Tony Bothwell** accepted the medal on behalf of Compatriot Sebree who was unable to attend the Sacramento meeting. The presentation to Compatriot Sebree will be made at the April 24 SFSAR meeting. On behalf of our chapter, Bothwell received a **Wreaths Across America** flag streamer in recognition of SFSAR's participation in the yearly wreaths ceremonies at the Presidio and Golden Gate national cemeteries. The streamers were made and donated by a Vietnamese immigrant as an expression of his gratitude for Americans who have defended freedom.

ON THE CALENDAR

APRIL 23: The 23rd meeting of the Silicon Valley Genealogical Society will be held starting at 7:30 p.m., April 23 at Grace Lutheran Church, 2825 Alameda de Las Pulgas in San Mateo. Compatriot **Terry Briggs** of SVSAR, at TLBAIA@comcast.net.

MAY 3: Sat, May 3, 10 a.m., Military Vehicle Technology Museum Tour, contact Compatriot **Jack Mallory**, SAR Silicon Valley Chapter.

MAY 26: Mon., May 26, 9 a.m., Memorial Day ceremonies, The Presidio of San Francisco.

JUNE 28: Sat., June 28, at 12 noon, SFSAR Family Heritage Day, banquet, Four Seas Restaurant.

Do you know the rest of the story ????

"Dear President Bothwell,

"I read with interest and alarm the last issue of our Chapter Newsletter. I thought I might add some missing information as to the placing of the Houdan Statue of George Washington at Washington High School.

"While I was serving as Assistant Principal of Washington High School, several young men, who had been taken into custody by the San Francisco Police in a Gambling raid, were mistakenly taken to the Hall of Justice instead of being placed in custody at Juvenile Hall due to their age. While waiting for transportation back to Washington High School, they were placed one bench outside of the property room on the basement level of the Hall of Justice. They were seated there for some time and watched as the door of the property room opened and closed.

“Each time the door opened, they could see into the room and saw the head of George Washington's statue as the body was covered up by boxes that were placed in front of the statue. When they arrived back at school and were brought to my office and delivered into my custody, they explained among other things that they say the head of George Washington in the basement of the Hall of Justice.

“I had a friend who worked in the Hall of Justice as an Inspector and I asked him to investigate and see if there was a bust of George Washington in the Property Room and if we could get them to loan it to the school for placement in our Library. He reported back that it was not a bust but a Statue and the Police Department was not sure of its ownership as they took it from some criminals who had it in their truck and it had been in the basement for some time. In true police humor, it even had a toe tag on its foot.

“I made inquiries into the ownership of the statue with Deborah Lahane, from the City's Art Department. She told me that it was the missing Houdan Statue, one of 18 copies of the original cast in bronze that existed in the world. It had been given to the City by the Sons and Daughters of the American Revolution and had been placed in the Veterans Building Lobby until the 1960s, when it was removed and placed in a park south of Market Street. After that it went missing in her records.

“I asked her if our school could have it on loan from the City, as we had the perfect place for it in the Lobby with the Fresco of Washington's Life. She came out and agreed with me and with a formal request signed by the Principal, Al Videll, the statue was moved to its present location. She had also told me that Dr. Vernon Harp [a longtime S. F. Chapter member] had been asking her for years as to the location of the missing statue. He gave me his name and phone number.

“I contacted him and he brought out the bronze plaque which had been placed on the base of the statue when it was in the Veterans Building. We placed it back on the base of the statue and then planned a grand dedication for George's return to public view. This started the annual birthday celebration by the School and San Francisco Chapter. Dr. Harp then assisted me in looking into my family tree. I was proudly able to join the Sons of the American Revolution.

“**Vernon Harp** was very proud of the fact that the statue had been found and that it had a new home. I was very happy to see George removed from the property room basement and placed where he is greeted daily by happy and joyful students. Many of the students have their graduation pictures taken with George on graduation day.

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Memorial Day Services on Monday May 26 2014

The Presidio Trust and the Veterans of Foreign Wars will host the San Francisco 146th Memorial Day Observance. The traditional event will be held at the San Francisco National Cemetery in the Presidio on Monday, May 26, 2014. The Presidio ceremony is one of the largest Memorial Day events in the nation. The ceremony will begin with a grand march from the Presidio's Main Post (at the intersection of Montgomery Street and Sheridan Avenue) at 10:30 am. You are welcome to join the walk, which will include veterans and distinguished guests. The formal program begins at 11 am and ends at noon. We will honor and remember the more than one million Americans killed while serving in the United States Armed Forces. We will also commemorate the 50th anniversary of the Vietnam War. Lunch afterwards is a spirited affair at the Presidio Café. Send your anticipated number of luncheon attendees now to **Charles Likas** at mrcharles1776@gmail.com