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H. Newell Williams elected Society's 61st President; Norman Marshall Honored

Congratulations are extended to Newell Williams who was elected and installed as the 61st President of the Sons of the Revolution in the State of California at the Society's Annual Meeting held January 27, 2001 at the Oakmont Country Club in Glendale, California. Following two highly successful terms as President, Norman S. Marshall was elected a President Emeritus of the Society and presented a sterling silver Past President's breast star. Newell, a long-time member of the Pennsylvania Society Sons of the Revolution, became a member of the California in February, 1995. After volunteering to assist with administrative duties for the Society, Newell held several positions of growing responsibilities culminating in his election as President. Newell brings with him a solid background of experience and leadership. After serving with the F.B.I., he had a distinguished career as a corporate counsel. Among his accomplishments was handling of the merger of the Atlantic and Richfield Oil Companies into the resulting corporate giant ARCO. Newell's son, Harold N. Williams, Jr., was admitted to membership in 1997.



2001 CALENDAR

Membership Luncheons

April 28, 2001

Patriot's Day Luncheon

July 7, 2001

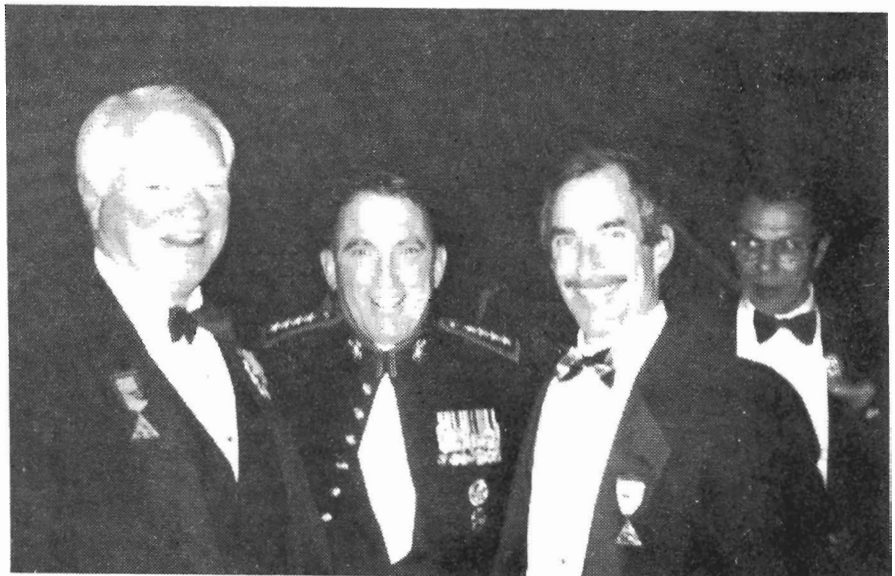
Independence Day Luncheon

October 20, 2001

Saratoga/Yorktown Day Luncheon

January 26, 2002

Annual Membership Luncheon



California S/R members Judge William W. Huss, Jr.; General Charles C. Krulak, 31st Commandant of the U.S. Marine Corps; and Richard H. Breithaupt, Jr., gather at the Annual Wallow of the Military Order of the Carabao.

Gentlemen, please mark the above dates in your calendars. Notices on each will be issued to all members.

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The Society and Its Library - Growing With the Times

The Sons of the Revolution Library, one of the largest of its kind, has for over 108 years remained the Society's primary public service to the community. While an aggressive acquisitions program continually adds new titles to the shelves, special gifts and bequests ensure the kind of growth and stability necessary to maintain its lead in the field. Recently, several significant gifts have enabled the Library to expand farther and faster than at any time in its history. Among these, the Society recently learned that it will receive a gift in the amount of \$50,000 from the estate of John L. Herrick, a President Emeritus of the Society. A quarter of a century after providing leadership to the Society, Jack Herrick has left a shining example for others to follow.



The Society's annual giving campaign, launched in 1998, has grown in receipts each year since and is becoming an important source of funding for the Library. In addition, over the past few years the Society has been fortunate to have received significant gifts from members of the Society, the general public, and in the form of bequests. It is a new era for the Society and the Library, which now competes in the charitable giving arena with a variety of other worthy causes.

For the second year in a row, in 2000 an anonymous donor contributed \$5,000 for the acquisition of new shelving, a display case and cabinets, expansion in the book and media collection, and other uses. The late Lansing Lytle Sayre, President Emeritus of the Society, left a gift at his passing which enabled the Society to acquire for its Library new computers for patron use and other needed equipment. The Society of Colonial Wars in the State of California, sharing the same rich history as the Society having been founded by the same men, contributed \$1,250 toward expansion of the Library's manuscript storage capabilities, and funded restoration of an oil painting of Arthur Benton.

Several book collections were received by the Society over the past two years, including an impressive collection of over 1,000 rare books on genealogy, early Americana and military history from the estate of Adelaide Bledsoe Cormack Kingman. Long active in hereditary societies, Mrs. Kingman was the daughter of Samuel Thomas Bledsoe (Calif. S/R #1850), wife of Bartlett Cormack (Calif. S/R #1879) and after his death Vice Admiral Howard Fithian Kingman (Calif. S/R #2227), and mother of Thomas Bledsoe Cormack (Calif. S/R #2219), who currently resides on the east coast.

The Library is continually acquiring new titles and enriching available resources to meet expanding patron needs. Last year the Library acquired an extensive collection of CD-ROMs for use by patrons conducting genealogical research utilizing computers installed on the main floor. These included nearly all titles available in the areas of genealogy, early colonial records, state records and the like. Since then, high-speed Internet access and subscription to leading on-line genealogical research sites was added to provide patrons easy access to the entire U.S. Census, 5,700 databases, 2,744 on-line books and 1 billion genealogical records. Copies of the actual pages from the 1790 and 1850 censuses are currently on-line, as is a substitute for the 1890 census destroyed by fire long ago. Each of remaining censuses will be available within the next few months. All of these records and references are searchable. Our patrons are also able to utilize a plethora of other Internet-based genealogical sources, including the records and research of various counties and state agencies, and genealogical/historical societies.

One thing never changes. It takes ever increasing amounts of money and resources to sustain the Library and expand its collections. The need for active fundraising has today become a necessity. The Society holds IRS tax exempt status pursuant to 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Contributions are tax deductible. We urge our members and friends to include the Society in their annual giving and estate planning.

John Lafayette Herrick 1908 - 2001

John Lafayette Herrick, President Emeritus of the Society, passed away at Pasadena, California on February 12, 2001. An investment executive, Mr. Herrick was born at Des Moines, Iowa, and educated at the Lawrenceville School, Princeton University and USC. His father, John P. Herrick was an oil producer and insurance executive, and his maternal grandfather, Lafayette Young, was publisher of the Des Moines Capital newspaper and U.S. Senator for Iowa. Following a career in banking and finance culminating in ten years as an account executive at Blyth & Company (later known as Paine Webber), upon the death of his father in 1961 Mr. Herrick left the firm to assume the full-time duties as executor of his father's estate. Jack's first wife, Grace, passed away in 1968. He married the former Elizabeth Edmundson in 1970, who survives him.

Elected to membership in 1949, Jack served the Society as its First Vice President and in 1975 was elected President. He was elected President Emeritus of the Society in 1987. Mr. Herrick served as Governor, Society of Colonial Wars in the State of California, 1964, and was the recipient of its Distinguished Service Medal in 1993.

New Acquisitions at the S/R Library

THE BARBOUR COLLECTION

The Society is pleased to announce the acquisition of some 40 volumes of the Barbour Collection, which consists of the transcription of all town vital records from the founding of Connecticut to the 1850s. Remaining volumes are on back order. For those conducting research on Connecticut ancestry this primary source material will be of great assistance.

Amongst the many other acquisitions added to the collection recently is a full set of The Complete Peerage by G.E.C., the definitive work on British peerage genealogy. This is of great assistance to those trying to trace their ancestry into the British aristocracy and royalty for possible admission to any of the varying lineage societies which focus on those ancestral lines.

New Members

Leigh M. Trowbridge, Sr.	June 27, 1998
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William H. Moore	June 27, 1998
William N. Moore	June 27, 1998
Paul W. Lawrence III	July 11, 1998
Kerry A. Davidson	July 11, 1998
Brett A. Landis	October 3, 1998
Brett A. MacDonald	October 3, 1998
Jay C. Wood	October 3, 1998
CDR Lockwood R. Eddy, USNR	October 3, 1998
Ben O. Millar	January 16, 1999
Charles A. Emerson	April 17, 1999
J. Michael Phelps, Esq.	April 17, 1999
Anthony R. Brown	April 17, 1999
Francis P. Powers, Jr., M.D.	June 26, 1999
Robert A. Lincoln, Ph.D.	June 26, 1999
Edwin J. Nagle	June 26, 1999
William J. Stewart, Esq.	June 26, 1999
Kenneth W. McPeck	July 10, 1999
J. Robert Bingham	October 23, 1999
Ramsey M. Tuell	October 23, 1999
Jeffrey A. DeYoung	October 23, 1999
Elliott S. Graham	January 15, 2000
Douglas R. Boyd, Esq.	January 15, 2000
Russell W. Brothers	January 15, 2000
R. Stephen Doan, Esq.	January 15, 2000
Leo J. Brewster	March 25, 2000
Frank B. Cannonito, Ph.D.	March 25, 2000
Rolland L. Brous	March 25, 2000
Lewis H. Height, Jr.	June 24, 2000
Larry D. Terhufen	June 24, 2000
John H. Rhodehamel	June 24, 2000
Wayne J. Rogers	June 24, 2000
Richard G. Hunter	September 30, 2000
Michael T. Balog	September 30, 2000
Richard G. Milner	September 30, 2000
G. Richard Stanford	September 30, 2000

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Pictured left to right are Marlene C. Huss, M.D.; Richard H. Breithaupt, Jr.; The Hon. Strom Thurmond, U.S. Senator from South Carolina and President Pro Tem of the United States Senate; and Judge William W. Huss, Jr.

IN MEMORIAM

Bluford Aubra Buzbee (#3234)

Born: August 10, 1899, in Indian Territory, OK
Died: April 7, 1998, in Mineral Wells, TX
The Society's last WWI veteran.

Maynard Arthur Coons (#2813)

Born: October 11, 1921, in Troy, NY
Died: November 12, 1998, in Bennington, VT
President of the Society, 1982 - 1983.

LTC Robert A. Goodpasture, AUS, Ret. (#2821)

Born: October 11, 1909, in Anita, IA
Died: February 15, 1997, in Placerville, CA

Harvey R. Hall (#3058)

Born: April 17, 1905, in Austin, MN
Died: October 2, 1998, in Los Angeles, CA

Charles Bradford Miller (#3021)

Born: April 11, 1921, in Crookston, MN
Died: May 6, 1999, in Idyllwild, CA
Secretary and Vice President of the Society.

Arthur Lewis Ogilvie (#3016)

Born: April 3, 1917, in Ramsey, IL
Died: October 17, 1997, in Palo Alto, CA

Harold Jackson Pontius (#3290)

Born: July 27, 1916, in Ames, IA
Died: May 27, 1999, in LaJolla, CA

Robert Moody Smith (#2939)

Born: February 15, 1915, in Mitchell Co., KS
Died: September 20, 1998, in Los Angeles, CA

Norman Frederick Sprague, Jr., M.D. (#2324)

Born: June 12, 1914, in Los Angeles, CA
Died: April 5, 1997, in Los Angeles, CA
Former Chairman, Cyprus Mines Corp.

Delmas Earl Watters (#2445)

Born: November 30, 1922, in Estill Springs, TN
Died: June 1998

Darrell Eugene Williams (#2954)

Born: December 10, 1927, in Van Nuys, CA
Died: February 15, 1999, in El Segundo, CA
Secretary of the Society, 1987 - 1990.

COL Harvey Gwynne Wolfe, USA, Ret. (#3036)

Born: May 15, 1911, in Denver, CO
Died: February 19, 1998
Marshal of the Society, 1987 - 1991.

Long Awaited Reference Now Available

AMERICAN SOCIETY MEDALS An Identification Guide

by

Lee E. Bishop, Jr. & J. Robert Elliott, II

320 Pages • 8½" X 11" • Hard-Bound w/Dust-Jacket

For those who have always wanted to learn more about the membership insignia of the varying lineage societies, the definitive reference on this subject is now available. This outstanding work contains nearly 650 high-resolution images of the membership and other medals of over 200 lineage, military and patriotic societies. It also covers the basic criteria for membership for each of the societies, along with historical notes, detailed information on variations, plus six pages of color ribbon charts and a comprehensive index. The authors are not only distinguished members of the Sons of the Revolution in the State of California but also two-term Past-Presidents of the Orders & Medals Society of America. Both have brought a combined 70 years of collecting experience to this project. The book is available for \$69.95, plus \$5.30 for postage and handling. California residents must add an additional \$5.75 for sales tax. Please direct all orders to: Lee E. Bishop, Jr., Post Office Box 3393, Santa Monica, CA 90408.

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MEMBERSHIP QUERIES

From time to time we hear from those interested in affiliating with the Society. Membership queries are welcomed and may be directed to The Membership Committee, Sons of the Revolution in the State of California, 600 So. Central Ave., Glendale, CA 91204. Office phone: (818) 240-1775. Invitation to join falls within the purview of the Board of Directors of the Society. The membership committee is privileged to make qualified recommendations.

"Honesty is the first chapter in the book of wisdom."

Thomas Jefferson