

**Sons of Liberty Chapter  
Sons of the American Revolution  
Special Edition for Applicants to SAR Membership**

## WHAT IS THE S.A.R. ?

The Sons of the American Revolution was incorporated on January 17<sup>th</sup>, 1890 in Connecticut and later Chartered by the United States Congress on June 9<sup>th</sup>, 1906. This charter was signed by President Theodore Roosevelt, a member of the S.A.R. In the 1880's a number of State Societies were formed around the Country. These were led by the "Sons of Revolutionary War Sires" which was formally organized on July 4<sup>th</sup>, 1876 in San Francisco. The California Society, S.A.R. has surviving documents that denote the organizing meeting in October 1875. The first National Congress was held on April 30<sup>th</sup>, 1890, in Louisville, Kentucky, which was the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of George Washington taking the oath of office as President of the United States of America.

The California Society, S.A.R. hosted the one hundredth anniversary of the founding of the Society and the bicentennial of Washington becoming President. Appropriately it took place in San Francisco where it began 100 years ago.

The purpose of the Sons of the American Revolution are declared by our constitution to be "Patriotic, Historical and Educational". This includes perpetuating the memory of our Revolutionary War ancestors; promoting fellowship among their descendants; inspiring the community with a reverence for the principals of government founded by our forefathers; encouraging historical research on the American Revolution; preserving the records of the Revolutionary War; marking

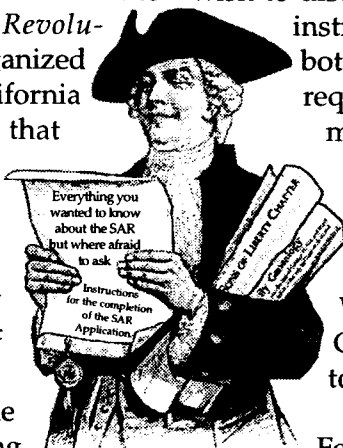
locations of Revolutionary War events and its soldiers; Celebrating anniversaries of major events of the Revolutionary War; maintaining and extending institution of American Freedom; and, unfortunately, leading the battle to preserve our precious heritage from those that wish to distort or destroy it. In this regard, we were instrumental in obtain unanimous approval of both Houses of Congress to pass a resolution requiring all institutions of higher learning to make classes in American History necessary for every degree!

The National Society maintains its headquarters in Louisville, Kentucky. There are fifty State Societies, including Washington, D.C. and Societies in England, Canada, France, Switzerland, Mexico, a total of 27,000 members.

Our Chapter was chartered as the San Fernando Valley Chapter in 1981. In 1995 we changed the name to the non-geographical "The Sons of Liberty Chapter", thereby eliminating the territorial restriction the former name place on the Chapter.

Since our chartering we have established a level of achievement that is the envy of chapters throughout the Country. Each year the National and State Societies conduct activity contests between all chapters in the state and country. The Sons of Liberty Chapter was honored with the National Best Chapter award in 1983, 1989, 1995 and 1996, an unheard of four times! The California Society, S.A.R. presented the Chapter its award in 1983, 1985, 1986, 1988, 1993. Our newsletter

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## THE S.A.R. WANTS YOU !

Sons of Liberty Chapter named best chapter in the SAR: 1983, 1989, 1995, 1996  
The Liberty Tree the best newsletter in the SAR, 1983, 1985, 1989, 1992, 1994 & 1999



The Sons of Liberty Chapter

# THE LIBERTY TREE

Special Applicants Edition

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## MEETING NOTICE



### Our Monthly Meeting

On the third Saturday of each month, with the exception of February and December, the Chapter holds a luncheon in the nicely appointed Tam O'Shanter Restaurant. At these meetings, business is kept to a bare minimum, and a guest speaker is provided. These speakers cover a wide variety of topics of interest to our members. American history, preservation of same, current events, genealogy among the subjects.

Since the chartering of our Chapter, we have never held a meetings without our ladies and guests being present. The Sons of Liberty Chapter strongly believes in family values, hence families and friends are always welcome.

This space in our newsletter is always devoted to meeting announcements. The Tam O'Shanter's address is 2980 Los Feliz Boulevard, Los Angeles (Atwater District) - a few blocks from Glendale with east access to the I-5 Freeway (only three spot lights east of it).

### THE LIBERTY TREE

The Liberty Tree" is the official Newsletter of the Sons of Liberty Chapter. The opinions express herein are those of the authors and not necessarily those of the National Society, California Society or of the Sons of Liberty Chapter. Donald N. Moran Editor, Mrs. Virginia Emrey, Assistant Editor; Mrs. Linda R. Moran and Elliott S. Graham photographers. The Liberty Tree was declared the Best Newsletter in the Society in 1983, 1985, 1989, 1992, 1994 and 1999.





**ULYSSES S. GRANT**



**RUTHERFORD HAYES**



**BENJAMIN HARRISON**



**WILLIAM MCKINLEY**



**Theodore Roosevelt**



**William Taft**



**Calvin Coolidge**



**Warren Harding**



**Herbert Hoover**



**Franklin Roosevelt**

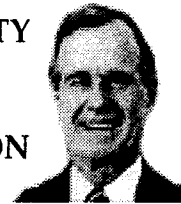


**Harry Truman**



**THE PRESIDENTS OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND**

**THE NATIONAL SOCIETY OF THE SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION**



**GEORGE H. BUSH**



**JIMMY CARTER**



**GERALD FORD**



**LYDON B. JOHNSON**



**DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER**

An important factor that has attracted men of all social and economic levels to join the Sons of the American Revolution is that the Society is thoroughly American; democratic; nonpartisan and nonsectarian. The qualifications are simply to be of good character and be a lineal descendant of a Patriot who served the cause of American independence during the Revolutionary War.

In the one hundred and twenty-six years our Society has been in existence, the S.A.R. membership rolls list 149,000 Compatriots. Station in life is not a factor for S.A.R. membership. However, the S.A.R. is justly proud of our Compatriots that have become or are, Presidents of the United States of America.

The importance of the Presidency of the United States has dramatically increased since George Washington, our first President. We would like to think that the patriotic ideals and goals of the Society

has influenced some of the decisions they have made.

Since our founding, in 1875, sixteen Presidents of the United States have been or are members of the S.A.R. Unfortunately, as a Society we have no provisions for honorary membership, hence Presidents John F. Kennedy and Ronald W. Reagan do not have the necessary Revolutionary War ancestry to attain S.A.R.

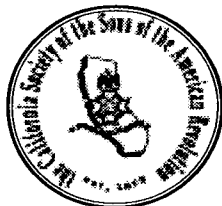


**GEORGE W. BUSH**

membership. Several other former Presidents had the required ancestry, but for reasons unknown did not join.

President Ulysses S. Grant, was not a member of the Sons of the American Revolution, but was a member of our parent organization, the Sons of Revolutionary War Sires. President Grant passed away before the S.A.R. was founded, but his membership in the Sons of Revolutionary War Sires would have automatically transferred his membership into the S.A.R., hence his inclusion in the roster of Presidents of the United States.

**NATIONAL, STATE AND CHAPTER  
ADMISSION FEES AND ANNUAL DUES**



**APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP FEES**

National application fee: .....	\$ 35.00
First years dues*: .....	20.00
California Society application fee: .....	10.00
Sons of Liberty Chapter application fee*: .....	25.00
First years dues: .....	10.00
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$100.00</b>

\* Dues are not prorated and are due on January 1<sup>st</sup> of year  
If membership is attained after November 1<sup>st</sup>, the member is exempt from paying dues the following year.

**APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP FEES FOR  
SONS, GRANDSONS, BROTHERS, NEPHEWS OR  
GRANDNEPHEWS OF S.A.R. MEMBERS**

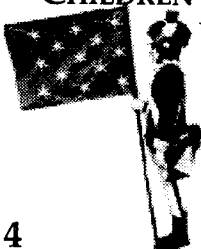
Who are between 18 and 25 years of age: .....	\$ 10.00
First year dues*: .....	20.00
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$ 30.00</b>

**APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP  
FOR MULTIPLE FAMILY MEMBERS**

(Multiple family members means more then one man joining at the same time, that are no more than two family links a part, i.e. father and son; grandfather and grandson; brothers.)

1 <sup>st</sup> Applicant Same as Regular membership .	\$100.00
plus	
2 <sup>nd</sup> Applicant's National application fee: .....	17.00
2 <sup>nd</sup> Applicant's First years dues*: .....	20.00
2 <sup>nd</sup> Applicant's California Society fee: .....	10.00
2 <sup>nd</sup> Applicant's Sons of Liberty Chapter fee*: ...	12.50
2 <sup>nd</sup> Applicant's First years dues: .....	10.00
For Each additional Family Member Total:	\$ 69.00

**APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP FEES FOR  
CHILDREN OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION  
WHO HAVE REACHED TWENTY-ONE  
YEARS OF AGE**



With CAR Transfer card: . . No charge

**DUES FOR DUAL MEMBERSHIP**

Chapter dual membership: . . . . \$15.00

**ANNUAL DUES**

Annual Dues are due in January  
(payable to the Sons of Liberty Chapter)

National Society .....	\$20.00
California Society .....	18.00
Sons of Liberty Chapter .....	15.00
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$ 53.00</b>

**LIFE MEMBERSHIPS**

Life membership are available for \$750.00 - payable in three annual installments. It exempts you for all future dues.

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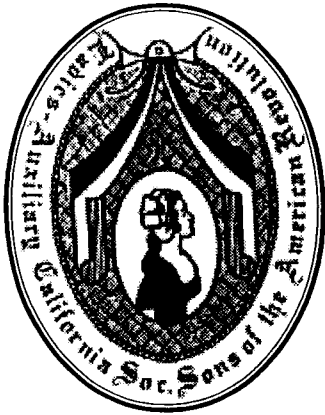
In 1993 and again in 2001, our George Washington Commemorative Massing of the Colors was awarded the National Historic Celebrations award. Your membership in the S.A.R. will assist us continue our efforts to preserve our precious heritage.

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**ACCEPTABLE REVOLUTIONARY WAR SERVICE**

The following Revolutionary War service of your ancestor is acceptable for S.A.R. Membership. A signer of the Declaration of Independence. Military Service. Participation in the Battle of Point Pleasant. Military, Patriotic or Civil Service from April 19<sup>th</sup>, 1775 to November 26<sup>th</sup>, 1783 (or any part of this time frame). Members of Committees made necessary by the war, including Committees established six months before the Battle of Point Pleasant (October 10<sup>th</sup>, 1774); Any pledges taken to support the cause of the colonies, such as signing the Oath of Fidelity and Support, the Oath of Allegiance; Articles of Association or the Association Test; Members of all Continental Congresses; Furnishing a substitute for military service; Signers of the Mechenburg Declaration - 1775; Albemarle, Virginia Declaration and similar declarations. Signers of petitions to and recognizing the authority of the Provisional and new State governments. Persons accepting obligations or acting under direction of the Provisional or new State governments, such as persons directed to hold elections, to oversee road construction, to collect provisions, etc. Members of the Boston Tea Party, Kaskaski Campaign; Galvez Expedition' Edenton Tea Party. Defenders of forts and the frontiers, rangers. Rendering material aid, such as furnishing supplies to the cause of independence. Soldiers in the Service of the King of Spain serving in the Southwest (California, Arizona, Nevada, New Mexico and Texas).

## THE S.A.R. IS A FAMILY AFFAIR



### THE LADIES AUXILIARY

Our ladies have an active role in the S.A.R. They are welcome to all our Chapter, State and National Meetings. The Ladies Auxiliary shares the objectives of the S.A.R. On July 4<sup>th</sup>, 1876 the S.A.R. was first organized as the "Sons of the Revolutionary War Sires". That organization included a ladies auxiliary. The objective of the Ladies Auxiliary are in common with the S.A.R., The direct their independent activities to further the stated objectives of the S.A.R. They encourage membership in the S.A.R., raise funds for their own programs, as well as those of the S.A.R. They provide S.A.R. wives, widows and women relations of S.A.R. members with a method of participation with the S.A.R. They promote a sorority for the ladies of the Society.

The S.A.R. has long recognized the contributions of the ladies. For many years the S.A.R. has presented the "Martha Washington Medal" to ladies who have been supportive of the objectives of the S.A.R. The "Medal of Appreciation" is presented to ladies who are members of the Daughters of the American Revolution. A third medal, the "Daughters of Liberty Medal" is presented to ladies who have been exceptionally helpful or are extraordinary patriotic. Since the reactivation of the Ladies Auxiliary in California the Sons of Liberty Chapter is extremely proud of the fact that we have three of our ladies serve as State President. Mrs. Donald (Linda) Moran, Mrs. Donald (Clarabelle) McLaughlin and Mrs. Robert (Virginia) Emrey.

Membership in the Ladies Auxiliary is limited to ladies who are wives, widows, mothers, daughters, sisters of S.A.R. Members.

There are no lineage requirements. The annual dues for the Auxiliary are \$ 5.00 or a life membership is available for \$100.00.

### OUR YOUTH PROGRAM

In 1985, our Chapter sponsored a resolution that resulted in the establishment of the "Youth Registration Program". This was a compromise to our efforts to eliminate the 18 year of age restriction that the Society has. It is the desire of our Chapter, and supported by many others, that all "males", regardless of age should be admitted into the Society.

We established the "Registration Program" wherein the sons, grandsons and nephews of our members were presented a certificate denoting their descent from a Revolutionary War patriot. It also showed their kinsmen who is a member of the Society, along with his National and State membership numbers. Since many of our wives are members of the Daughters of the

American Revolution, we include that information as well.

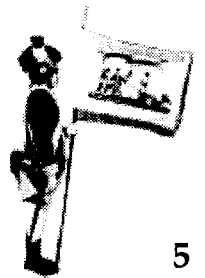
This program met with substantial approval. The Editor of our national publication, The SAR Magazine, published a copy of the "Certificate of Recognition we created. Unfortunately, it has not been as successful as we had hoped. It is not full S.A.R. membership, and has faltered.

In the Spring of 2001, we presented another proposal, again supporting full membership for our youngsters. This proposal, which includes auto-

matic membership in the Children of the American Revolution was immediately approved by the National Society Officers and the Executive Committee. It will be a topic for approval at the Annual Congress, which will be held in July of 2001 in Louisville, Kentucky. We believe it is important that our young know their heritage and their ties to the founding of this great Country. To know the blood of our Country's forefathers flows through your veins makes you appreciate your citizenship all the more.



THE S.A.R. ENCOURAGES LOVE OF OUR COUNTRY!



SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION PUBLICATIONS YOU WILL BE RECEIVING



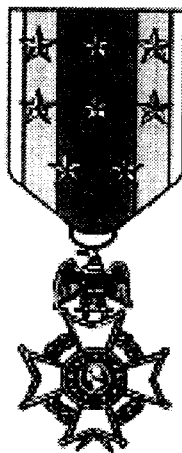
As a member of the Sons of Liberty Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution you will be regularly receiving two excellent newsletters and one magazine. The Chapter's publications, *The Liberty Tree*, is a monthly newsletter of 10 to 12 pages, It contains the meeting notice, information about Chapter activities and original historical articles. This newsletter as been named the best S.A.R. newsletter in the California Society several times and five times winner of the National Award, competing against hundreds of other Chapters. The second publication is the State

Society's newsletter, a full color *The California Compatriot*, a quarterly. It contains articles on the State's twenty-five Chapters, news about the State Society and original historical articles. In 1997 and 1999, it was named the "Best State Newsletter" in the National Society. *The S.A.R. Magazine*, considered to be the best lineage society Magazine in the County is also in color and is a quarters of some 48 - 56 pages. It contains a wealth of information about the National Society, State Societies and Chapters. It, too, contains original historical articles.



OUR SUPPLEMENTAL ANCESTOR PROGRAM

Unfortunately, a great many of the records of the American Revolution have not survived the ravages of time. Of those that have survived, few contain any genealogical information. The S.A.R., in its continuing effort to preserve our Revolutionary War heritage, has a long standing program which encourages our m which our members can document all of their Revolutionary War ancestors. This is the S.A.R.'s "Supplemental Ancestor Program". When you consider that today a typical member has had to trace his ancestry seven generations, and because each generation squares itself (2 - 4 - 8 - 16 - 32 - 64 - 128)



genealogical record to a Revolutionary War Patriot. This not only provides the a permanent repository for our Compatriots ancestry, but provides genealogical data for future generations. More importantly, the service of one more Revolutionary War soldier is documented and becomes a permanent public record.

The program requires the member to complete a "supplemental Ancestor Application", which is similar to the application for membership, and goes through the same approval cycle. A certificate is issued for each "Supplemental Ancestor" and the member is entitled to wear a small gold star on his membership medal ribbon drape for each one, as depicted to the left. There is a modest fee for each supplemental. We have Compatriots that have more than 30 approved supplementals, documenting most of their ancestral lines!



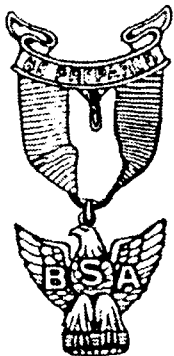
### S.A.R. PROGRAMS

The National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution has established numerous programs supporting Americanism and honoring those who are shining examples of the American way. Our Chapter

actively participates in some of these. To inform you of these important activities we have reprinted articles that have appeared in the Liberty Tree. In some instances a lead paragraph explaining the program has been added.



## OUR EAGLE SCOUT RECOGNITION PROGRAM



THE B.S.A.'s EAGLE SCOUT MEDAL

The National Society, S.A.R. has a fully funded program that honors Eagle Scouts. An Eagle Scout is selected by the Chapter for his accomplishments and the required essay on the American Revolution. He then competes at the State level. Each State selects one candidate who then competes at the National level, against the candidates from all fifty State Societies. The winner and the first runner up are brought by the National Society to our annual Congress, all expenses paid. A special luncheon, the winning Eagle Scout is presented a Check for \$5,000.00 and the first runner-up receives one for \$1,000.00.

years Annual Congress, for a five day vacation. At the Congress William was presented a check in the amount of \$5,000.00.

In the July edition of *The Liberty Tree* that followed the National Congress, we published a biography of young William. His numerous achievements took two full pages to list!



THE S.A.R.'s EAGLE SCOUT MEDAL

### EAGLE SCOUT WINNER WILLIAM LUGG

The Sons of Liberty Chapter's Eagle Scout Winner, William Thomas Armand Lugg, was declared our Chapter Winner. He was awarded the S.A.R.'s Eagle Scout patch, shown to the right, the S.A.R.'s Eagle Scout Medal, also shown to the right, and a certificate.



THE S.A.R.'s EAGLE SCOUT PATCH PRESENTED TO ALL EAGLE SCOUTS WHO PARTICIPATE

The California Society, S.A.R., declared this fine young man the winner of the State completion. He received an all expense paid trip to our annual State Meeting, held, that year, in Sunnyvale. There he was presented a beautiful 18 inch tall bronze eagle and the recognition of the entire State Society.

In June we were advised that William had won the National Completion and was declared the winner. He and his mother were awarded and all expense paid trip to Louisville, Kentucky, the site of that

Millions of boys belong to the Boy Scouts, but only a very small percentage have the initiative and leadership abilities to reach the rank of Eagle Scout - - these are the future leaders of our great Country. All four of the military academies report that fully half the young men attending are Eagle Scouts! This S.A.R. program honors those young men who are proven achievers and in whom we can pin out future hopes. The Society raised enough money to create a permanent fund to support the entire program, hence it costs our Chapter nothing to participate.

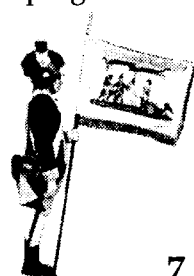
The State Society defrays the cost of bringing the State Winner and his parents to the State annual meeting.

Recognizing the Eagle Scouts is not at all easy - - the competition is extremely tough, and the level of accomplishments of these fine young Americans is extraordinary. Through this program we are helping some of these young men to continue their hard work and obtain a college education.

It is an honor for the Society to be able to recognize these Eagle Scouts.



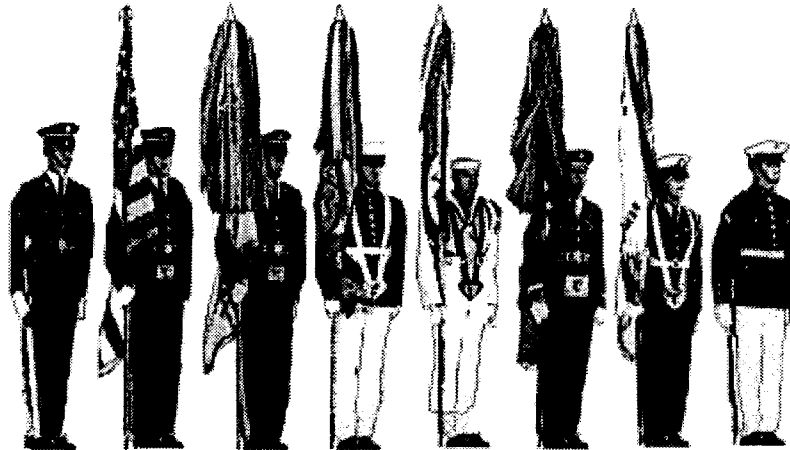
EAGLE SCOUT WILLIAM LUGG BEING PRESENTED THE SCHOLARSHIP CHECK BY PRESIDENT GENERAL JAMES WESTLAKE



THE SONS OF LIBERTY CHAPTER'S ROTC PROGRAM



THE SILVER ROTC MEDAL (COLLEGE)



THE BRONZE ROTC MEDAL (HIGH SCHOOL)

It is with a great deal of pride that the Sons of Liberty Chapter can write that we have been participating in the SAR's ROTC Awards program for nineteen years. Our program includes more ROTC Units than most Chapters, numbering thirty-three Senior and Junior ROTC Detachments.

The guidelines from our National Society dictate that the Commanding Officer of each Detachment select a cadet/midshipment who is chosen for a high degree of merit with respect to leadership qualities, military bearing and general overall excellence. The Commanding Officer is given full latitude in making the selection.

The size of the Sons of Liberty Chapter's ROTC program is made possible by the Walter G. Turnell ROTC Permanent Fund and the generosity of some of our fellow Compatriots.

As we are given the dates for the individual ROTC Detachment's "Dining Out" or "Awards Ceremony", we ask Compatriots living near that unit to volunteer to make the presentation. This is delightful duty - the ROTC Cadets are most deserving and for us, it is wonderful to see that the future of our great Country is in good hands.

SENIOR ROTC (UNIVERSITY / COLLEGE)

- Loyola University - Air Force ROTC
- University of California - Los Angeles -- Army ROTC
- University of California - Los Angeles Navy ROTC
- University of California - Los Angeles Air Force ROTC
- University of Southern California Army ROTC
- University of Southern California Navy ROTC



University of Southern California  
Air Force ROTC

JUNIOR ROTC (HIGH SCHOOL DETACHMENTS)

- Abraham Lincoln High School - - - - - Army JROTC
- Azusa High School - - - - - Army JROTC
- Belmont High School - - - - - Army JROTC
- Benjamin Franklin High School - - - Army JROTC
- Canoga Park High School - - - - - Air Force JROTC
- Crenshaw High School - - - - - Marine JROTC
- Crescenta Valley High School - - - - Air Force JROTC
- David Star Jordan High School - - - - Army JROTC
- El Camino Real High School - - - - - Navy JROTC
- El Rancho Unified High School - - - Marine JROTC
- Fairfax High School - - - - - Army JROTC
- George Washington High School - - - - Army JROTC
- Highland High School - - - - - Air Force JROTC
- Hollywood High School - - - - - Army JROTC
- James A. Garfield High School - - - - Army JROTC
- James Monroe High School - - - - - Army JROTC
- John H. Francis Polytechnic High School - - Air Force JROTC
- John F. Kennedy High School - - - - - Navy JROTC
- Los Angeles High School - - - - - Army JROTC
- Manual Arts High School - - - - - Army JROTC
- South Gate High School - - - - - Army JROTC
- Theodore Roosevelt High School - - - - Army JROTC
- Thomas Jefferson High School - - - - Army JROTC
- Valencia High School - - - - - Air Force JROTC
- Van Nuys High School - - - - - Army JROTC
- Woodrow Wilson High School - - - - Army JROTC

The Sons of Liberty Chapter intends to enhance our program by adding additional ROTC Detachments that are not yet in the program. There are several units not supported by the SAR in the County.

## THE SONS OF LIBERTY COLOR GUARD

### THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF'S GUARDS

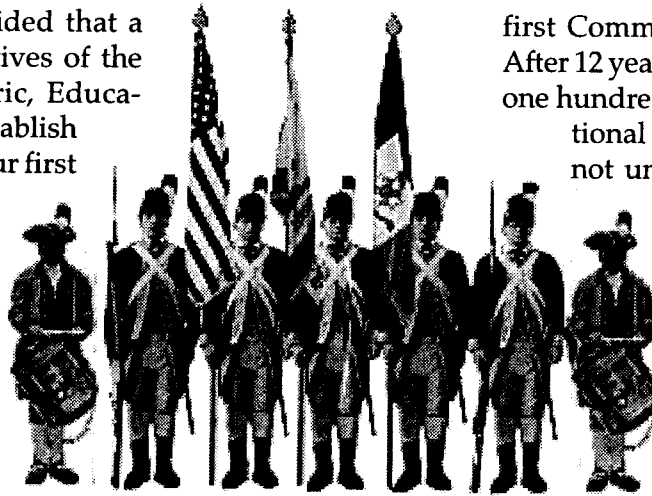
In 1983 the Chapter decided that a good way to meet the objectives of the S.A.R. declared to be Historic, Educational and Patriotic, was to establish a Continental color guard. Our first color guard was inter-service, Army, Navy, Marine and Commander-in-Chief's Guard. However, in 1995 we decided to eliminate the inter-service uniforms and make our color guard entirely Commander-in-Chief's Guards (General George Washington's Personal Guard). The three retired uniforms, are now on

permanent display at the National Society's Revolutionary War museum in Louisville, Kentucky. We also decided at as Sons of the American Revolution members we were obligated to deploy a historically correct Guard, and as a result we had museum quality uniforms made. This was expensive, but well worth the effort.

In addition to parades, Patriotic Society events, and living history presentations, the Guards have proven themselves, not only betraying one of the elite units of the American Revolution, but one of the elite units of today's S.A.R. and reenactment groups.

Our Guard has participated in living history presentations at the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library, Knott's Berry Farm, scores of schools, including the opening ceremonies at Liberty High School in Bakersfield. The Guard regularly participates in the ceremonies at State Society meetings and the National Society Trustees Meetings and Congresses. Our Color Guard's commander, has also served as the National Society's and State Society Color Guard Commander.

When we established our Color Guard back in 1983, there were seven color guards in the National Society; Five, Connecticut, Massachusetts, Maryland, New Jersey, Virginia, are State run color guards, and two were Chapters. The example we set, by participating at the National Congresses as a Chapter Color, led to the creation of the National Color Guard Committee, whose



THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF'S GUARD  
COLOR GUARD OF THE SONS OF LIBERTY CHAPTER

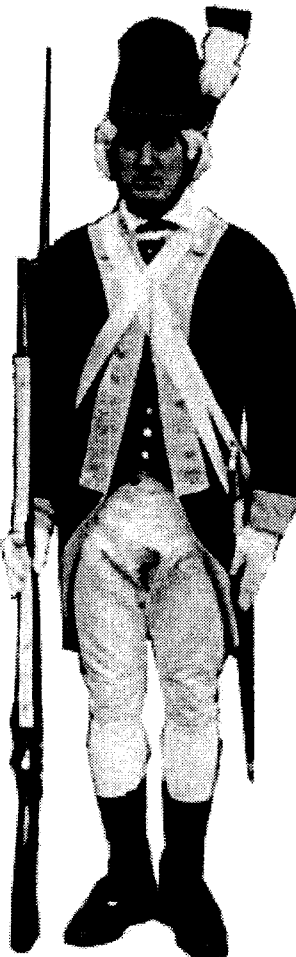
first Commander was from our Chapter. After 12 years, there are, at latest count, over one hundred and fifty! Today, at each National and State Society function, it is not uncommon for there to be more

than a dozen color guards participating! Our Color Guard, uniformed in the buff and blue of the Commander-in-Chief's Guard is an imposing sight. Each of the Guards wears a leather helmet, crested with bear skin, and a blue and white plume, a red vest, and is equipped with a short sword, bayonet, car-

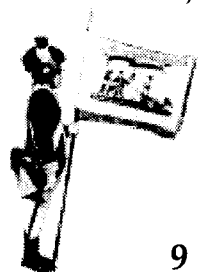
tridge box and canteen and black leggings. Two of the Guards carry muskets, while the other three carry flags.

The officer of the Guard, not depicted above, only carries a sword. The drummers, in the tradition of the Continental Army were regimental coats in the reverse colors of the detachment. Their coats are buff with lapels and cuffs, blue. Originally we had helmets made especially for the Guard, however in 2001 we were able to secure seven of the helmets used in the Movie, "The Patriot". These were far superior to the ones we had made.

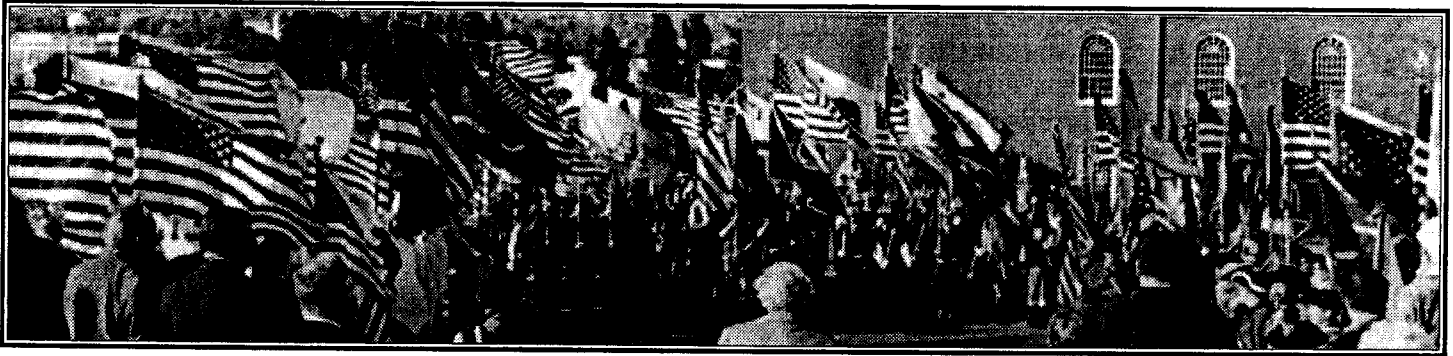
The Color Guard has participated in the Welcome Home Desert Storm parade, at Valley Forge, Philadelphia, Washington, D.C., Yorktown and several other cities. But, the most rewarding participating is in the living history programs put on by the Chapter in various elementary, middle and high schools. Presenting a "first person" living history account of the American Revolution, the student audience is provided a history lesson, strongly patriotic, that leaves a lasting impression. Through these presentations we are combating multiculturalism, and revisionist history. We are teaching our young people patriotism! At one High school, in front of 2,000 students, our Guard drew such applause as to make it clear, we are making a difference.



GUARDSMAN  
MARK GUJDA



## THE GEORGE WASHINGTON COMMEMORATIVE MASSING OF THE COLORS SPONSORED BY THE SONS OF LIBERTY CHAPTER, S.A.R.



FORTY-NINE COLOR GUARDS HONORING GEORGE WASHINGTON AT FOREST LAWN BY PARTICIPATING IN THE MASSING OF THE COLORS.

Soon after our Chapter was chartered we realized that there was nothing done in the Los Angeles area to commemorate George Washington's birth. At the same time the Federal Government was rearranging our national holidays by removing George Washington and Abraham Lincoln's holiday and creating the meaningless "President's Day".

We made arrangements with Forest Lawn Memorial Park to hold a ceremony at their sixty-foot tall monument to George Washington. This ceremony is a 'massing of the colors', wherein, color guards representing many organizations assemble and pay their respects. We have continued every year since.

Apparently a lot of Americans share our desire to honor the memory of George Washington - - the ceremony has grown every year since. At the 2001 ceremony, forty-nine color guards participated. Over sixty organizations were represented. It is the largest celebration of Washington birth held on the West Coast.

In 1993 and again in 2001, our Chapter was awarded the National Historic Celebrations award for our sponsorship of the George Washington Commemorative Massing of the Colors. We have also received

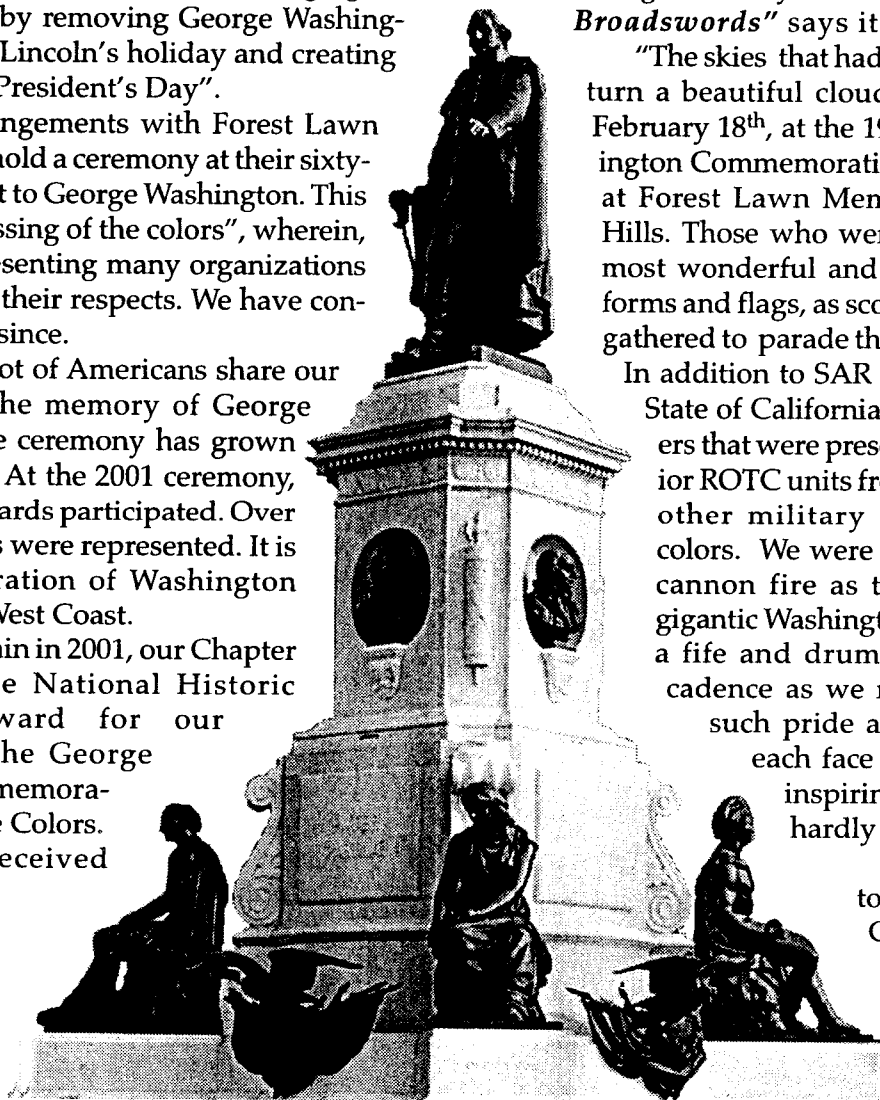
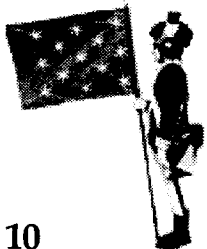
formal recognition from other patriotic organizations. Sometimes an 'outsiders' opinion of an event is worthy of being reprinted. The President's Message from the Orange County's newsletter, *Muskets and Broadswords*" says it all.

"The skies that had threatened so much rain, turn a beautiful cloud-filled blue on Sunday, February 18<sup>th</sup>, at the 19<sup>th</sup> Annual George Washington Commemorative Massing of the Colors at Forest Lawn Memorial Park, Hollywood Hills. Those who were in attendance saw the most wonderful and colorful display of uniforms and flags, as scores of patriots of all ages gathered to parade the colors we love so much.

In addition to SAR groups from all over the State of California, and several State officers that were present, there were many Junior ROTC units from area high schools and other military groups showing their colors. We were greeted with the road of cannon fire as the parade reached the gigantic Washington Monument, there was a fife and drum corps to help us keep cadence as we marched and there was such pride and privilege written on each face that was witness to this inspiring spectacle that I could hardly contain my joy.

This was my first time to attend the Massing of the Colors and it was most remarkable! I trust I shall never miss another one.

Louis Carlson,  
President  
Orange County  
Chapter' S.A.R.



THE SIXTY FOOT MONUMENT AT FOREST LAWN HONORING GEORGE WASHINGTON

## THE SONS OF LIBERTY CHAPER'S LIVING HISTORY PROGRAM

The lack of proper history education in our schools, prompted the Sons of Liberty Chapter, S.A.R. started a

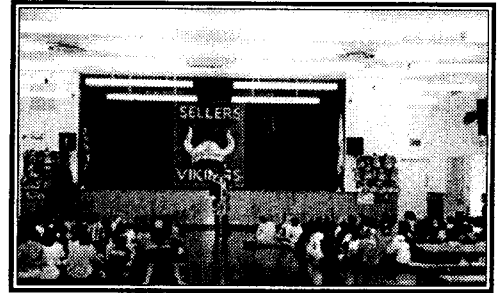
Washington, our uniforms, and day-to-day life in the continental army. Whenever possible, the living history



OUR GUARD AND MEMBERS OF MORGAN'S RANGERS PERFORMING AT THE REAGAN LIBRARY. OVER 10,000 PEOPLE ATTENDED!

living history program. Taking advantage of having museum quality uniforms we elected to do "first person" presentations. First person living history programs are basically, where our Chapter's reenactors portray individual members of the Commander-in-Chief's Guard, and make the entire presentation in character. This requires a lot of reading and practice, but the effort is unbelievably worth the effort. At first the presentations limited to lineage and genealogical society program meetings. At one, a member of the audience was a teacher and she requested that we done a program for her schools history class. That led to other school class presentation, which in turn lead to programs before entire school assemblies. One, at a high school was preformed for 2,500 students.

presentation is done by two or more Compatriots. An Officer and a Sergeant are the best combination. This allows for a little bantering and humor between the ranks.



AN OFFICER OF OUR GUARD PERFORMING A LIVING HISTORY PROGRAM BEFORE ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL STUDENTS

This widening of our programs resulted in our Guards being invited to participate at such locations as The Ronald Reagan Presidential Library, (on Independence Day we preformed for an estimated 10,000 people!); The Richard Nixon Presidential Library; The Revolutionary War encampment on the Fourth of July at Knott's Berry Farm; Boy Scout Jamborees and numerous other organized reenactments.



THE MEMBERS OF OUR GUARD PERFORMING A LIVING HISTORY PROGRAM

As time went by, the participating Compatriots became extremely well informed on the 18th century, and were able to participate in open question and answer session, wherein the entire presentation was based on audience participation. It was found that many members of the audience really got involved in the program. They would ask questions one would only ask an 'eye witness to an event'. As Revolutionary War soldiers, our living history reenactors often set the record straight, by challenging the many myths and legends of the American Revolution and the men and women who participated in it.

The most often questions asked by student and adult alike, are in regard to General George

This is not a unique program for the Sons of Liberty Chapter. Several of our neighboring Chapters also participate and at larger events, we frequently join forces. Additionally, we participate in some of these events with regular reenactment organizations, such as Morgan's Rangers Battalion and the British 33<sup>rd</sup> Regiment of Foot. The 'put on' debates, such as Militia versus Continentals, or British versus American soldiers, delight the audiences.

Besides the personal pleasure the members of these living history presentations enjoy, the most heart warming factor is the appreciation for the sacrifices made by our revolutionary War ancestors gained by the audience. We project a real sense of patriotism that immediate affects the audience.



AN OFFICER OF OUR GUARD AT A MIDDLE SCHOOL HISTORY CLASS



A GROUP OF OUR GUARDSMAN AND MILITIA AT THE REAGAN LIBRARY



## THE S.A.R.'S CITIZENSHIP AND SPECIAL AWARDS

The S.A.R. recognizes that a nation is its people. Those that perform services that personify "Americanism" should be acknowledged. It also understands that recognition from organizations is very much appreciated, hence it has created an array of awards (medals) to be presented to worthy citizens.



### THE S.A.R. WAR SERVICE MEDAL

The S.A.R. strongly believes that we are a free people because of the unselfish services of some of our citizens who answered the "call to

Arms" and joined the Armed Forces, fighting those who would enslave us.

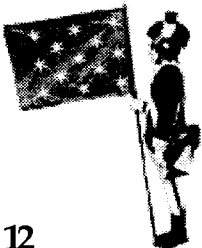
For those Americans, that are members of the Sons of the American Revolution, we present the S.A.R.'s War Service Medal. The ribbon bar on the ribbon drape denotes the war in which the Compatriot served. In this way the S.A.R. pays tribute to our Compatriot Veterans.

### THE S.A.R.'S GOOD CITIZENSHIP MEDALS

The S.A.R. established the Good Citizenship medals, in three categories, Bronze, Silver and Gold. The Bronze and Silver medals may be presented by Chapters and State Societies. The Gold is restricted to National Presentation only and is only given once or twice a year. Recipients of this Medal include Ronald Reagan, General Colin Powell, Juan Carlos, King of Spain, etc.

Our Chapter is very generous in presenting the Bronze Medal and present several each year. An example is herein provided. Four young boys, aged 9 and 10, from rural Stallion Springs, found a money clip containing a substantial amount of cash - the down payment on a piece of property. They saw the man drop it but he drove off before they could get his attention. All four boys walked into the only store in the town and told the owner what had happened. The citizen who dropped had just been

in the store and mentioned he was buying some land to build his retirement home on. The storekeeper called the local Realtor and learned his name, contacted him and later that day returned all his lost money. The man gave the boys a \$100. reward, and the S.A.R. stepped in and presented each



of the boys the Bronze Medal and certificate. The town Sheriff, Brad Barris, joined in the presentation. The local newspaper ran the story on page 1.

### THE S.A.R. LAW ENFORCEMENT MEDAL

The S.A.R. established the Law Enforcement Medal to honor those that protect us. The Chapter's last Law Enforcement Medal was presented to James Norman, and FBI agent that investigated and arrested Timothy McVeigh, the Oklahoma City bomber. Agent Norman was on the case from ten minutes after the bombing until the conviction. Other recipients have included Los Angeles Chief's of Police, Tom Redding, Darrel Gates and two of our own members that are retired Police Offices, Bill Semerau and Pat Flanagan.

### THE S.A.R. FIRE FIGHTERS MEDAL

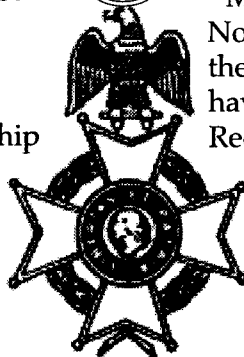
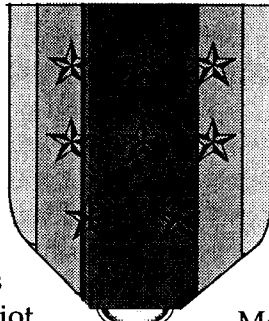
This is a newly created S.A.R. medal, which we will be presenting on a regular basis here in Southern California. We presented one medal to an off

duty Fireman who, while exercising saw a woman being attacked by two pit bulls. Wearing running shorts and a tank top, he had absolutely nothing to fight the vicious dogs, but picked up a newspaper and used it as a club, kept the dogs at bay until help arrived. The dogs were so vicious that the arriving police simply shot them.

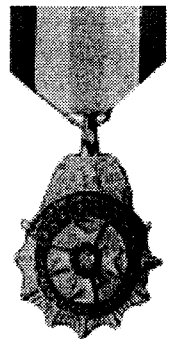
This presentation was made in the local Television station and was promptly broadcast.

We could list many examples of how many wonderful and selfless Americans there are in our community, but space will not permit it.

We encourage our Compatriots to keep an eye out for exceptional citizens who are deserving of recognition. Our Chapter keeps a small stock of medals and certificates with presentation folders available for instant use.



THE S.A.R. MEMBERSHIP MEDAL WITH EIGHT STARS FOR HAVING EIGHT PATRIOT ANCESTORS



## WORKSHEET FOR S.A.R. MEMBERSHIP

The Sons of Liberty Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution surveyed a number of applicants to membership and learned that the preparation of the membership application was very intimidating and the completion of the form the most difficult task asked of applicants. We also discovered that we were forced to reject numerous application forms because of errors made during preparation. It was therefore decided that it was wholly unfair to place such a burden on our applicants and elected to adopt a policy of application preparation on behalf of the applicant. In order to perform this service for you, we have prepared this detailed questionnaire, which, upon its return to use, we will use it for the basis of the completed of the required Sons of the American Revolution application form.

We ask only that you complete this questionnaire to the best of your ability and you need not concern yourself with every date and every place. Proofs are required to substantiate each generation. You need only use a pen or pencil.

When you have completed the five (5) page worksheet, separate them from the balance of "The SAR Wants You" and mail it along with copies of all the supporting documentation to our Chapter's Registrar or Secretary. Their addresses are shown at the bottom of the right column. Please include your check for processing and first years dues, in the amount of \$100.00, made out to the Sons of Liberty Chapter, S.A.R.

In the unlikely event that your documentation is found to be insufficient to substantiate your lineage you will receive a full refund.

### ACCEPTABLE EVIDENCE

Common sense is always a good rule to apply in genealogy. You will need a copy of your birth certificate or baptismal record, and the birth certificate or baptismal record of your parents. These should be submitted whenever possible. When birth or baptismal records are not available, a combination of other documents may be submitted consisting of the following.

Photocopies of an actual census record. Marriage records, Wills, Probate Records, etc. Land records, court

records in which relationships are mentioned; Bible records, either certified transcripts or photocopies, including a copy of the title page of the reference are a must.

Properly referenced family histories and genealogies may be accepted as evidence. When the reference is to an unpublished manuscript or record, it is to be listed in the references space and a photocopy furnished. When the family history or genealogy was written by the applicant or a member of his immediate family, copies of the sources used for the compilation must be furnished to verify the family history. If you are using

the application of a S.A.R. or D.A.R. relative to attain membership, you must submit a "Record Copy" of said application. The S.A.R. wants all lineages to be as correct as possible. Therefore you may be asked to supply missing information to complete the supporting application. This is particularly true on the older applications. If you have a questionable entry, signify that with a question mark (?).

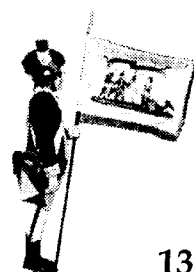
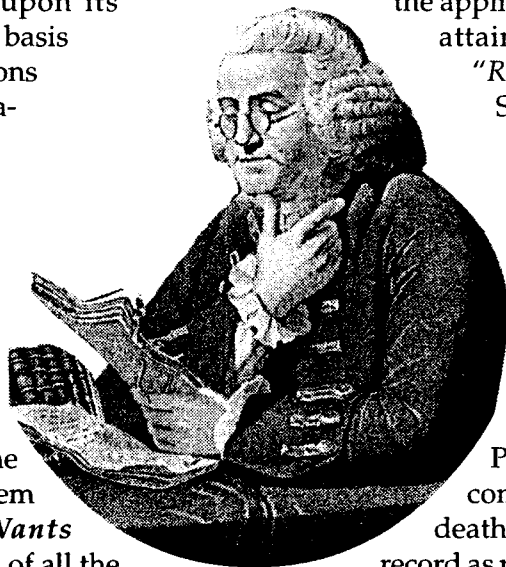
The record of the service of Patriot your ancestor should be as complete as possible. Dates of birth and death are very important. As complete a record as possible should be given regarding his military or civil service, including source information used. Photocopies of each supporting document are required.

If you require any assistance at all with any entry or substantiating it with acceptable proofs, feel free to make a notation to that effect. The Chapter will try and assist you with specific problems. We will do everything we can to assist you.

Berni K. Campbell, Registrar  
Sons of Liberty Chapter, S.A.R.  
31333 East Nine Drive  
Laguna Niguel, California 92677  
or

Donald Norman Moran, Secretary  
Sons of Liberty Chapter, S.A.R.  
17651 Arlington Place  
Tehachapi, California 93561-5300

Telephone Numbers and E-Mail Address can be found on page 2 of this Edition of the Liberty Tree.



# WORKSHEET FOR S.A.R. MEMBERSHIP

## GENERAL INFORMATION

Please Print in Ink

Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address

\_\_\_\_\_

City

State

Zip Code+4

Telephone ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

Home

Office

Fax ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Social Security Number (optional) \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation \_\_\_\_\_

Please afix  
a recent  
photograph of yourself  
(passport style picture if possible)

Date Photograph was taken \_\_\_ / \_\_\_ / \_\_\_

## APPLICANTS MILITARY SERVICE

Branch of Service: \_\_\_\_\_

From: \_\_\_ / \_\_\_ / \_\_\_ To: \_\_\_ / \_\_\_ / \_\_\_ Rank: \_\_\_\_\_

## FAMILY INFORMATION

Almost one third of our membership have joined because a relative was a member, therefore it is important (for future generations) to furnish family information

My first wife's name: \_\_\_\_\_

First

Middle

Last

She was born on: \_\_\_\_\_ She was born at: \_\_\_\_\_

Day Month Year

City,

County

State

We were married on: \_\_\_\_\_ We were married at: \_\_\_\_\_

Day Month Year

City

County

State

My 2<sup>nd</sup> wife's name: \_\_\_\_\_

First

Middle

Last

She was born on: \_\_\_\_\_ She was born at: \_\_\_\_\_

Day Month Year

City

County

State

We were married on: \_\_\_\_\_ We were married at: \_\_\_\_\_

Day Month Year

City

County

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## YOUR CHILDREN

	Child's Name	Date and Place of Birth
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2.		
3.		
4.		

WORKSHEET FOR S.A.R. MEMBERSHIP

**LINEAGE INFORMATION**

**YOUR FATHER**

**1<sup>st</sup> GENERATION**

**YOUR MOTHER**

Your Name \_\_\_\_\_

Her Name \_\_\_\_\_

Your Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Her Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Day Month Year

Day Month Year

Your Place of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Her Place of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

City County State

City County State

Your Date of Marriage \_\_\_\_\_

Her Date of Marriage \_\_\_\_\_

Day Month Year

Day Month Year

Your Place of Marriage \_\_\_\_\_

Her Place of Marriage \_\_\_\_\_

City County State

City County State

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**YOUR FATHER**

**2<sup>nd</sup> GENERATION**

**YOUR MOTHER**

His Name \_\_\_\_\_

Her Name \_\_\_\_\_

His Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Her Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Day Month Year

Day Month Year

His Place of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Her Place of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

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City County State

His Date of Marriage \_\_\_\_\_

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His Place of Marriage \_\_\_\_\_

Her Place of Marriage \_\_\_\_\_

City County State

City County State

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**YOUR GRANDFATHER**

**3<sup>rd</sup> GENERATION**

**YOUR GRANDMOTHER**

His Name \_\_\_\_\_

Her Name \_\_\_\_\_

His Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Her Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Day Month Year

Day Month Year

His Place of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Her Place of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

City County State

City County State

His Date of Marriage \_\_\_\_\_

Her Date of Marriage \_\_\_\_\_

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**LINEAGE INFORMATION**

**YOUR 1<sup>st</sup> GREAT GRANDFATHER** 4<sup>th</sup> GENERATION

**YOUR 1<sup>st</sup> GREAT GRANDMOTHER**

Your Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Your Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_  
                     Day           Month           Year  
 Your Place of Birth \_\_\_\_\_  
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Her Name \_\_\_\_\_  
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**YOUR 2<sup>nd</sup> GREAT GRANDFATHER** 5<sup>th</sup> GENERATION

**YOUR 2<sup>nd</sup> GREAT GRANDMOTHER**

His Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 His Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_  
                     Day           Month           Year  
 His Place of Birth \_\_\_\_\_  
                     City           County           State  
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**YOUR 3<sup>rd</sup> GREAT GRANDFATHER** 6<sup>th</sup> GENERATION

**YOUR 3<sup>rd</sup> GREAT GRANDMOTHER**

His Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 His Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_  
                     Day           Month           Year  
 His Place of Birth \_\_\_\_\_  
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**LINEAGE INFORMATION**

**YOUR 4<sup>th</sup> GREAT GRANDFATHER** 7<sup>th</sup> GENERATION

**YOUR 4<sup>th</sup> GREAT GRANDMOTHER**

Your Name \_\_\_\_\_

Your Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_  
 Day            Month            Year

Your Place of Birth \_\_\_\_\_  
 City            County            State

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Her Name \_\_\_\_\_

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**YOUR 5<sup>th</sup> GREAT GRANDFATHER** 8<sup>th</sup> GENERATION

**YOUR 5<sup>th</sup> GREAT GRANDMOTHER**

His Name \_\_\_\_\_

His Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_  
 Day            Month            Year

His Place of Birth \_\_\_\_\_  
 City            County            State

His Date of Marriage \_\_\_\_\_  
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**YOUR 6<sup>th</sup> GREAT GRANDFATHER** 9<sup>th</sup> GENERATION

**YOUR 6<sup>th</sup> GREAT GRANDMOTHER**

His Name \_\_\_\_\_

His Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_  
 Day            Month            Year

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LINEAGE INFORMATION  
MY REVOLUTIONARY WAR ANCESTOR

My Revolutionary War Ancestor is: \_\_\_\_\_

He served the cause of American Independence as (rank or service) \_\_\_\_\_

In Company Commanded by: \_\_\_\_\_

In Regiment Commanded by: \_\_\_\_\_

Additional Information on my Revolutionary War Ancestor: \_\_\_\_\_

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BURIAL INFORMATION

The S.A.R. has a program to record the locations of each Revolutionary War veteran's grave site. The Society has published an extensive listing of these historical sites. If possible, please enclose a photograph of your Revolutionary War ancestor's tombstone.

My Ancestor is buried in: \_\_\_\_\_ Cemetery, Tombstone location: \_\_\_\_\_

In the town of: \_\_\_\_\_ in the County of: \_\_\_\_\_ In the State of: \_\_\_\_\_

REFERENCES TO MY REVOLUTIONARY WAR ANCESTOR'S SERVICE

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**Note to Applicant**

**Please do not let this form intimidate you, if you have any questions or need some assistance, the Sons of Liberty Chapter, S.A.R. stands ready to help.**

