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## ***NEXT MEETING*** ***Thursday, March 26, 2015***

***SINBAD'S RESTAURANT, PIER 2, FISHERMAN'S WHARF***

***11.30 AM SOCIAL, 12.00 PM LUNCHEON MEETING.***

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### **A Message from the President**



Greetings Compatriots,

Spring has sprung and, while we know that we are desperate for rain, we can all enjoy the warming weather during this especially beautiful time of year in Northern California.

As this is the season of new beginnings, many of us will turn our attention to projects around the house that have needed our attention but that we just couldn't seem to get interested in tackling during the winter months. Perhaps, like me, you doing a little spring planting and spring cleaning around your home. Spalding and I are attending to all sorts of jobs that we put off the past few months while we enjoyed the holidays and spent the weekends relaxing rather than re-tooling. Although we can't really say that the

seasons have changed because spring looks exactly like the "winter" we just

finished, we seem to instinctively turn to the tasks at hand about this time each year when we move our clocks forward one hour.

In that spirit, I hope that we can all do a little “spring cleaning” to the benefit of our chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution. We are beginning the process of improving our presence on social media to more effectively reach out to a new audience and to maximize our exposure to potential new members. So what can each of us do to help grow our chapter just like the new flowers and shrubs you may have just planted in your yard? Let’s each commit to telling a few friends and a few new acquaintances that we meet this spring about SAR and encourage them to research their family history for a possible qualifying ancestor. Offer to help them in the process and invite someone interested in applying for membership to attend a meeting as your guest. Let’s share our pride and enthusiasm about this great lineage society with as many people as possible.

Like the new lustrum plants I just doused with Miracle Grow this weekend, we need to apply a little fertilizer to help our chapter continue to grow and to thrive as we honor our past and protect our future.

All the best,

*Dan*

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**SINBAD’S CONFIRMED FOR OUR MARCH 26 LUNCHEON MEETING**

The owners of Sinbad’s Restaurant have informed us that they are NOT closing the Restaurant until sometime in 2016. A report that the Pier 2 eatery was to be demolished this most has been denied. The owners have said that they plan to close the restaurant but not yet.

**BREAKING NEWS FROM GEORGE WASHINGTON**

Social media pages of **Dan Ashley** and ABC7 beamed breaking news from George Washington High School Feb. 18 where SAR and DAR leaders joined with students and teachers celebrating the Feb. 22, 1732 birth of the father of our country.

**From Dan Ashley's Channel 7 ABC News Facebook page:**

I had a nice experience today at George Washington High School in San Francisco. The local chapters of Sons of the American Revolution and Daughters of the American Revolution held an annual wreath laying observance for President's Day and George Washington's birthday.

It was so moving to see young people engaged in honoring our first President with student speeches and a patriotic song. I was honored to give the keynote remarks. I reminded the students that history is not just a class they take in school. It is from whence we came, defines where we are today, and can guide where we will be in the future. The statue of George Washington in the school is not just a central place to meet a friend, but something that should inspire.

Speaking for the adults in attendance today, it was inspiring to see so many bright young faces who clearly appreciated the chance to pause and remember the contributions of George Washington and so many others who literally created the country we are so fortunate to live in today.



*DAN ASHLEY ADDRESSES G.W. STUDENTS. The SFSAR President is flanked on the dais by (from left) Presidio DAR First Vice Regent Rebecca Pringle and Founding Regent Judy Kimball, Compatriots Bob Ebert, Chris Hays and Marston Watson, and Jane Sebree, a member of the Presidio and Puerta de Oro DAR chapters.*



*PATRIOTIC MUSIC played by the GWHS band. The George Washington birthday event was held on a Wednesday, Feb. 18 (a school day) because the 22nd fell on a Sunday this year.*



*GENERAL WASHINGTON'S STATUE is ceremoniously honored on or about each February 22nd. The statue is seen by G.W. students every day as they walk through the school lobby between classes.*

### **SPEAKERS AT THE GEORGE WASHINGTON CELEBRATION**

Our speakers included **Jerel Boromeo**, a veteran of the school's speech team, as well as GWHS Principal **Ericka Lovrin**, SFSAR President **Dan Ashley** and First Vice President **Chris Hays**. Also featured was a Revolutionary playlet starring Judy Kimball, founding regent, and **Rebecca Pringle**, First vice regent of Presidio Chapter, National Society of Daughters of the American Revolution. The school drum corps and color guard escorted visiting dignitaries along the esplanade and

into the main lobby where the proceedings were held. Earlier a Continental breakfast was set up in the principal's conference room. After the ceremonies, SAR and DAR members and guests assembled for lunch at the Presidio Cafe, with SFSAR President Dan Ashley presiding.

### **LOWELL, GALILEO STUDENT ORATORS ARE WINNERS**

**Amina Zaidi**, a student at San Francisco's Lowell High School, won first place and a \$500 award for her oration on America's Revolutionary principles in the age of the Internet. MiJia ("Major") Wen, a student at Galileo High School, won second place and a \$100 award for his patriotic oration. The SFSAR live speech contest was hosted by **Loan Ly**, a History teacher at Galileo H.S. Ms. Ly, who was 2 when her family fled Vietnam with other "boat people" after the fall of Saigon, is an alumna of the Valley Forge Freedoms Foundation Graduate Institute sponsored by SFSAR. Ms. Zaidi is eligible to compete in CASSAR's statewide oratorical contest. **Tony Bothwell Sr.**, immediate past president of SFSAR, resigned as chairman of the statewide contest after CASSAR President Jim Faulkinbury cancelled plans for the state-level live speech finals next month in Irvine; Compatriot Faulkinbury said a state winner will be chosen instead by judging flash drive videos. Ms. Zaidi will be invited to address a future meeting of SFSAR. If successful in the CASSAR competition, she will be invited to compete in the NSSAR live speech contest in St. Louis this summer.



**AMINA ZAIDI**, winner of the 2015 SFSAR Live Oration Contest on the American evolution. She gave an insightful talk on the Nation's Revolutionary heritage and the Internet.

### **MEDALS FOR DAN ASHLEY**

On Mar. 12 **President Dan** received his presidential ribbon and insignia from NSSAR. He also received SAR's special anniversary insignia inasmuch as he

applied for membership in 2014, the 125th year since NSSAR was founded in 1889. Although SFSAR was organized as Sires of the American Revolution in 1876 in San Francisco, the National Society of SAR was founded 13 years later. NSSAR was chartered by the U.S. Congress in 1906. The charter was signed by President Theodore Roosevelt.

## **SEE REVOLUTIONARY MEMORABILIA**

SAR's Silicon Valley Chapter announced **Richard Alexander** will lead a \$35 tour of his collection of about 50 American Revolution prints, etchings, busts and flags on display in his law office in San Jose on April 11. Details are available from Compatriot Jack Mallory at [tlbaia@comcast.net](mailto:tlbaia@comcast.net).

## **HOOP DANCER ON THE AIR**

**Prof. Edwardo F. Madril**, whose hoop dance electrified our Jan. 22 meeting, is hosting a monthly radio program on the American Indian on KPFA, 94.1 FM. On the air, he interviews notable American Indian people locally and nationally on Native issues and cultural activities. This semester he is teaching courses on American Indian religion, philosophy and oral literature, and a course on American Indians in U.S. History.

## **SFSAR ON THE WEB**

Chapter Webmaster **Keith Shuerholz** has been updating our website at [www.sfsar.webs.com](http://www.sfsar.webs.com). He has been active in the SAR Facebook operation. Above and beyond the call of duty, and with some help from his wife, he has fostered an SFSAR Facebook page featuring lots of interesting information about our chapter and the history of the American Revolution.

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Presentation by Cecilia Gaerlan  
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SFSAR Meeting, 26 March 2015  
Sinbad's Restaurant, Pier 2, San Francisco

**Cecilia Gaerlan**, Executive Director of the Bataan Legacy Historical Society, will speak about the historical significance of Bataan and World War II in the Philippines. Most people don't know that Manila became the second most devastated city in the world after Warsaw. Ms. Gaerlan's presentation centers on the defense of the Bataan Peninsula. In April 1942, US Army Gen. Edward King surrendered 75,000 US and Philippine troops, who were suffering from massive disease and starvation, to the Japanese. In what became known as the "Bataan Death March," they were forced to march 60 miles in searing heat with no food or water to their prison camp. Those who couldn't go on were beaten, bayoneted, shot, or decapitated. 10,000 Filipino and 750 American soldiers died along the way. 25,000 more died once inside their prison camp. But the defenders of Bataan disrupted the timetable of the Japanese Army and prevented them from reaching Australia, allowing the Allied Forces to harness the necessary resources that eventually turned the tide of war and led to their ultimate victory.