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NEXT MEETING
WEDNESDAY, FEB. 18, 2015
CELEBRATE WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY
WITH DAN ASHLEY OF S.A.R., & D.A.R. LEADERS

GEORGE WASHINGTON HIGH SCHOOL
9:15 A.M. BREAKFAST, 10:00 A.M. PROCESSION

A Message from the President



You know the old expression, "Out of the frying pan and into the fire". Well, as a newly inducted member of this venerable society, I have somehow ended up directly in the fire having completely by-passed the pan!

Let me begin by saying that I am very proud to have been accepted for membership in the San Francisco Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution and deeply honored and humbled to have been asked to take the reins so early on as your President. Suffice it to say, I will rely heavily on the help and guidance of the man from whom I inherited this job, Tony Bothwell, who did such a remarkable job leading the chapter. Thank you Tony for all of your hard work on behalf of SAR. So too Marston, Grant, Jeff, and everyone who took on leadership chores during this past term. Don't wander off too far, we'll need you!

I also wish to acknowledge our fallen compatriot who was slated to lead the chapter as President this year until an unexpected tragedy. I did not have the good fortune to meet Cody Blackshear but, by all accounts, he was a sharp, eager, and delightful young man who was excited about his new role with the chapter. Tragically, shortly after being elected as

incoming President, Cody was killed in a freak traffic accident. A terrible loss for us and an indescribable loss for his family. I know our thoughts and prayers will be with them.

As we embark on a new year, I look forward to working with all of you for the betterment of the San Francisco Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution. While SAR is about the past in many respects, it is also very much about the future. As we celebrate and honor our ancestors for their sacrifices in the formation of these magnificent United States, we look forward. We, the descendants of American Patriots, have a unique opportunity and a solemn responsibility to educate and to inspire new generations of young people to insure that they come to fully appreciate the many blessings of living in this country so that they, in turn, do the same for those who follow. I hope to continue our work in reaching out to young people and also to expand on efforts to grow our membership and tell the SAR story to a wider audience.

This is an exciting time in the life of the oldest local chapter of SAR and I am grateful for the opportunity to carry the torch for a leg of the race.

Many thanks.

Dan

DAN ASHLEY INAUGURATED AS CHAPTER PRESIDENT

Dan Ashley, the ABC7 news anchor, was installed as SFSAR President on Jan. 22 by CASSAR President Jim Faulkinbury. In his inaugural remarks, President Ashley spoke of his enthusiasm for the mission of Sons of the American Revolution, the programs of the San Francisco chapter, the opportunities for outreach in the community and on-line, and his belief in the importance of history's lessons. Compatriot Faulkinbury also swore in First Vice President Dr. Frank Helm, Second Vice President Christopher Hays, Treasurer Alexander Mitchell, Registrar Grant Noah, Color Guard Bob Ebert, Awards Chairman Ed Sebree, Genealogist Marston Watson, and Webmaster Keith Schuerholz. The inaugural ceremony got off to an inspiring start as San Francisco State University Professor Eduardo Madril, a member of the Yaqui Tribe of Southern Arizona and Northern Sonora Mexico, performed a solemn Native American hoop dance.

OAKLAND A'S MANAGER, ABC NEWSMAN ARE NEW MEMBERS

William (Billy) Beane III, general manager of the Oakland A's, and his young son Brayden William Beane, as well as Dan Ashley, the ABC newsman, were inducted as SAR members on Jan. 22 by Tony Bothwell, chapter president, assisted by Grant Noah, registrar. In addition, the SAR 125th Anniversary Medal was presented to Brayden Beane. Beane family members admitted to membership but unable to attend were William Lamar Beane Jr. and Tommy Liske Beane, as well as Compatriot Billy's nephews, Edward Thomas Mastripolito, William Thomas Mastripolito, Thomas Charles Mastripolito, and

James Patrick Simpson. Also admitted to membership but unable to attend were Compatriot Dan's sons, college students, William Ashley and Winston Ashley.

LA PUERTA DE ORO AND PRESIDIO D.A.R. UNITE WITH S.A.R.

The Jan. 22, 2015 SFSAR meeting brought together leaders of two DAR groups that split apart in 2010 and this time stood for a joint moving presentation. Patricia Pasco, past regent of the La Puerta de Oro chapter, choked up as she spoke of DAR-SAR joint ventures. Judy Kimball, organizing regent of the Presidio chapter, told how women were admitted as members of SAR in 1876 "but only had half a vote," which was "a step forward...years before suffrage." A 6½-inch tall clock was presented by Patty Pasco, Regent Carolyn Patrick and members of the La Puerta de Oro chapter, with a plaque, "In appreciation of Anthony P. X. Bothwell for his partnership in celebrating our patriots." A copy of the founding documents of SAR was presented by Judy Kimball and the Presidio DAR chapter's Regent Elizabeth Julian and Past Regent Christina Ramos. The constitution, bylaws and other records printed in San Francisco in 1876 were reprinted by the Library of Congress in 2014. SAR, founded July 4, 1876 in a meeting at the Palace Hotel in San Francisco, now has chapters in every state and many countries.

MARCH WITH DAN ASHLEY TO WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY

This year's celebration of George Washington's birthday at the high school named after him will take place Wednesday, Feb. 18, inasmuch as the actual Feb. 22 birthday falls on a Sunday. President Dan Ashley plans to lead the SFSAR delegation in the annual ceremony that traditionally includes stirring performances by the G.W. High School choir and band. The Junior ROTC color guard and drum corps march with SAR and DAR members who will present a wreath at the statue of the father of our country. President Ashley and the leaders of the local DAR chapters are to speak, along with the GWHS principal, a student orator, and the JROTC commander. The school provides a Continental breakfast for SAR and DAR members before the ceremony. Attendees should arrive early to seek parking in the teachers' parking lot. Reception and breakfast will commence at 9:15 a.m. Assembly for procession from esplanade to lobby is at 10:00. After the celebration, compatriots meet in the school conference room 10:30 to 11:15, before proceeding to have lunch together at the Presidio Café. George Washington High School is at 600 32nd Ave., San Francisco.

STATUE NOW AT G.W. HIGH SCHOOL UNVEILED IN 1917

The statue of George Washington that stands in the lobby of G.W. High School was first unveiled in San Francisco in 1917. It was presented at the Palace of Fine Arts by DAR in cooperation with SAR on Memorial Day 1917. Regent Carolyn Patrick of the DAR La Puerta de Oro chapter recently found a copy of the program for the 1917 event. On the program, CASSAR President Ernest J. Mott joined Mrs. John Conant Lynch, State Regent of DAR, in the gala ceremony. Children of the American Revolution sang *My Flag of*

Liberty, and the orchestra played when Mrs. Richard Rees sang *The Star-Spangled Banner* in the 1917 event. The statue later was placed in the main lobby of George Washington High School.

LOCAL HIGH SCHOOL ORATORS TO COMPETE FOR \$500 PRIZE

SFSAR offers a \$500 prize for the local winner of the 2015 Joseph S. Rumbaugh Historical Oration Contest. Teachers at George Washington, Galileo, and Lowell high schools have reported that they have students interested in entering the contest. CASSAR awards \$1,000 to the winner at the state level. NSSAR presents a \$5,000 award for the nation's best speech by a high school student on the American Revolution. In 2014, the San Diego chapter was the only one in California that participated in the oration contest. SFSAR will conduct a live speech contest in the second half of February. To be eligible to compete in San Francisco, a high school student must state in writing, before Feb. 15, 2015, that the student is interested in entering the contest. Expressions of interest should be addressed to CASSAR Oration Contest Chairman Tony Bothwell Sr., 950 Lincoln Blvd. #29547, San Francisco, CA 94129-0547. Detailed contest instructions and forms are on the CASSAR website at www.californiasar.org/youth-programs/oration-contest.

EDUCATE YOUNG CITIZENS, SAYS OUTGOING PRESIDENT

In farewell remarks after serving as chapter president since January 2011, Tony Bothwell said "we are here not for party or faction," but because of "our obligation to our Revolutionary ancestors, to educate fellow citizens, especially the young, about the origins of our Republic, and to honor Americans who have sacrificed for country." SFSAR, "thanks to the great guys on our team," exceeded membership goals, strengthened collaboration with DAR, and conducted special events for Family Heritage Day and the recent Bicentennial of *The Star-Spangled Banner*. He recalled memorable guest speakers including British Consul-General Julian Evans; NASA Astronaut Rick Arnold; and Dr. Harry Ong, the brother of 9/11 heroine flight attendant Betty Ong.

AWARDS PRESENTED TO S.A.R. AND D.A.R. MEMBERS

President Tony Bothwell presented certificates of appreciation, and First Lady Cindy Bothwell presented chapter gifts, to compatriots Grant Noah, Bob Ebert, Jim Schuyler, and Ed Sebree for their past service as SFSAR officers, and to Jane Sebree, a member of the local DAR chapters, for her volunteer work for SFSAR. (Similar presentations were made at the December meeting for compatriots Marston Watson, Alexander Mitchell, and Chuck Kimball, and to Patty Pasco of the La Puerta de Oro DAR chapter.) In the January meeting, Tony presented gold leaf clusters and a medal to Grant Noah, and a certificate of appreciation to First Lady Cindy, a member of the CASSAR Ladies Auxiliary. Awards Chairman Ed Sebree presented a medal to Tony.

REPORT RECEIVED, RESOLUTIONS APPROVED

A financial report dated Jan. 18, received from Treasurer Jeff Harrision, showed 100 members' dues paid on time, all bills paid, and funds available for the year ahead. Members approved a resolution on Jan. 22 authorizing the new president, treasurer and secretary to have signature authority on the bank account. Another approved resolution authorizes the new president to allocate \$500 each for the SAR orations contest and the SAR essay contest for high school students, and for a teacher to attend the Freedoms Foundation Valley Forge Graduate Institute.

VIETNAM WAR P.O.W. TO ADDRESS S.A.R. MEETING

Lewis Williams was interned as a Prisoner of War in North Vietnam after he was shot down on April 24, 1967, and was held until his release on March 5, 1973. Lt.jg. Williams was awarded the Silver Star for conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as a pilot from the *U.S.S. Kitty Hawk*.

PRESIDENT-ELECT CODY BLACKSHEAR REMEMBERED

The red, white and blue wreath that SFSAR sent to the Southern California funeral of President-elect Cody Blackshear was paid for in part with a donation from the La Puerta de Oro DAR Chapter, whose chaplain, Jessica Grist, addressed a card to the president and members of SFSAR. The DAR chapter "sends its sincerest condolences on the tragic loss of your incoming President," Chaplain Grist wrote. "To lose such a promising young man must be very difficult. We said a prayer in his memory at our January chapter meeting. Please let us know if there is any way our Chapter can help during this painful time." As reported in the January SFSAR newsletter, donors from the Presidio DAR chapter contributed towards the payment of burial expenses. On Jan. 22 at Sinbad's, compatriots Marston Watson, Tony Bothwell, Dan Ashley, and Ed Sebree conducted a service "to commemorate the life of Compatriot Cody Wells Blackshear, who has answered the last call....".

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