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Next Monthly Meeting: Lunch at Sinbad's Restaurant
THURSDAY JANUARY 22 2015
11.30-Social, 12.00-Luncheon
Pier 2, San Francisco, CA

Luncheon Attendees: we will be honored with the attendance of OAKLAND A'S Manager Billy Beane, ABC News Anchor Dan Ashley, and Indian Hoop Dancer Eddie Madrid.

PRESIDENT-ELECT CODY BLACKSHEAR KILLED IN CAR CRASH

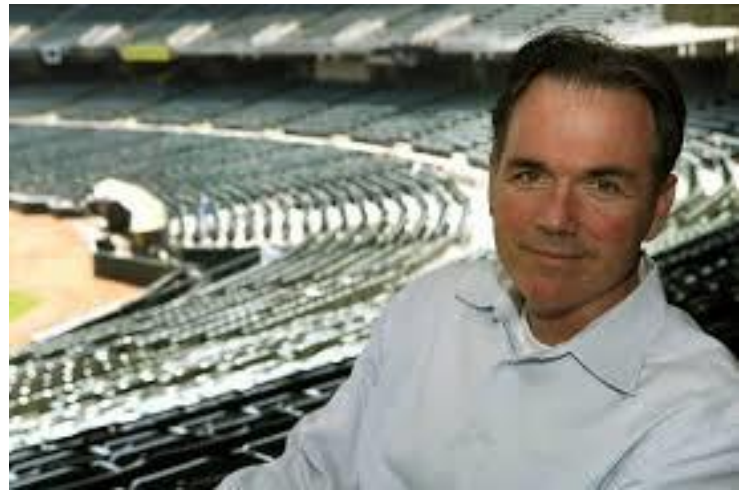


U.S. Sea Cadet Cody **Wells Blackshear**, 25, elected by acclamation as SFSAR president, died five days later in a fiery car wreck while driving to his parents' home for Thanksgiving. His Jeep Cherokee crashed into a eucalyptus tree along a treacherous stretch of U.S. Route 101 in Ventura. A red, white and blue floral spray at the funeral at Christ the Redeemer Church on Oriole Avenue in Grand Terrace was presented in "REMEMBRANCE OF PRESIDENT-ELECT CODY BLACKSHEAR," from the "JULY 4, 1876 FOUNDING CHAPTER, SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION." President **Melvin Harrell** of the SAR Redlands Chapter led the color guard and enlisted the help of Chaplain General Rt. Rev. **Lou Carlson**. Past Regent **Judy Kimball** and members of the Presidio Chapter, National Society, Daughters of the American Revolution together with other donors paid for the burial at Green Acres Memorial Park in Bloomington.

After his election as president on Nov. 20, Compatriot Cody said he was "so happy" he had completed all the paperwork and won admission to be a member of SAR. He said he intended it is "a Christmas gift for my father and my sister, because now it will be easier for them to be admitted" to SAR and DAR. "I so wish it were in other circumstances," First Vice President **Dan Ashley** said when notified he would become SFSAR president. Compatriots and guests attending an SFSAR banquet on Dec. 6 signed a sympathy card addressed to **Mr. and Mrs. Tom Blackshear**, as musicians sang A Scottish Soldier. "And now this soldier, this Scottish soldier / Will wander far no more and soldier far no more.... He's seen the glory, he's told the story / Of battles glorious and deeds victorious / The bugle's ceased now, he is at peace now / Far from the green hills of Tyrol."

RECRUITS FROM THREE STATES TO BE INDUCTED IN SFSAR

William (“Billy”) Beane III, the Oakland A’s general manager, and **Dan Ashley**, the ABC7 nightly news anchor, are to be inducted into SFSAR on January 22 – along with family members being admitted from California, Oregon and Alaska. Chapter Registrar **Grant Noah** reports SFSAR has processed nearly 100 applications in the past four years, including **Robert Wesley Burnett**, CISCO co-founder, and other compatriots from British Columbia, Hawaii, Texas and Virginia.



Billy Beane, Oakland A’s general manager

Dan Ashley, KGO-TV,
ABC7 news anchor

RENOWNED INDIAN HOOP DANCER PERFORMS AT OUR JANUARY LUNCHEON MEETING

San Francisco State University Professor **Eduardo Madril** will perform Native American hoop dance at the SFSAR lunch meeting January 22 at Sinbad’s restaurant. Prof. Madril is a member of the **Pascua Yaqui Tribe of Southern Arizona and Northern Sonora Mexico**. The internationally renowned dancer has performed in many venues. He teaches and lectures on American Indian history and culture at SFSU.



NEW SFSAR TEAM LED BY ABC'S DAN ASHLEY TAKES THE HELM

Dan Ashley, the nightly news anchor on KGO-TV, the ABC affiliate on channel 7, will be inaugurated on Jan. 22 as the new president of the SAR San Francisco chapter. In 25 years as a journalist, Dan Ashley has interviewed the **President Obama** in the White House, covered **Pope John Paul II** in Mexico City, and reported from the scene of events ranging from the Cape Canaveral blast-off of **John Glenn** to the Columbine High massacre in Colorado. A winner of the **Edward R. Murrow** award, Emmys and many other awards, he is a graduate of the University of North Carolina, with degrees in English and Speech Communication.

Dan's inauguration as chapter president will be on the same day on which he is to be inducted as a new SAR member. There is precedent for this. Five years ago **Tony Bothwell**, a former Associated Press night broadcast editor from Miami, was elected SFSAR Chancellor in the same meeting in which he was inducted as a new SAR member. Tony's two 2-year terms as chapter president will end when he presents the gavel to Dan Ashley on Jan. 22 at Sinbad's.

Also slated to be sworn in this month are 2nd Vice President **Chris Hayes**, Treasurer **Alex Mitchell**, Secretary **Mike Robison**, Registrar **Grant Noah**, Historian Dr. **Herb Dedo**, Chaplain **Dr. Frank Helm**, Genealogist **Marston Watson**, Color Guard **Bob Ebert**, Awards Chairman **Ed Sebree**, Chancellor **Mike Phelps**, Editor **Charles Likas**, Education Director **Curran Engel**, and Webmaster **Keith Schuerholz**.

SCOTTISH MUSICIANS LEAD MARCHERS, CAROLERS for CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS

Bagpiper **James Beatty** and drummer **Elisabeth Strum** kicked off SFSAR's Christmas party by leading compatriots and guests in a march through Capurro's Italian and Seafood Restaurant in the Fisherman's Wharf district of San Francisco. Compatriot James, the SAR Redwood Empire Chapter President, with his Dutch-American spouse **Elisabeth** on Irish drums, led the single-file procession from the bar and around the dining room to kitchen-view reserved seats. Puerta de Oro DAR Regent **Carolyn Patrick** and other guests joined SFSAR members in ringing festive bells while singing Christmas Classics JINGLE BELLS, SILVER BELLS, SILENT NIGHT, WE WISH YOU A MERRY CHRISTMAS, and JOY TO THE WORLD. SFSAR President **Tony Bothwell** presented certificates of appreciation and chapter gifts to Chaplain **Marston Watson**, Past President **Alexander Mitchell** and Auditor **Chuck Kimball**, and a medal to **Patty Pasco**, the Puerta de Oro DAR chapter's past regent.

WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA PROCLAMATION PRESENTED

A proclamation by CASSAR President **Jim Faulkenbury** was presented by **Tony Bothwell** at the Wreaths Across America ceremony at San Francisco National Cemetery, Presidio of San Francisco, Dec. 13, 2014. Tony and SFSAR First Lady **Cindy Bothwell** visited the grave of Maj. Gen. **Edmund Sebree**, 1898-1966, hero of World War I, World War II and Korea. The late general's cousin, Compatriot **Ed Sebree**, could not attend this year's Wreaths event, under doctor's orders, recovering from minor surgery. Ed, our awards chairman, plans to be present for our Jan. 22 meeting, at which some special awards are to be presented.

