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*NEXT MEETING*

## **MONDAY - MAY 26, 2014**

**9:00 A.M. Memorial Day Services Presidio National Cemetery**  
**12:15 noon Lunch Meeting—Presidio Cafe**



### **MARCH TOGETHER, LUNCH TOGETHER, MEMORIAL DAY, MONDAY, MAY 26 AT THE PRESIDIO NATIONAL CEMETERY**

SFSAR members will assemble at 9:00 a.m. on Memorial Day, Monday, May 26 at the south end of the Presidio Main Post and march with representatives of other patriotic, veterans and military or-



ganizations. Formal ceremonies commence at 10 a.m. Lunch will follow at 12:00 noon at the Presidio Cafe near Arguello Gate. Please RSVP for Memorial Day lunch to Charles Likas, SF SAR Newsletter at [mrcharles1776@gmail.com](mailto:mrcharles1776@gmail.com).



**COMPATRIOT TIM BODDY REMEMBERED** The former treasurer of the SAR San Francisco Chapter, Tim Boddy, passed away a few days after attending our March 27, 2014 meeting. He had been absent from chapter meetings for more than a year due to illness. Compatriot Tim Boddy did an excellent job when he handled the finances for our chapter and will be missed. He was a true patriot. The chapter sent condolences to his family.

## NEW MEMBERSHIPS ON THE WAY

Congratulations to **Christopher Hays, Nathaniel Hays, West Hays** and **Brian Hays**. Their memberships were approved on April 18, 2014 under their ancestor **Captain Abiel Hays** who served in the Essex County, New Jersey Militia. They will be installed at our June 28 meeting at the Four Seas.



The application of **Joseph DeNoia**, the brother of Compatriot **Christopher DeNoia**, will be approved shortly. They are ancestors of **Joseph Balcom**, an Assessor of Mansfield Connecticut who swore an oath of fidelity on September 9, 1776. Joseph lives in Somerset New Jersey.

## MEDITATION ON 'HONOR' AT OUR APRIL MEETING

*"At SAR meetings and ceremonies, there is often talk about honor. Not just on Memorial Day and Washington's Birthday but also often at chapter, state society and national society SAR gatherings. We honor our patriot forbearers. We honor those who died in our country's wars. We honor wounded warriors. We honor all who have served in the armed forces. We honor civilians who have laid down their lives for country whether by intention or circumstance. That includes the victims of the 9/11 attacks.*

*"We honor Eagle Scouts and students and educators who have become learned in the origins and purposes of our Republic. I recently learned that my uncle (who is interred at Arlington) when he was a senior in high school in 1938 was awarded the Washington and Franklin Medal by the Massachusetts Society of SAR for excellence in the study of United States history.*

*"Shouldn't we honor also those who have served our nation in other ways, as diplomats, or in the Peace Corps or in the intelligence services? There are almost 100 gold stars on the wall at Langley.*

*"I think we do not imply that the honor we may show to one person is just the same as the honor shown to every other person. Those who were posthumously awarded the Medal of Honor are on a different level than those who served in peacetime. Who among us is not truly moved when we hear the citations for those who have been awarded the Medal of Honor? Some special honor is due those who have risked their lives.*

*"Greater sacrifice? Greater honor? Each case is individual. Who are we to judge? We try to promote certain values, we try to promote patriotism, we try to thank those who gave so much for the cause of our country. (continued next page)*

*"Some of you can speak with much greater authority than I on this subject. But any of us can ponder the question. It is natural that an organization that was founded to honor the memory of ancestors who fought in the Revolutionary War would also honor those who fought in our nation's other wars since then. The idea is not to glorify war, but to respect and remember those who have given so much for us all. I understand that it is the warriors, like Eisenhower, who hate war the most because they know its horrors.*

*"We honor those who answered the call, regardless of their political beliefs. The honor due to soldiers who served in Vietnam should not be measured by whether they supported or opposed the war itself. They served. They sacrificed.*

*"You don't have to honor anyone you don't want to. But those who sacrificed deserve to be honored. That includes the unknowns as well as those whose names are known to us all. Is Lincoln any less honorable because he opposed the Mexican War? Kennedy, like Lincoln, gave his life for his country.*

*"John F. Kennedy, in a letter to a Navy friend, wrote: "War will exist until that distant day when the conscientious objector enjoys the same reputation and prestige that the warrior does today." I would say not the same. Each case is individual. Each one must be judged on the merits. God in heaven is the judge of us all."*

---Tony Bothwell Sr., SFSAR Pres., at Apr. 24, 2014 chapter meeting

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**MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR SAT., JUNE 28, LUAU LUNCH AT S.A.R. FAMILY HERITAGE DAY**

Plan to join with us for a Family Heritage Day luau luncheon at the Four Seas restaurant 12:00 noon Saturday, June 28, 2014, to commemorate the July 4, 1876 founding of Sons of the American Revolution. Watch for the invitation and RSVP form to be included in our next newsletter in the first week of June. This affordable event for compatriots and families will include live music, dancing, games, and prizes.



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