



**The California Society  
of the  
Sons of the American Revolution**



**President**

**Annual Report for the 145th Spring Meeting of the Membership**

My thanks to all of you for bestowing your trust in me by electing me president of this society for 2019-2020! It has been the culmination of my fondest desires and expectations. Now, as I prepare to relinquish the reins of leadership to my eminently qualified successor, it is appropriate to review some of the highlights, and to thank those who have supported me through this year. I have been fortunate in being backed by an outstanding executive board, without whom I could not have functioned, and my heart-felt thanks goes to each one of you. My committee chairs have performed well and with due-diligence, for which I am grateful. We were blessed to fill our Spanish Liaison slot, giving us a full board, and my thanks to VPG Western District Jim Fosdyck for providing me potential candidates as openings occurred!

While the CASSAR 144<sup>th</sup> Spring meeting was a highlight, providing as it did my entrance to this position, the absolute highlight of the year was the national congress held in Costa Mesa this past July, being the epitome of perfection in many ways as so many have told me. My thanks to John Dodd, Steve Renouf, Kent Gregory and so many others who worked hard and diligently to make it the successful event it was. As always, our ladies of the Ladies Auxiliary have supported us well with the grace and positive attitudes only they can provide, and I thank them for their support.

In late March 2020, the directive to shelter in place due to the coronavirus COVID-19 pandemic was issued, forcing all to cancel public meetings and implement teleconference meetings. This has obviously caused a major disruption, but you have risen to the challenge!

Now, without further ado, a litany of events attended or conducted follows:

**2019 Events**

NSSAR 129<sup>th</sup> Congress, Costa Mesa, CA – 5-10 July

NSSAR Leadership, Louisville, KY:

Spring Leadership – 1-2 March

Fall Leadership – 20-21 September

CASSAR:

144<sup>th</sup> Spring Meeting of the Membership, Ventura, CA – 26-27 April

144<sup>th</sup> Fall Board of Managers, Irvine, CA – 1-2 November

Spirit of America Awards, Camarillo, CA – 12-13 June

Color Guard Events:

Massing of the Colors, Forest Lawn Hollywood Hills, CA – 17 February  
Field of Honor, Castaway Park, Costa Mesa, CA – 17-18 May  
Memorial Day, Cemetery Park, Ventura, CA – 27 May  
Ojai Parade with DAR, Ojai, CA – 4 July  
Veterans Parade with Santa Barbara Color Guard, Santa Barbara, CA – 9 November

Chapter Events:

General Patton Chapter, Ventura – attended ten meetings; currently chapter secretary.  
Sons of Liberty Chapter Officers Installation, Pasadena – 27 January.  
Orange County Chapter, Fullerton – 9 February.  
Sons of Liberty Chapter, Glendale – 23 March.  
Kern Chapter, Bakersfield – 8 June.  
Orange County picnic, Fountain Valley – 10 August.  
Santa Barbara Chapter, Santa Ynez – 26 October.  
Riverside Chapter 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, Riverside – 11 November.  
Coachella Valley Chapter 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, Rancho Mirage – 15 November.  
Santa Barbara Chapter Officers Installation, Santa Barbara – 16 November.  
Sons of Liberty Chapter, Glendale – 23 November.

Additional Events:

Memorial Service for Carol Reniger, wife of Gen Patton President Hal Reniger – 7 April.  
Vigil for Richard McMullen, Gen Patton Registrar, Woodland Hills – 4 November.

**2020 Events**

NSSAR Spring Leadership, Louisville, KY – 28-29 February.

CASSAR 145<sup>th</sup> Spring Meeting of the Membership, originally scheduled for Rancho Murieta, CA 17 – 18 April, became a teleconference meeting using Zoom on 18 April due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Color Guard Events:

Massing of the Colors, Forest Lawn Hollywood Hills – 16 February

Chapter Events:

General Patton Chapter, Ventura – attended two meetings.  
Kern Chapter Officers Installation, Bakersfield – 11 January.  
Santa Barbara Chapter, Solvang – 18 January.  
Sons of Liberty Chapter Officers Installation, Pasadena – 26 January.

Additional Events:

CA State DAR 112<sup>th</sup> Conference, San Ramon – 12 March.

Respectfully submitted

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President CASSAR