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Come one, come all!
First drink on the house for new attendees!
Next SFSAR lunch meeting –
12:00 noon, Thurs., Sept. 22 at Sinbad's, Pier 2

Continental Navy and Today's Navy Operations – Hear Insights from Capt. Philip H. Roos, USN

Capt. Philip H. Roos, USN will be our Guest of Honor and luncheon speaker when we gather at Sinbad's for our noon meeting Sept. 22. He will speak on the topic of wartime operations of the Continental Navy as well as current U.S. Navy operations worldwide. Born in The Netherlands and immigrated to the United States in 1974, he became a U.S. citizen in 1978, and was commissioned through the NROTC program at the University of San Diego in 1988. He is currently the Commanding Officer, NROTC at UC Berkeley, one of the first six ROTC units created nationwide, originally headed by the famous World War II fleet admiral, Chester W. Nimitz. NROTC Berkeley supports affiliate programs at California Maritime Academy, UC Davis, and Stanford.

Origins and Future of West Point

Discussed by Lt. Col. Bill Schwartz



West Point's Revolutionary origins, spiritual paths, and promising future were discussed by Lt. Col. William L. (Bill) Schwartz, featured speaker at our June 23 meeting. General Washington chose the strategic site, assigned Saratoga hero Thaddeus Kosciuszko to design the fortifications, and held the Hudson secure. Bill, who led an infantry platoon in Vietnam, taught national security at the academy and raised the funds to build a chapel for Jewish cadets. Bill leads West Point recruiting at 197 schools in California's 7th, 9th, and 10th congressional districts. We heard him tell about the small numbers and superior quality of cadets recruited from Oakland Military Institute and other Bay Area schools.

Compatriot Herb Dedo Receives 10-Year Pin

Wearing a new Colonial Williamsburg hat, Chapter President Tony Bothwell Sr., on June 23 at Sinbad's, thanked Vice President Herb Dedo, Webmaster and Secretary Jon Miller, and Newsletter Editor Charles Likas for their service to SAR. Registrar Grant Noah presented a 10-year pin and certificate to Compatriot Herb. Awards Chair Ed Sebree presented a service pin and certificate to Compatriot Jon. Tony presented Jon with a plastic miniature Revolutionary army drummer that transforms into a ball-point pen. Jon, calling attention to marvels of technology, urged us all to visit www.sfsar.webs.com. Chapter finances were discussed by Treasurer Tim Boddy, who has skillfully kept us out of the red ink. Chaplain Chase Young led the invocation and benediction.

Thomas Nelson, Jr. Called in Fire on His Own Home

Compatriot Herb Dedo recited the fates of those who signed the Declaration of Independence. “Five were captured by the British as traitors, and tortured before they died. Twelve had their homes ransacked and burned. Two lost their sons serving in the Revolutionary Army; another had two sons captured. Nine of the 56 fought and died from wounds or hardships of the Revolutionary War.” Herb gave examples including that of Thomas Nelson, Jr. who, at Yorktown, urged General Washington to open fire on his own home where the British had set up headquarters. “The home was destroyed. Nelson died bankrupt.” Many, Herb reminds us, sacrificed their lives and fortunes “for liberties we take for granted.”

Compatriot Larry Wynne Points to Meaning of Washington’s Farewell

Speaking up for SAR’s nonpolitical purpose, Compatriot Larry Wynne pointed out that the SAR was given a congressional charter in 1906. He said the act of congress granting the charter to SAR invoked two documents – Washington’s Farewell Address and the Constitution itself. Larry noted that the Farewell Address in 1796 evoked ideas that unite all Americans and cautioned against factionalism.

Compatriot Bob Ebert Elected Mexico Society SAR Trustee

Compatriot Bob Ebert was elected on June 12 as NSSAR Trustee for the Mexico Society, despite a dissenter’s objecting to the Mexico connection to SAR. The anti-Mexico delegate demanded to know “what specific provision of the bylaws” authorizes a “dual member” of SAR’s California and Mexico societies to serve as NSSAR trustees. The debate ended when Tony Bothwell Sr. replied, “The burden is on the objector to cite a contrary provision.”

CASSAR Plans Board of Managers Meeting

CASSAR’s Fall Board of Managers Meeting Fall is set for Nov. 3-6, 2011 in San Diego. See info and reservation form at <http://www.californiasar.org/events/>. The agenda includes resolutions that would change the computation of Life Membership dues paid by CASSAR and its chapters.