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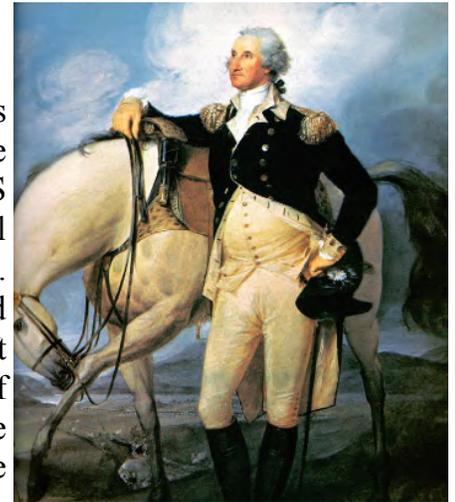


SPECIAL FEBRUARY MEETING ON WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY **9 AM, FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2013**

AT GEORGE WASHINGTON HIGH SCHOOL
600 32nd AVENUE (enter parking lot from 30th Avenue)

CELEBRATE WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY AT GEORGE WASHINGTON HIGH

Join SAR and DAR leaders in a celebration of George Washington's birthday 9:00 a.m. Friday, February 22. After generous snacks in the principal's conference room, we'll march together with the GWHS marching band. We'll hear a patriotic concert presented by the school band and choir. We'll present a wreath honoring our first U.S. president. We'll salute the flag presented by the Junior ROTC Color Guard. And hear brief remarks by GWHS, SAR and DAR speakers. Then we'll shift our base of operations and regroup for 12:00 noon lunch next to the golf course at the Presidio Café, 300 Finley Road (at the stop sign inside the Presidio's Arguello Gate). Parking is free. Bring cash for lunch. For the lunch, R.S.V.P Larry Wynne at rlwynne@astound.net.



Ratified by our forebears in 1789, the world's oldest written constitution has been a focus of intense debate throughout American history -- never more so than today. Attendees at our January meeting heard a Constitutional law professor speak on the Constitution. See page 2.

Father of our Country. The Lansdowne Portrait of George Washington, National Portrait Gallery, The Smithsonian Museum, Washington, D.C.

COMPATRIOTS BENNINGTON, DIEWERT, FARR AND THOMPSON ON BOARD!

Four Compatriots were inducted as new members of the San Francisco Chapter at our January 24 lunch meeting at Sinbad's on the Embarcadero. All four told us interesting tales about their Revolutionary ancestors – James Bennington, descendant of Daniel Cressy; David Diewert, descendant of James Stagg; Alan Farr, descendant of Ephraim Farr; and David Thompson, descendant of John Campbell. Our newest



National Historic Landmark. The Presidio Golf Course, site of Presidio Café, was designed by Robert Wood Johnstone, who expanded the course in collaboration with William McEwan in 1910.



members answered “*I do!*” when asked, “Do you affirm your patriotic ancestor’s faith in the principles of Liberty and our Constitutional Republic?” Sponsor Ed Sebree pinned the SAR rosette on Alan Farr; Dr. Herb Dedo pinned one on James Bennington; and Grant Noah on the lapels of David Diewert and Alan Thompson. Welcome aboard!

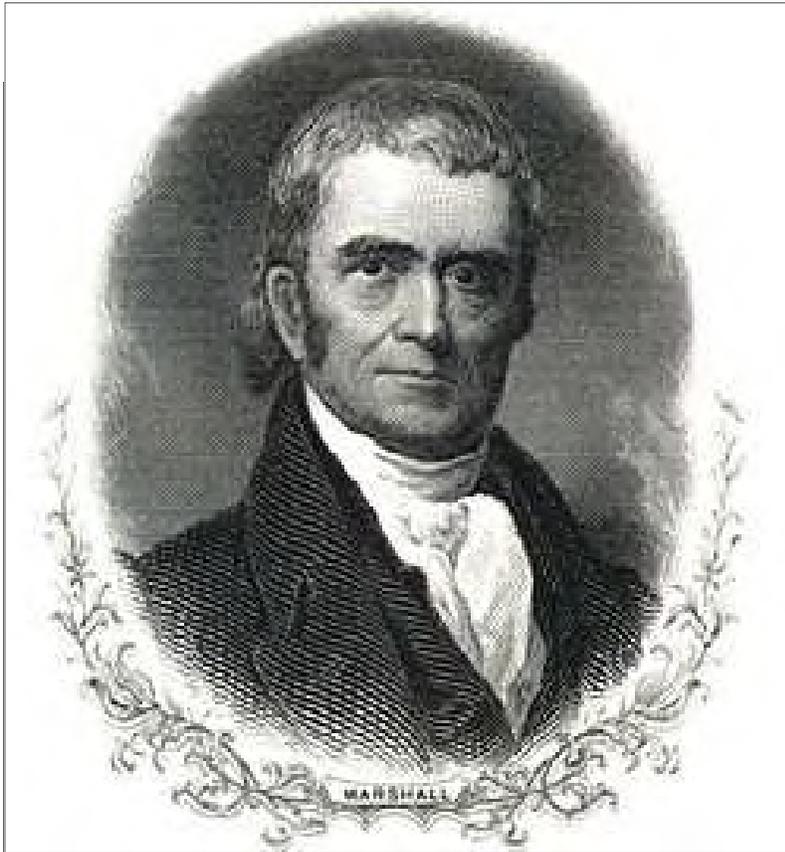


LAW PROFESSOR CONTRASTS JOHN MARSHALL, ANTONIN SCALIA

Myron Moskowitz, Golden Gate University law professor, presented an introductory lecture on Constitutional Law at our Jan. 24 chapter meeting. Prof. Moskowitz, who has lectured at universities around the world, explained that the Founders of our Nation feared government power and so created a system of checks and balances. He explained major theories of constitutional interpretation, ranging from the “change with the times” approach of Chief Justice John Marshall (appointed by President John Adams) to the “original meaning” doctrine of Senior Associate Justice Antonin Scalia (appointed by President Reagan).



Originalist. Justice Antonin Gregory Scalia



On the high court, 1801-1835.
Chief Justice John Marshall.

30% MEMBERSHIP GROWTH GOAL SET BY CHAPTER PRESIDENT

Three days after the U.S. President's inauguration in Washington, Tony Bothwell Sr. was inducted as SFSAR president for a new two-year term. "This seemed to be a good week for the swearing in of a president who was elected to a second term – and whose first lady wears bangs and is much more attractive than he is," Tony said as compatriots chuckled and our SFSAR First Lady Cindy Bothwell looked on. He promised to step up support for

Revolutionary War educational programs for teachers and young people; to give increased recognition to citizens who serve our Nation; to

continue cooperation with our DAR friends, and to achieve 30% growth of membership. Registrar Grant Noah noted that the number of SFSAR members increased by 26% from Jan. 1, 2011 to December 31, 2012. Tony reported that the chapter bank account balance as of Jan. 23 was \$4,750. One of the aims, he said, is to ensure that any members who forgot to pay dues on time do so now to show support for patriot forebears by being members. Modest \$70 annual dues include membership in the San Francisco Chapter, the California Society and the National Society of SAR. Dues should be paid to SFSAR care of the chapter treasurer, Jeff Harrison, 1373 Clay St. #19, San Francisco, CA 94109.

LIBERTY MEDAL PRESENTED TO COMPATRIOT GRANT NOAH

The SAR Liberty Medal, commemorating the restoration of the Statue of Liberty, reminds us all of our heritage of liberty and is presented for recruiting new members to SAR. The Liberty Medal and Certificate, issued by the National Society of SAR, was presented to Compatriot Grant at SFSAR's Jan. 24 meeting. The presentation was made by our chapter president, who also displayed a resolution by the Sonoma County Board of Supervisors that named Grant Noah "Veteran of the Year."

NEW OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS ARE INAUGURATED

Chaplain Marston Watson officiated at the swearing in of SFSAR officers and directors on Jan. 24. In addition to our Chaplain Marston and President Tony, those elected last November to serve in 2013-2014 are: 1st V.P.-Programs Chase Young, 2d V.P.-Membership Alexander Mitchell, Secretary Mark Decius, Asst. Secretary Rob Brown, Treasurer Jeff Harrison, Asst. Treasurer Jim Schuyler, Registrar Grant Noah, Historian Dr. Herb Dedo, Genealogist Rob Brown, Color Guard Bob Ebert, Editor Charles Likas, Chancellor Mike Phelps, Awards Chairman Ed Sebree, CASSAR & NSSAR Delegate Bob Ebert, and Chaplain Marston Watson. Two positions currently are vacant: Education Director, and Webmaster.

Did you know...?

* During the **Boston Tea Party**, a grand total of 342 boxes of tea were dumped into the ocean. After the act of rebellion had taken place, protesters swept the docks clean. The protest was so small and non-violent that it actually took quite a length of time “for anyone to realize what had been done because nothing had been destroyed except the tea being dumped. The realization came that something had happened when a new lock was sent to the captain to replace one that had been broken.” (Courtesy of <http://www.thefreeresource.com/10-facts-about-the-boston-tea-party-you-may-not-have-known>).

* During the subsequent American Revolution, **Deborah Sampson** disguised herself as a man so that she could fight. Following one of the many battles she fought in, Sampson found herself injured in the leg by a musket ball. To prevent medics from discovering that she was female, Sampson dug the musket ball out of her own leg, and continued fighting. (<http://www.examiner.com/article/our-odd-america-weird-facts-and-people-times-of-revolution>)