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Remember Memorial Day, May 30 at the Presidio!

Chancellor **Mike Phelps**, coordinating Memorial Day plans, urges compatriots to assemble about 9:30 at the Main Post to be ready by 10 a.m. for the start of the Presidio parade. Best parking is near the Officers' Club, 50 Moraga Ave. Expect Main Post and Doyle Drive construction activity to be silent on the holiday. The 191st Army Band pipes and drums will lead the march from Montgomery and Sheridan streets to the National Cemetery. During the 11 a.m. ceremony, SAR members will place a wreath on the Monument to the Unknown Dead, and our chapter president will take a turn at the speaker's platform. After a 21-gun salute by the US Army 5th Brigade 75th Division at noon, SAR and DAR members will go to the Presidio Golf Club Café for lunch. (www.presidiocafe.com) Regards, President Tony Bothwell.



Bravo Zulu is an international naval signal, conveyed by flag signals or voice radio, meaning "Well Done." In recognition of their support of our Apr. 28 luncheon, Programs VP Fred Bothwell sent a Bravo Zulu email to the color guard representing the US Navy Operation Support Center Alameda saying "Sincere thanks to you and your colleagues... Your military bearing and professionalism were outstanding, and all in attendance were extremely impressed by your flawless appearance." Writing in reply, the commander of the color guard – all decorated service members on active duty – wrote "Thank you very much Sir. We were honored to be invited and we enjoyed it very much. Very respectfully, PS2 **Aung Lwin**, US Navy."

This year's centennial of naval aviation was celebrated by Capt. **Ned Broyles** (pictured) at the SFSAR meeting at Sinbad's on Apr. 28, the day before his 96th birthday. Ned's lively PowerPoint narration recalled his role in the search for Amelia Earhart in 1938, capture of Pacific islands in 1942-45, torpedo bombing in the Korean war, and later piloting experimental aircraft.



Registrar Grant Noah reports members' relatives are starting to apply and several other prospects recently inquired about joining our chapter. Previously with the Redwood Empire Chapter, Grant helped 10 prospects become SAR members in 2010-11. His second supplemental under his ancestor **Peter Todd** is being processed by NSSAR. Contact: grantnoah@sbcglobal.net.

Californian Larry Magerkurth is to be sworn in as the President General at the NSSAR Congress July 8-13 at Winston-Salem. Visit www.sar.org. Want to be a State delegate? Contact CASSAR Secretary **Ronald Barker** at Ron0729con@comcast.net by May 31.



Awards Chair Ed Sebree arranged for the SAR Silver ROTC Medal to be presented to MS2 Cadet **Alexandria Diaz** Apr. 29 at USF, and SAR JROTC Medal to outstanding cadets from seven high schools May 14 at Balboa High. A Certificate of Appreciation was presented to Cindy Tam at our Apr. 28 meeting, for assisting our chapter in 2010-11.

Chaplain Chase Young, (pictured) before the closing prayer on Apr. 28, called for a moment of silence in memory of our compatriots who departed this world in the past year – **Lt. Col. Richard Brooks Hovey, ret.;** **Floyd Joseph Watts, M.D.;** **Richard W. Cady;** and **Jackson Zane Steuben.**



The nonpolitical nature of SAR was noted at our Apr. 28 meeting. “Our patriot ancestors did not fight for Hamilton’s Federalist party. They did not fight for Jefferson’s Republican party. They fought for the independence of the nation and the liberty of every citizen,” **President Tony Bothwell** said. The Founders had sharp differences among themselves but were united by “their belief in the debate itself.” Compatriots who want to be heard on political issues are encouraged to participate in the democratic process, he said. But politicization of SAR “would be inconsistent with our charter... damage SAR recruitment and retention...[and] endanger our tax-exempt status.” The president urged members to “renew our commitment to that which unites us” – the Constitutional Republic forged by our ancestors. (*Chapter President T. Bothwell pictured*)



A Lowell High School teacher who wrote his UC Berkeley thesis on Patriots and Southern Loyalists in the Revolutionary War has won a CASSAR scholarship to attend this summer’s Valley Forge Freedoms Foundation graduate institute. “I am THRILLED,” **Steve Schmidt** emailed when he learned of his selection after having been nominated by our chapter. He’ll attend American Revolution South field studies and seminars at Alamance, Cowpens and Kings Mountain battlefields, Guilford Court House, Monticello, Green Springs, the University of Virginia, Colonial Williamsburg, Yorktown, and Mount Vernon.