

The President's Message

By Chapter President Wayne A. Griswold



It is my great honor to announce that Gold Country Chapter's poster entry, submitted by Loomis Grammar School student, Hailey LeBar, took first place in the National Society's Americanism Elementary School Poster Competition. Hailey, 5th grade student in Ms. Karen Acosta's class, received the grand prize of \$300. She also received a beautifully framed certificate with a gold seal embossed with a minuteman with his musket in hand and signed by the society's President General David Appleby. Hailey's work, which competed against posters from across the United States, was her artistic expression of the 2008-09 poster theme, "Paul Revere's Ride." Her poster's journey began when it successfully competed against 383 poster entries at the chapter level, earning her chapter awards amounting to \$60. It then advanced to the California Society's competition where it was judged best in state, adding another \$150 to the pot. All told, the young artist's impressions earned a combined total of over \$500. Hailey's poster will be on display at NSSAR headquarters in Louisville, KY until June 30, 2010. Not too bad for a 5th grade student whose poster also earned extra classroom credit.

Gold Country Chapter received another form of nationwide recognition in July, thanks to the stellar performance of newsletter editor, Michael G. Lucas. Mike's newsletter entries were judged the "Most Outstanding Multiple Sheet Chapter Newsletter" in the

National Society's Carl F. Bessent chapter newsletter competition. He received a beautifully framed certificate and a check in the amount of \$200 from the National Society during the 119th Congress in Atlanta. Upon receipt of his financial award, Mike

endorsed his check and immediately turned his winnings over to the chapter. The Forty-Niner has been a constant source of compliments for the chapter and Mike's monthly series, A Patriot's Perspective, is often the first item read by newsletter recipients. He has granted permission to other chapter editors who are now publishing his perspectives on a regular basis. Remember to congratulate Mike the next time you see him and then say 'thanks' for the unending accolades that keep coming our way.

July had another first for the chapter since we just passed the century mark in membership. We now have 101 members – 84 regular members and 17 junior members!

A big thanks goes to all those who participated in July's two Independence Day parades. Many of our members, guests, and friends proudly waved our colorful display of red, white, and blue as they marched crowded streets amidst cheering droves of spectators in Colfax and Auburn. Thanks everyone!

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Calendar of Events

Saturday, August 1st Air Force Day, Fly the Flag!

Tuesday, August 4th Coast Guard Day, Fly the Flag!

Saturday, August 15th V-J Day, Fly the Flag!

Saturday, August 15th Regular Meeting, 9:00 A.M., Lou LaBonte's Restaurant, Auburn.

Monday, September 7th Labor Day, Fly the Flag!

Friday, September 11th
Patriot Day, Fly the Flag at half staff!

Sunday, September 13th Constitution Day Parade, 2:00 P.M., Nevada City. Potluck & short meeting following parade. *Note: This* will be our regular monthly meeting. Thursday, September 17th Constitution Day, Fly the Flag!

Friday, September 18th POW/MIA Recognition Day - Fly the Flag!

Saturday, September 19th Historic Flag Program, DAR, 11:00 A.M., Marriott Hotel, Fairfield.



The next Gold Country Chapter meeting is Saturday, August 15th at 9:00 A.M. Lou LaBonte's Restaurant, Auburn

The Gold Country Chapter's 2009 regular meetings will be held on the 3rd Saturday of each month except in May, September, and December. During these months special meeting dates occur in order to accommodate other Chapter or California Society activities. All regular meetings are held in the banquet room of Lou LaBonte's Restaurant, 13460 Lincoln Way, Auburn, (530) 885-9193, at 9:00AM. See you there!

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The submission deadline for the September edition of The Forty-Ningr is Friday, August 21, 2009.





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Tea Parties

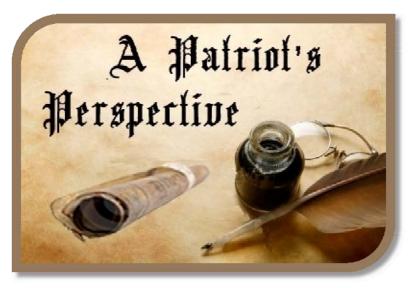
By Michael G. Lucas

It's been estimated that on April 15, 2009 more than a million Americans participated in over one thousand T.E.A. (Taxed Enough Already) Parties across the nation. This phenomenon was repeated again on July 4th. Organizers claim that America is on the brink of a new revolution. Participants were protesting huge new government programs which will reach deep into their pockets. They believe that these programs have created an economic burden on American families which threatens their welfare now

and well into the future. Time will tell whether these protests were a temporary means of venting anger or the beginning of a movement which permanently changes the landscape of our nation.

There does appear to be some parallels between the actions and attitudes of government today and those of *G*reat Britain prior to the Boston Tea Party of 1773. Like the British government of the 18th century, there seems to be an insatiable appetite for revenue to feed a large government bureaucracy, a willingness to bend the rules to raise revenue, and an inflexibility resulting in reluctance to compromise.

Excessive borrowing by our federal and state governments has reached an incomprehensible level that cannot be sustained indefinitely. Our state government has become so desperate in its quest for funds that it has even proposed the sale of prisons and facilities, including the Los Angeles Coliseum and Cal Expo. The same desperation faced the British government. After the overthrow of King James II in 1688, a large British bureaucracy emerged; expenses soared and an unprecedented national debt was incurred. Up until the early 1700's, taxes on land adequately provided the revenue needs for Britain; after that, more revenue sources had to be found. Excise taxes eventually replaced land as the greatest source of revenue. Customs duties on commerce were soon added. Even these sources became insufficient and the government soon grew increasingly dependent upon borrowing. The Seven Years War resulted in Britain having to service a huge debt along with the ongoing expense of administering the newly acquired North American territory. The British national debt exploded from £75,000 in 1756 to over £130,000,000 by 1764. A permanent force of 10,000 British troops, at the cost of £200,000 per year, was stationed in America for the stated purpose of preventing hostilities between the colonists and the Indians. George Grenville, the



Chancellor of the Exchequer, set a goal of making the colonies bear a cost of £78,000 per year through the Stamp Act of 1765. Grenville defended his act with the following statement: "This nation has run itself into an immense debt to give them protection; and now they are called upon to contribute a small share..." This act required official stamps for documents such as deeds, mortgages, and newspapers. The ensuing colonial boycott caused the economically depressed British merchants to pressure Parliament to repeal the Stamp Act. Parliament repealed it without a single stamp having ever been affixed to a colonial document. Parliament passed the Townshend Acts in 1767 which placed duties on imported goods such as glass, paint, oil, lead, paper, and tea. The goal of the Townshend Acts was to raise £40,000 per year. Again, due to the colonial boycotts, Parliament repealed the Townshend Acts with the exception of tax on tea. The goal was to raise £16,000 on tea. Our founding fathers knew full well that these taxes were the tip of the iceberg and they would never be able to satisfy the relentless revenue demands of London. The subsequent Boston Tea Party resulted in £18,000 worth of tea being hurled into the sea. In its aftermath, Parliament passed the Coercive Acts, known by the colonists as the Intolerable Acts. It closed Boston Harbor, restricted free assembly, limited democracy, established martial law, allowed British troops to be quartered in private buildings, and limited the colonial judicial system. The result was, of course, the American Revolutionary War.

Governments in recent years have become willing to play loose with the rules and have become driven by the philosophy that the ends justify the means. For example, California legislators recently proposed renaming taxes as fees so they could circumvent the law and easily pass a tax increase. At the federal level, our government seems to have forgotten our founding principle that there can be no taxation without representation. Yet we are saddling an unbelievable tax burden upon an unrepresented segment of the population

- unborn Americans and children who cannot vote. Likewise, the British government played loose with the rules. The British people, in the Magna Charta of 1215, gained the right that they could only be taxed by their elected representatives. However, when the American colonists protested that they were being taxed without representation, the British government justified it on the grounds that they had been given "virtual representation" in Parliament, whatever that meant. In addition, in 1688 the British Crown lost the right to convene and dissolve legislatures; to veto legislation; to create courts; and to appoint and remove judges. However, in the colonies, the Crown's appointed Royal governors were given such rights. The willingness of the British government to sidestep the rule of law ultimately resulted in war between our nations.

Americans are unhappy with an intransigence of the political parties and a lack of cooperation with each other. The chief criticism of the May 2009 propositions was that Californians wanted the legislature to work together to resolve the budget shortfall rather than using the expensive proposition approach. Most Americans seem to want the parties to tone down their rhetoric and somewhat soften their rigid reliance on party dogma. Likewise, the British government was unwilling to compromise one bit with the American colonists. The prevalent attitude was that Britain was the stern parent and America was the rebellious child. Whenever the child got out of line, harsh punishment would be the prescribed course. America took every possible step to avoid military action against the British Crown to no avail. The Second Continental Congress decided that the most prudent course of action was to make one last attempt at reconciliation with the British Crown. The Olive Branch Petition was written by Thomas Jefferson and John Dickinson. The document was approved on July 5, 1775, and sent to the King three days later. The petition humbly stated that the colonies desired fair taxes rather than independence. Various alternatives for reconciliation were presented. However, King George III arrogantly refused to even accept the document. As a result, the delegates had no choice but to ratify the Declaration of Independence and lead the nation to war.



As the saying goes, "Those who ignore history are bound to repeat it." I can only trust that our representatives become students of history and stay true to the principles of our founders. The pockets of America's taxpayers do have a bottom and there is a limit to the extent of debt that can be passed on to younger generations. Government cannot continue to grow year after year well beyond population increases and inflation rates. Americans will demand change to a government which plays loose with the rules and tramples their liberty.

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QUOTATIONS TO CONSIDER

A government big enough to give you everything you want is strong enough to take everything you have.

But with respect to future debt; would it not be wise and just for that nation to declare in the constitution that neither the legislature, nor the nation itself can validly contract more debt, than they may pay within their own age, or within the term of 19 years.

To preserve our independence, we must not let our rulers load us with perpetual debt.

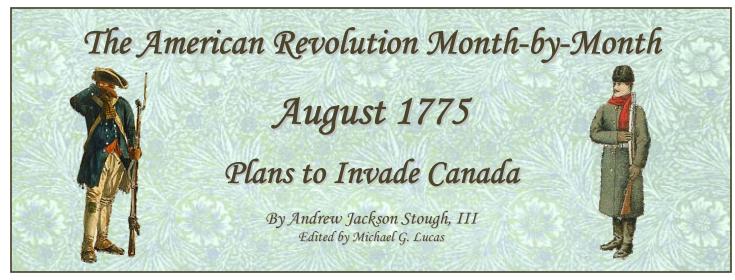
--- Thomas Jefferson

The federal government has taken too much tax money from the people, too much authority from the states, and too much liberty with the Constitution.

Government's view of the economy could be summed up in a few short phrases: If it moves, tax it. If it keeps moving, regulate it. And if it stops moving, subsidize it.

The taxpayer - that's someone who works for the federal government but doesn't have to take the civil service examination.

---Ronald Reagan



he idea of conquering Canada was not new to Congress in August of 1775. Detailed plans to conquer Canada had been advanced in the spring of that year as separate plans by Benedict Arnold and Ethan Allen. Congress had held off in the vain hope that Canada would join the rebellion. Once again, Congress disregarded the advice of military leaders in favor of their own plans.

Canada had been locked in by agreement with the London

Government at the time of the transfer of authority from France to England. Ouebec Act was merely a formalization of that agreement by which Canada was allowed to retain its French culture, the French language, and its Catholic faith, as well as a guarantee that the Ohio and Illinois territories would be reserved for the Canadians. Union with the colonies would give them but one vote among fourteen. as well discrimination against its Catholic religion by all but Catholic Maryland. also had tasted the military ability of the English colonies during the wars between England and France and feared military action against them without the protection of Great Britain.

Having settled in their mind the problems of a

Continental Army, Congress turned its attention to eliminating Canada as a British stronghold to the north. Congress wanted to prevent it being used as a base to launch an attack down the lakes and to the Hudson River Valley, thereby dividing the colonies into two separate divisions. To this end, in June of 1775 they instructed Major General Philip John Schuyler of New York to raise an army and take possession of Canada, using the approach from the Hudson River Valley to Montreal.

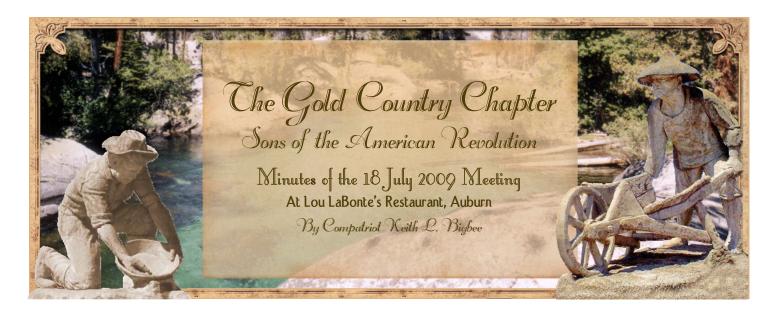


Major General Philip John Schuyler

Having wasted the spring and summer when an army would enjoy the most favorable conditions for combat. Congress now compounded that error by giving command of what would became the Northern Army to General Philip Schuyler. He was a good enough militia officer but was lacking the dash and fire needed to lead troops in such a large operation as the Canadian expedition. This was particularly true since an expedition equipping in August would have to not only fight the enemy but also the devastating forces of winter.

Reference: Robert Leckie's George Washington's War.

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resident Wayne Griswold called the meeting to order at 9:00 A.M. Bill A. Welch gave the Invocation, Ernie McPherson led The Pledge of Allegiance, and Mike Lucas led the Pledge to the SAR.

Attendance: President Griswold welcomed all the guests beginning with our guest speaker, Norm Root, and his lovely wife Ann. President Griswold also welcomed Joe Clark, a potential new member. He welcomed our guests as well as DAR members Coreena Ross, JoAnn Cupp, and Ann Young of the John Oldham Chapter; Io Beyer and

Winona Virgil of the Emigrant Trail Chapter; Janet Welch and Kelly Shuck of the Gold Trails Chapter.

Presentations: President Griswold presented Mike Lucas, Gold Country Chapter's Newsletter editor, with the beautifully framed Carl F. Bessent Award for the SAR's best multi-page newsletter. This is one of the annual awards presented at the SAR National Congress. In addition, Mike was presented a check for \$200.00, which he donated to the chapter.

Wayne presented the plaque for Hailey LaBar who took



Mike Lucas was presented the Carl F. Bessent Award.



Dave Gilliard was presented an Americanism Poster Contest Certificate of Commendation.

first place at the national level judging in the Americanism Poster Contest. In addition, Hailey will receive a U.S. Savings Bond in the amount of \$300.00. Gold Country Chapter also received a Certificate of Commendation for sponsoring the First Place poster.

Wayne then presented Bill A. Welch the Junior Membership Certificate for his grandson, Aaden. Aaden is our newest junior member.

Wayne Ford was presented with a Certificate of Appreciation for his outstanding Civil War presentation last October.

Reports:

Secretary: Acting Secretary Keith Bigbee had nothing new to report.

Treasurer: Bruce Choate reported we have \$2,693.00 in the checking account and a balance of \$15,954.00 in our Vanguard account.

Registrar: Smith Virgil passed out a sheet of current Membership Applications and Supplemental Applications. There are seven current applications including two Junior Memberships.

Color Guard: Dale Ross reported that there are several Color Guard events in the future: September 13th Constitution Day Parade in Nevada City, September 19th DAR Historic Flag Presentation in Fairfield, October 10th Columbus Day Parade in Colfax, and November 11th Veterans Day Parade in Auburn.

Guest Speaker: Dave Gilliard introduced the guest speaker Norm Root. Norm worked for the California Department of Transportation as a bridge engineer for 52 years. He is currently the President of the Lincoln Highway Association. Mr. Root gave a wonderful talk and slide presentation on the history of the Lincoln Highway, specifically from Truckee to Sacramento. There were numerous slides of various portions of the highway and bridges. There are portions of the highway which are now known as Lincoln Way, such as in front of Lou LaBonte's Restaurant. Photos of the original highway markers were shown. Most of these markers have been removed and are often for sale on eBay. The original markers were all placed on the same day by the Boy Scouts. Norm showed photos of military convoys travelling coast to coast on the Lincoln Highway. At the end of the presentation Vice President Gilliard presented Mr. Root with a Certificate of Appreciation.

National Congress Report: President Griswold gave a report on the National Congress in Atlanta. President General David Appleby blocked the issue of the DAR center checkmark on applications before it had a chance to be discussed. He appointed a Blue Ribbon Committee to research this issue. Wayne also reported on the proposed doubling of application fees to \$120.00. This proposal created a lot of contention. President Griswold went to the floor with an alternative proposal that National should increase the application fee to \$80.00. The motion was



Bill A. Welch was presented a Junior Membership Certificate for his grandson, Aaden.



Wayne Ford was presented a Certificate of Appreciation for his earlier presentation.

seconded and passed 175 in favor and 59 against.

Wayne also informed the Chapter about the Remnant Trust, an organization which holds original and early copies of some of history's greatest documents, including a Thirteenth Century copy of the Magna Charta and a copy of the original Declaration of Independence. The Remnant Trust is planning to display these documents at the SAR Headquarters in Louisville, after completion of the new building.

Unfinished Business: President Griswold drew attention to the agenda for the meeting. Wayne reported that he had received criticism about the format of our meetings. He proposed a new format for the future. President Griswold suggested we have business meetings the months of January, April and August. February, June, July, October, and November will provide more time both for socializing and for the guest speaker with the hope of gaining greater attendance. There will be a greater emphasis on advertising the guest speakers. The months of March, May, September, and December are already set aside as special meetings.

Earl Young and Dave Gilliard both raised concern that our programs may suffer due to the lack of reporting. Wayne indicated that this could all be worked out so there would be no negative effect on the programs. This proposal was voted on and approved unanimously by the attending membership.

Wayne reported that Coreena Ross would head up a committee to greet members and guests as they arrive for meetings. A signup sheet was also circulated to help with

the planning for the April 2010 Spring Meeting in Sacramento.

Dale Ross asked if the chapter would be willing to help with the Cub Scout Luncheon at Camp Beckworth again next year. He received a resounding affirmative.

Closing: President Griswold asked for a moment of silence in remembrance of our passed compatriots: Arlin Welch, Ted Holland, Andy Stough, Bud Marquette, Tom Reilly, Marion St. John, Charles Kemper, Bob Peebles, Bob Lancaster, Jim McDonald, Ozzie Offutt, Phil Slater, and Jonathan Cook. Earl Young gave the Benediction and Wayne led us in the SAR Recessional. President Griswold adjourned the meeting at 10:45A.M.

HAVE YOU CHECKED OUT OUR WEB SITE LATELY?

Have you heard historian David McCullough's speech entitled, "We Must Remember Them?" There is a link to it on our web site.

Have you seen a list of Gold Country Chapter's awards through the years?

Have you seen the photos in our photo gallery?

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Dale Ross displayed the poster of appreciation given to the chapter by the Cub Scouts.



Norm Root was presented a Certificate of Appreciation for his most interesting presentation.

GOLD COUNTRY CHAPTER IN THE NEWS



Second Edition for June 2009

Placer County Residents Honored

The Gold Country Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution honored students and citizens in Placer County at their Annual Awards Ceremony in Auburn on May 17th. Pictured from left to right are:



Julie Longtin of Weimar Hills School, Valley Forge Teacher Award; Tina England of Applegate, Bronze Good Citizenship Award; Hailey LeBar of Loomis Grammar School, Americanism Poster Contest, State winner; Louis Zirelli of Auburn, Heroism Medal; Krysti Johnson of Colfax, Bronze Good Citizenship Award; Amy Bradshaw of Weimar Hills School, Americanism Poster Contest, Chapter Winner; Officer Scott Alford, Auburn Police Department, Law Enforcement Commendation Medal award; Michael Miller of Colfax, Eagle Scout Scholarship and Knight Essay Contest Award; Mark Gentry of Auburn, Bronze Good Citizenship Award.



July 9, 2009



Sons of the Revolution members, including Smi Virgil , served as color guard for the parade.

Forty-Ningr JUDGED TOPS IN SAR

For the third year in a row Gold Country Chapter's Forty-Ningr came out on top of all SAR newsletters. At July's SAR National Congress, Gold Country's editor was awarded the Carl F. Bessent Award for the best multi-sheet newsletter. This award can only be given once every two years. Former editor Wayne Griswold won the Bessent Award two years ago. Last year our newsletter received Honorable Mention. Under Wayne's tutelage, Michael Lucas was able to continue the tradition. The Forty-Ningr was judged #1 in a field of about 200 entries







Gold Country Chapter

At Independence Day Parades!

Gold Country Chapter displayed its historic flag collection during two separate Independence Day parades. The first parade was on July 3rd as members and guests marched through Colfax. On the evening of July 4th, our marchers again exhilarated the crowds as they proudly carried their beautiful colors through the streets of Auburn. Leading the way were the bagpipes and drum. Thanks to these participants for honoring our nation and representing our chapter.

Those who took part in the parades were:

Compatriots Bill A. Welch, Keith Bigbee, Lyndell "Lindy" Virgil, Bill D. Welch, Smith "Smitty" Virgil, Barry Hopkins, Ernie McPherson, and Earl Young;

Ladies Auxiliary members Janet Welch, Sheryl Stowells, Cyndy Bigbee, and Ann Young;

Junior Members John Longtin, Nathaniel Stowells, Aaron Young, and Kyle Young;

Youth Registrant Kile Bigbee;

Guests Matthew Young, John Flury, Alex Douglas, Shane Young, Maya Longtin, and Tony Hines.











Gold Country Chapter

At the San Francisco Presidio Proclamation!

On June 27th Gold Country Chapter participated in the celebration of San Francisco's 233rd birthday and the founding of the San Francisco Presidio and Mission Dolores.

The California Society SAR's Vice President Western District-elect, Karl Jacobs read the proclamation written by the CASSAR, and presented the proclamation to the Executive Director of the Presidio Trust, the Los Californianos Society, and to the CASSAR Historian Jim Blauer. The proclamation will be framed and proudly displayed in the Presidio Museum by The Presidio Trust.

Representing Gold Country Chapter were Compatriots Wayne Griswold, Keith Bigbee, Barry Hopkins, and Dale Ross. Other SAR chapters participating in the ceremony were the Redwood Empire, Thomas Jefferson, Harbor, Sacramento, and South Coast Chapters.

This event now completes the CASSAR recognition of the many Patriots who served the cause of the American Revolution while in the Presidios and Missions in what is now the State of California. The Society has previously recognized the Patriots of the Presidios of Monterey, San Diego, and Santa Barbara in the State of California.

The National Park Service Mounted Police and The Castle Rock Arabians Mounted Units took part in the ceremony.









Gold Country Chapter

Represented at the 119th Congress!

President Wayne Griswold represented Gold Country Chapter at the 119th Congress during July 4-8th in Atlanta, Georgia.

Wayne was presented a
Certificate of Commendation for
Gold Country Chapter's efforts
for sponsoring the winning poster
in the Americanism Poster
Program. Shown is Hailey
LaBar's winning poster.

Wayne was also presented the William M. Melone Award for the California State Society for the most Children of the American Revolution activities.

Shown is the swearing in of Edward F. Butler, Sr. as SAR President General. Shown in this photo is what many consider the most valuable possession of our National Society, the George Washington ring engraved with the Washington family crest. It is an original signet ring owned by General Washington.

The 119th Congress Memorial Service was held at the First Baptist Church of Marietta on Sunday, July 5th.







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AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

Christine Anderson Cameron C. Baker Bryan W. Baxter Patricia Bigbee Joshua A. Brown Bruce N. Choate Maryanne Gilliard Elon-Martin Harmon Alan M. Hopkins Patricia Hopkins Conner F. Hopkins Erin Hopkins Phyllis McDonald Frederick "Fred" Schulenburg Sandra Sigg Robert "Bob" D. Sullivan Jeffery "Jeff" C. Virgil Phyliss Virgil Janet Welch



(2) Worksheet Returned

(3) Application Being Prepared

Genealogist's Report for August 1, 2009

Contributed by Chapter Genealogist Earl L. Young eysar@wildblue.net 🛷 (530) 346-9536

POTENTIAL MEMBERS							MEMBER SUPPLEMENTALS					
NAME	I	2,	3	4	5	6	NAME	3	4	5	6	
Baker, Malcolm E. (Thomas Baker)	Х	Х	Х				Gilliard, David A. (John Hoagland)	Х				
Blackburn, Thomas	Х	Х	Х				McClurg, Robert (Isaiah Bowker)	Х				
Bohmfalk, Fred (Silas Joy)	Х	Х	Х				McClurg, Robert (Rev. Benjamin Stone)	Х				
Clark, Joseph D. (John Dolson)	Х	Х	Х				Ross, Dale (Nicolas Bieber)	Х				
Davey, Steve	Х	Х	Х				Rowe, Andrew (Henry Allshouse)	Х	Х	Х	X	
Gaines, Ted (William Lee)	Х	Х	Х				Virgil, Smith (Keziah Mealman)	Х				
Hanley, Kenneth (Clark)	Х	Х	Х				Welch, John D. & William A. (Jeremiah Phillips)	Х	Х	Х	Α	
Hill, James (Andrew Hartsfield)	Х	Х	Х	Х			Welch, John D. & William A. (George Russell)	Х	Х	Х	Α	
Hines, Tony	Х	Х	Х									
Holland, Steve	Х											
Kopp, Aaron & Jerold (James Reed)	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х						
LaPlante, William J. (Simon Kenton)	Х						JUNIOR MEM	BER	S			
Lawson, Michael (William Dawes)	Х	Х	Х	Х			Manifor, Michael D. (Martin Severance)	Х	Х	Х		
Lawton, George M.	Х	Х	Х				Welch, Aaden D. (Josiah Seely)	Х	Х	Х	Х	
Liedstrand, David	Х						Young, Matthew J. (James French)	Х	Х	Х	Х	
Manifor, B., R., & S. (Martin Severance)	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х		,					
Manifor, Michael J. (Martin Severance)	Х	Х	Х	Х								
Ruth, Rex	Х											
Rogers, Michael (Charles Talbot)	Х											
White, George (Isaac Tillotson)	Х	Х	Х	Х								
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(5) Application Submitted

(6) Application Approved

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AUGUST'S GUEST SPEAKER



Circle August 15th on your calendar. And just to be sure, set two alarm clocks. Our August meeting will provide one of those rare opportunities to listen to a nationally recognized speaker, LCDR Ted Robinson. The title of Robinson's presentation will be "A Boat Called Florence." Movie director Steven Spielberg

was so impressed with this story that it is being considered for one of his feature films. It is the real life account of the greatest moment of individual courage witnessed by Robinson during WWII. It is the story of extreme courage while under fire from the least expected source under his command. The event took place when LCDR Robinson's Landing Ship Tank (LST) was attempting to retrieve an Army unit trapped behind enemy lines. Eyewitness

accounts, especially one of this caliber, will soon be lost to history. Everyone is encouraged to bring a guest to this presentation. It is recommended that you bring tissues to this meeting because there will be no dry eyes.

Robinson's memoir of his wartime service as a naval officer on PT boats and LSTs has been captured in his recently published book, *Water in My Veins: The Pauper Who Helped Save a President.* It includes his part in rescuing John F. Kennedy after PT 109 was sunk.

