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in the State of California

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## Let Freedom Ring!!

You are invited to participate in the Nationwide Bell Ringing Ceremony — *Let Freedom Rings* scheduled for July 4, 1995. Former President George Bush will be announcing this nationwide Ring for Freedom on radio stations throughout the country. The California Society is recruiting church towers, court houses, shopping malls, state, county and city buildings, fire halls and carillons throughout the state to participate in this unique nationwide celebration.

The ceremony will be initiated from the Liberty Bell in Philadelphia and honors the original 13 colonies represented by the Signers of the Declaration of Independence. This tolling of bells is in support of a 1963 Congressional Resolution which calls for the ringing of bells 13 times at 2:00 p.m. EDT on the 4th. Last year more than 2,000 sites participated. The National Cathedral in Washington, D.C., Old North Church in Boston, MA, The Netherlands Carillon at Arlington National Cemetery, the USMA chapel at West Point, NY plus scores of famous carillons throughout the United States were among those who rang.

All ringing participants will be included on the National Bell Ringing "Roll of Honor" and will receive signed certificates suitable for framing. Members of the California Society can assist by recruiting sites. If you have one or more sites interested in participating, call Society President Rick Breithaupt who will provide you with further details and forward the name of the participant so that a suitable certificate of recognition can be prepared.



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# LUNCHEON A SUCCESS!

The Patriot's Day Luncheon was held on Saturday April 22, 1995. Approximately forty gentlemen and their wives were in attendance to hear guest speaker Dr. M. J. McCarthy, Col., USAF MC, who spoke about his recently published book *"To Lay Down One's Life for You, Brother"*. This work is a powerful fictionalized account of a retired Air Force colonel/combat surgeon and his real-life experiences during the Vietnam War. Written under the name of M. J. McCarthy, this 75,000-word book comprises a new and uplifting view of the U. S. and South Vietnamese life-and-death interaction described in a humanitarian narrative.

The author's background was most impressive. Born in Wales, Great Britain, studied at Oxford University and Edinburgh University, earning his M. D. and Ph.D. degrees. A brief two months after emigrating to America, Dr. McCarthy became an American citizen and was promptly drafted into the USAF Medical Corps. He was sent to South Vietnam where he ultimately served three tours as a combat surgeon (not to be confused with a MASH surgeon). Typical of his missions was to be flown to a forward combat zone where he was dropped to act as surgeon to a battalion under fire, etc. Soon after his arrival he soon earned the nickname "Dr. Resurrection" from his fellow servicemen.

Dr. McCarthy survived the War earning the Air Force Cross; two Silver Stars; the Distinguished Flying Cross; two Bronze Stars; four Purple Hearts; the Vietnamese Medal of Freedom w/Rosette; the Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry w/Palm Leaf and Swords; the Vietnamese Distinguished Flying Cross; and the Vietnamese Bronze Star, Fourth Class. Throughout his USAF career, he also was awarded the Distinguished Service Medal; the Legion of Merit; Meritorious Service Medal and Air Medal. All told, he was the recipient of over 40 decorations, service awards, Presidential citations and medical and aviation badges. His special qualifications include: Combat Surgeon; Medi-Vac Coordinating Officer; Assistant to the Surgeon General, USAF; and advisor to the Presidential Medical Security Team.

His talk was riveting and just a glimpse of his book, the first of a trilogy. It is a "must read" book and in many parallels the principles of our Society. An autographed copy of the book was presented to the Society and can be seen at the Library. As a tribute in respectful memory of those who laid down their lives for democracy, the author has appended to his book a complete listing of the over 58,000 names from the Vietnam Veterans Memorial. The book, costing \$14.95 is available through Spread the Word Publishing Co., Inc., 575 Anton Blvd 3rd Floor, Costa Mesa, CA 92636; or through Barnes & Noble and other retail outlets.

## SOME RECENT ACQUISITIONS AT OUR LIBRARY

The Maryland Militia in the Revolutionary War by S. E. Clements & F. E. Wright, 1994.  
So Far From God, The U.S. War With Mexico 1846-1848 by John S. D. Eisenhower, 1989.  
Westward of Ft. Cumberland edited by Mary K. Meyer, 1993.  
The Patriots at the Cowpens by B. G. Moss, 1991.  
The Patriots at Kings Mountain by B. G. Moss, 1990.  
Revolutionary Patriots of Anne Arundel Co., Md. by Henry C. Peden, Jr., 1992.  
Revolutionary Patriots of Cecil Co., Md. by Henry C. Peden, Jr., 1991.  
Revolutionary Patriots of Harford Co., Md. 1775-1783 by Henry C. Peden, Jr., 1991.  
The German Regiment of Md. & Pa. In the Cont'l. Army 1776-1781 by H. J. Retzer, 1991.  
The Pennsylvania Line, Regimental Organ. & Operations, 1775-1783 by John B. B. Trussell, 1993.  
Historical Atlas of the U. S. Navy. By Craig L. Symonds. U. S. Naval Institute, 1995.

**NEW MEMBERS ADMITTED**

March 8, 1995 - June 10, 1995

Date Admitted	State No.	Name
21 Mar 1995	3198-A	JAMES D. BOYLE, M.D.
01 Apr 1995	3199-L	RONALD G. LEE
01 Apr 1995	3200-JL	HENRY L. LEE, IV
01 Apr 1995	3201-L	JAMES F. BLAUER
22 Apr 1995	3202-A	ARTHUR H. JOHNSON
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06 May 1995	3205-L	MARK J. DINGER
06 May 1995	3206-A	HAROLD D. ESHELMAN
09 May 1995	3207-A	JOEL T. ROGERS
29 May 1995	3208-A	CRAIG C. TODD
10 Jun 1995	3209-A	PAUL E. OURY
10 Jun 1995	3210-A	RICHARD T. ROGERS

**CENTENNIAL REGISTER**

Entering its second century, the Sons of the Revolution in the State of California recently published its *Centennial Register* containing a listing of all members admitted during its first 100 years. This 1,300-page, hardbound work also includes the detailed Revolutionary War service records for each of the 4,000+ qualifying ancestors and supplementals submitted to the Society. Because California is an "immigrant state", this reference work contains an unusually broad cross section of Revolutionary War service records for patriots of each of the original colonies.

Additionally, the *Centennial Register* contains a collection of interesting information culled from rare and out of print sources. The Appendix contains a statistical analysis of Revolutionary War military casualties, alphabetical list of battles, listing of information pertaining to the State Conventions Ratifying the Constitution. There is also an interesting account of the California Society's five "Real Sons", men whose fathers actually fought in the Revolution, along with biographies of some fifty early members of the California Society, including many of the prominent early families of California.

Remaining stock is limited. To order, send your check in the amount of \$53.01 (includes sales tax and shipping) to: Centennial Register, P. O. Box 8454, Universal City, CA 91618-8454.

**THANK YOU  
MARGARET NORVELL**

We want to express our gratitude to Mrs. Margaret Norvell, who has provided fifteen year of volunteer service as a Library staff member.

**1995 Meeting Schedule****July 8, 1995**Independence Day Luncheon  
12:00 NOON**October 21, 1995**Saratoga/Yorktown/Constitution Luncheon  
12:00 NOON**January 13, 1996**Annual Meeting  
12:00 NOON

Unless noted, luncheons and meetings are held at Bullock's Department Store Restaurant, 401 South Lake Street, Pasadena, California. Friends and family welcome.

**Board Meetings**

June 10, 1995

September 30, 1995

January 6, 1996

10:00 A.M.

Sons of the Revolution Library  
Glendale, California**REPORT OF THE MARSHALL**

By Warner LeMenager

We are fortunate enough to be able to add some colour to our library. We now have twelve new historical flags ready for hanging in the Library. A historical summary of each of these flags will be published and will be posted on the wall for all to read. These flags are: 1.) Washington's Cruisers; 2.) Taunton Liberty Union; 3.) Betsy Ross; 4.) Bennington; 5.) Grand Union; 6.) Rhode Island Regiment; 7.) Moultrie; 8.) Gadsden; 9.) Philadelphia Lighthouse; 10.) Bunker Hill (Blue); 11.) 1st Continental Regiment; and 12.) Bedford.

**MEMBERS IN THE NEWS**

The Hon. **Alexander R. Early, III**, Third Vice President of our Society, was recently elected Vice President, Southern California Chapter, Society of the Cincinnati. **Charles E. Phebus** was elected a Gentleman of the Council, Order of Founders and Patriots of America in California. **Lee E. Bishop, Jr.** was elected a Gentleman of the Council, Society of Colonial Wars in the State of California. The Hon. **Raymond L. Drake** and **John R. Justice** both recently became members of the Military Order of the Loyal Legion. President Emeritus **John M. Wright, Jr.** was elected to membership in the Military Order of the Carabao. Society President **Richard H. Breithaupt, Jr.**, who currently is also serving as national Vice President, Aztec Club of 1847, recently was elected to membership in the Order of Three Crusades, 1096-1192. Congratulations to all of these fine men!!

## CAPTURED ON CORREGIDOR

Written by Society President Emeritus John M. Wright, Jr., this work has been highly praised. "Gripping. . . memorable. . . other survivors have published their stories but this is one of the most detailed and best written. . . recommended" *Liberty Journal*. "A poignant book. . . [for] young adults" *School Library Journal*. "Should be on everyone's bookshelf" Saber.

On graduating from West Point in 1940, Lt. John M. Wright, Jr. was assigned to Corregidor, Philippine Islands, as a young Lieutenant. Captured there by the Japanese, he endured three and one-half years of POW conditions described in subsequent war crimes trials as the worst of World War II. This book is built around a diary he smuggled through countless inspections during his imprisonment. A detailed account of the voyage of the "hellships" carrying prisoners from Manila to Japan; the disease, the hunger, and the different ways prisoners coped — or failed to cope — with their ordeal.

Jack retired with the rank of Lieutenant General while serving as Comptroller of the Army. The book can be purchased for \$26.95 (incl. shipping and handling) from: McFarland & Company, Inc., Box 611, Jefferson, NC 28640.

## DUES WERE DUE

Annual Dues to the Society in the amount of \$30.00 were due to the Secretary in January. Members who have not paid their dues have been dropped and need to reinstate with the Secretary by remitting their dues payment right away.

## NEW MEMBERS SOUGHT

The Society is always interested in learning of qualified gentlemen interested in being considered for membership. Members are encouraged to submit the names of their sons, nephews, uncles, fathers, grandsons, and friends to the Society. Membership queries should be directed to: John R. Justice, President Emeritus, P. O. Box 1749, Beverly Hills, CA 90213.

## MARK DENGER ELECTED

At the Society's June Board of Managers Meeting, Mark Denger was elected to the newly created post of Archivist. The Archivist will be joining the Library team headed by Library Director Edwin W. Coles and will be working with the Assistant Library Director John R. Justice on inventory and book acquisition projects.



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