



San Francisco Chapter Sons of the American Revolution



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Tuesday, February 22, 2011 NEXT SFSAR CHAPTER MEETING WASHINGTON BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

Dear colleagues, in lieu of our regular monthly luncheon meeting at Sinbad's, in February we will meet for our annual George Washington Birthday Celebration at Washington High School in San Francisco on Tuesday, Feb 22. The reception is at 9:15 AM and the ceremony is at 10 AM. The school is located at 600 32nd Avenue; unfortunately, parking is not available on the school grounds. To avoid stairs, the best entrance is on 30th street. We will meet for lunch afterwards at the Presidio Cafe, 300 Finley Rd. We look forward to seeing you all on Tuesday, Feb. 22!

January's Meeting at Sinbad's a Full House: ROTC Color Guard, CASSAR President, New Chapter Officers, New Members and Honored Veterans Our January chapter luncheon was kicked off with the Army ROTC Color Guard from the University of San Francisco that presented the Colors – thanks to the good offices of Cadet **Justen Sweeting**, LTC **Steve Roesler** (ret.) and our Compatriot **Fred Bothwell** (USMA 1962). **Wayne Griswold**, President, California Society, installed our 2011-2012 Chapter officers (see page two). Chaplain **Chase Young** led the opening and closing prayers. Newly elected Chapter President **Tony Bothwell**, Secretary **Jon Miller** and Treasurer **Tim Boddy** presented brief reports. American Indian Museum Director **Colleen Hicks** graced us with a talk about her ancestry and work with the museum (see below). Two new members of our Chapter were inducted at this meeting (see below). Awards Chairman Ed Sebree presented retiring Treasurer **Cdr. Rich Andriano-Moore** with the Oak Leaf Cluster Award and **Alexander Mitchell** with a Past President Certificate and a Bronze Good Citizenship Medal.

Excerpts from President Bothwell's Inaugural Remarks: July 4, 1876 in this city, Sons of the American Revolution was born. Later, chapters formed across the Nation. Today we in the founding chapter have a promise to renew. Our forebears gave us a free and independent nation. What are we going to give back? (cont. on p 2)



Larry Lopez & son Nathan inducted by State President Griswold

They are descendants of George W. Bradley who served in the North Carolina Militia under Captain George Ledbetter in Rutherford County. Larry's other son Alexander was unable to attend the meeting. Larry's Uncle Ben also attended and he soon will be joining the SAR.

British Consul-General to Speak at March Meeting Julian Evans, the British Consul-General in San Francisco will speak at our March 24th meeting. He is brilliant and witty. Before coming to San Francisco, he served in Moscow, Zurich, London, United Nations, Islamabad, and Ottawa; his next assignment will be India. He will speak to us on "The Special Relationship: How 19th Century Enemies (1812 and all that) Became 20th Century Allies -- What Next?"



Recruiting Report: President Bothwell has called for a net increase of 17 new members. Since we lose about 15 members each year (death, transfer or non-payment of dues), we need 32 new members to achieve our recruiting goal. The best source of new members are brothers, fathers and grandfathers, sons and grandsons, uncles and nephews. Due to the 3-month approval process, we need to file applications before the end of September, which is only 8 months away!

The Chapter officers ask that each member work to recruit at least one new member in 2011.

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2011-2012 Officers Inducted by California State President



Pictured (from left) are Registrar **Grant Noah**, Treasurer **Tim Boddy**, Secretary **Jon Miller**, Chaplain **Chase Young**, State President **Wayne Griswold**, Chapter President **Tony Bothwell** and Chapter Past President and Historian **Alexander Mitchell**. Other new officers not shown are VP Membership **Herb Dedo**, VP Programs **Fred Bothwell**, Genealogist **Larry Wynne**, Award Chairman **Ed Sebree**, Newsletter Editor **Charles Likas**, and Color Guard Commander **Bob Ebert**.

Volunteers Needed for 5th-Grade Poster Contest Chapter members enjoyed selecting our first-every entry in the State competition came away with a ribbon. The Chapter needs volunteers to recruit teachers and pick up posters from the participating schools in San Francisco. Without another volunteer, San Francisco schools cannot be invited to take part in the this year's contest. If you can help, please contact Jon Miller, JM330@att.net or 650-349-4106. Please, consider including a school in your neighborhood or one where a family member attends.



Museum Director Coleen Hicks Speaks on Coast Miwok Indians Colleen Hicks of Novato's Museum of the American Indian spoke at the January meeting. The museum sits on a village site of the Coast Miwok Indians, hunters-gatherers whose lands covered present day Novato, Marshall, Tomales, San Rafael, Petaluma and Bodega; and whose descendents still live in some of these same areas today. She brought an array of artifacts to show their skills in basketry, flint knapping and clamshell bead making.

Upcoming 2011 Meetings

Tue 24 Mar *George Washington Birthday Celebraton @ George Washington High School*
Lunch Meeting at the Presidio Cafe

Thr 24 Mar @ Sinbad's, Jointly with Thomas Jefferson & Silicon Valley Chapters
Speaker: British Consul General Julian Evans; 5th-Grade Poster Contest Judging

Thr 28 Apr @ Sinbad's, Speaker: Ned Broyles, pioneering WWII aviator

Mon 30 May Memorial Day Celebration @ Presidio & Golden Gate National Cemeteries
Lunch Meeting at the Presidio Cafe

Thr 23 Jun @ Sinbad's; Jointly with Redwood Empire Chapter, Speaker: TBA

(President's remarks) What are we going to give back? Will we pass on to our posterity an appreciation of how our nation was founded and what it stands for? When we sponsor the American History Poster Contest, we reach children and their families. When we send a young high school teacher to seminars and tours at 10 Revolutionary War historic sites, we reach generations of students. When we march on Washington's Birthday and Memorial Day, we bear witness. So let us honor all who serve.... When my brother Fred graduated from West Point, President Kennedy in the commencement address quoted these words found in an old sentry box at Gibraltar: *God and the soldier all men adore / In time of trouble – and no more, / For when war is over, and all things righted, / God is neglected – and the old soldier slighted.* The President told the Military Academy class of '62, "when you are asked by a President of the United States or by any other American what you are doing for your country, no man's answer will be clearer than your own." Each of us in our own way must answer the call. As newly elected president of this chapter, I ask for your support in pursuing some ambitious goals for the coming year: *First*, to increase our membership by 15 percent. *Second*, to increase our meeting attendance by 20 percent. *Third*, to expand collaborative programs with our brothers in other SAR chapters and our sisters in DAR. *Fourth*, to promote programs to educate students and teachers in local schools about our National heritage. *Fifth*, to recognize and honor the service of active, reserve, and retired military personnel. *And finally and in all ways*, to constantly respect and honor the memory of our patriot ancestors who gave us the precious gift of liberty!