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Society's Banner Year !!

1995 was a banner year for the Sons of the Revolution in the State of California which brought about more dramatic change than any year in recent memory. This was all possible due to the dedication of the Society's officers, Board members and others who volunteered thousands of hours of service to the Society as highlighted below.

The most visible sign of this effort is one that anyone visiting the Society's Headquarters and Library can see. The entire exterior of the building and all accouterments were painstakingly restored and painted, largely due to the efforts of Society Registrar-Archivist Mark Denger.



MARK J. DENGER

The Headquarters interior underwent major renovation as well. This work commenced with a careful review and repair of the building's electrical system completed by S/R President Breithaupt's brother-in-law, electrical and plumbing contractor Andrew Gaydos, himself a non-member, who volunteered four days service to the Society. His efforts corrected potential electrical and fire hazards, as well as the removal of bathroom and other plumbing fixtures, preparatory to the gutting of an old unused bathroom adjacent to the main office for reconfiguration as additional office space. This room, along with the main offices, were re-wired, painted and carpeted, providing the Society with functional and attractive space in which to conduct its day-to-day affairs.

Attractive period light-fan (Casablancatype) fixtures were added to the office

and Board room along with additional ceiling lighting in the reconfigured office space and Board room.

As of the date of printing of this issue, the Society has admitted fifty-seven gentlemen to membership this year, a record. Special recognition is given to S/R members Mark J. Denger and James W. Browning who were responsible for eleven

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SOME RECENT ACQUISITIONS AT OUR LIBRARY

<u>Abstract of Graves of Revolutionary War Patriots</u>. Patricia Law Hatcher. Four volumes. 1986. Alphabetical listing containing grave location of 258,500 Revolutionary War patriots. This is a must see work painstakingly produced in conjunction with the D.A.R.

Ancestors of American Presidents, First Authoritative Edition, by Gary Boyd Roberts; Carl Boyer, 3rd, Santa Clarita, CA, 1995.

"The Ancient City," A History of Annapolis, in Maryland, 1649-1887, by Elihu S. Riley, Clearfield Co., Baltimore, 1995 reprint of 1887 publication.

<u>Annals of The Fowler Family</u>, by Mrs. James J. Arthur; Higginson Book Co., Salem, MA, recent reprint of 1901 work. Donated by **Richard D. Holmes**.

<u>Barbados Records, Marriages 1643-1800</u>, by Joanne M. Sanders, two volumes, Sanders Historical Publications, Houston, 1982. Note: Our library already has the volume on Baptisms, 1637-1800.

<u>Barbados Records, Wills and Administrations</u>, Vol. 2, 1681-1700, by Joanne M. Sanders, Sanders Historical Publications. Note: Our library already has Vol. 1, Wills and Administrations, for the period 1639-1680.

<u>Barbados Records, Wills and Administrations</u>, Vol. 3, 1701-1725, by Joanne M. Sanders, Sander Historical Publications, 1981. Note: Our library also already has <u>Genealogies of Barbados Families</u>, by James C. Brandow, Genealogical Publishing Co., Baltimore, 1983.

The Battle of Santa Clara, by Dorothy F. Regnery; Smith & McKay Printing Co., San Jose, CA, 1978. Note: The only battle in northern Calif. During the Mexican War.

A Century of Patriots, by Marvin K. Heffner, Sons of the Revolution in the State of Virginia, Richmond, 1995. This centennial history (1895-1995) of the Sons in Virginia was donated by the Editor, Marvin K. Heffner, on behalf of the Sons of the Revolution in the State of Virginia.

<u>The Decatur Genealogy</u>, by Wm. Decatur Parsons, New York, 1921. Note: This is the family of Commodore Stephen Decatur, U.S.N.

The Descendants of George Holmes of Roxbury, 1594-1908, by John Holmes, Higginson Book Co., Salem, MA, reprint of 1908 publication. Donated by **Richard D. Holmes**.

Everybody's Man, A Biography of Jimmy Stewart, by Jhan Robbins, G. P. Putnam's Sons, New York, 1985. Note: Mr. Stewart, the subject of this biography, is a member of our Society here in California.

The Founders of Anne Arundel and Howard Counties, Maryland, by J. D. Warfield, Heritage Books, Bowie, MD, 1995 reprint of 1905 work.

Genealogical History of Samuell Hartt, Nicholas Hart, Isaac Hart, etc., by James M. Hart, Higginson Book Co., Salem, MA, reprint of 1903 publication. Donated by **Richard D. Holmes**.

Genealogy & History of The Hatch Family, compiled by The Hatch Genealogical Society, two volumes, Salt Lake City, 1925, donated by **Richard D. Holmes**. Note: This work focuses on the descendants of Thomas Hatch of Dorchester, Yarmouth & Barnstable, MA.

Gerald Ford and the Future of the Presidency, by J. F. terHorst, The Third Press, New York, 1974. Note: Former U. S. President Gerald R. Ford, the subject of this biography, is a member of our Society here in California.

Thomas Hatch of Barnstable & Some of His Descendants, by Charles L. Pack; The Society of Colonial Wars in the State of New Jersey, Newark, 1930, donated by **Richard D. Holmes**.

To the Halls of the Montezumas, by Robert W. Johannsen, Oxford Univ. Press, New York, 1985. Note: A history of the Mexican War.

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DID YOU KNOW THAT...

George Washington was a French General for twice as long as he was an American General? Washington was appointed a Lieutenant General in the French Army in 1779 by King Louis XVI. This step was taken by the French Monarch in order that the Count de Rochambeau, who was sent to America in command of French troops, might serve under Washington without embarrassment. Since the commission was never canceled, Washington remained a Lieutenant General of the French Army until his death.

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and eight new members, respectively. This newsletter, new brochures, correspondence and other paperwork has been greatly aided by a newly acquired computer system which was installed in February.

The Society acquired, via purchase or donation. a total of 321 books for its ever-expanding Library. Of this total, 97 books were donated by members and friends of the Library. Special thanks are extended to several non-member volunteers who contributed a significant number of hours to the Library this past year: Mary Hamilton, Robert Steen, David Grindell, Nancy Merrill, Lu Ann Darling and Margaret Norvell. Society Genealogist Gerald E. Ames, Sr. was a leader among the many members who volunteered a significant number of hours at the Library. Librarian Ann Coe completed yet another year of dedicated and faithful service for which the Society is grateful. During the year, your officers worked to finalize a plan to launch a Friends of the Library support group which will be inaugurated in 1996.

Over Labor Day weekend, four Society members contributed over 200 man-hours at the Library re-arranging the Library stacks to accommodate the expanding collection.

Society Marshall Warner LeMenager completed a significant project, the research, purchase and installation of a Revolutionary War era flags exhibit containing sixteen authentic reproduction flags, each 3' x 5' or larger. Accompanying each flag is an brief informative history researched and produced by Mr. LeMenager. Additionally, in concert with Mr. Denger, the Society's flag staffs affixed to the front of the Headquarters and Library Building were restored.

It's been a banner year!!



Lt. Gen. Charles H. Terhune, Jr. Elected

Lt. Gen. Charles H. Terhune, Jr., USAF (Ret.) was elected to membership in the Society on November 7, 1995 by right of descent from Sgt. Garret Terhune, Seeley's Regiment, NJ Militia. After graduating with a B. S. in Mechanical Engineering from Purdue in 1938 he earned a commission as a second lieutenant and pilot in the U. S. Army Air Corps. Completing studies at California Institute of Technology in 1941, then Lt. Terhune became involved in the Army's early development of jet aircraft as a Fighter Project Officer in the Air Corps Engineering Division. In November, 1943 he was one of the pilots selected to fly the Army's then top secret first jet-powered fighter, the Bell P-59 equipped with England's H-1 engine, during its first three months of testing under project officer Henry "Hap" Arnold at Muroc Dry Lake, now the site of Edwards AFB and the Space Shuttle landings. Gen. Terhune remarked: "It wasn't very fast. You landed at 110 miles per hour, not knots per hour, because it was too slow. We had prop planes that went faster."



LT. GEN. CHARLES H. TERHUNE, JR.

Later assigned to the 58th Fighter Group, he flew P-47's based in the Philippines to the end of the War on missions to China and Kyusku, Japan. After the War he was assigned to Headquarters Staff at the Department of Defense. After a series of progressively more responsible assignments, 1960 he was promoted to Brigadier General and assigned duties as Deputy Commander, Ballistic Missile Division, USAF at El Segundo, California. Promoted to Major General, he became Commander, Electronic

Systems Division, based at Hanscomb Air Force Base, MA in 1962. From 1964-1967 Gen. Terhune served as Commander, Aeronautical Systems Division, at Wright Field, OH. He received his third star in 1967 and assumed duties as Vice Commander, Air Force Systems Command, based at Andrews Air Force Base, MD. He retired from the service in August, 1969 after 31 years service. From 1971 to 1983 Gen. Terhune served as Deputy Director of the Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena. Gen. Terhune resides in Pasadena with his lovely wife, Gloryanna. He has three children: Donna, Terry and Charles, III. His decorations include three Distinguished Service Medals: Army, 1964; Air Force, 1969; and NASA, 1982. A life member of the Holland Society of New York, Gen. Terhune received an Honorary Doctorate in Engineering from Purdue in 1966.

What you from your fathers have inherited, earn it, in order to possess it.

- Goethe

COL. JOHN W. BROWNING ELECTED

Col. John Wayne Browning, USAF (Ret.) was elected to membership on October 23, 1995. His distinguished military career spanned the early years of the development of satellite technology.

After graduating from Terra Alta High School in 1942 he enlisted in the U. S. Army as a private. In 1943 he entered pilot training as an Aviation Cadet and was commissioned as a second lieutenant in the Army Air Corps in 1944. He served with the 98th Bomb Group in Italy. Released from active duty in 1949, he entered West Virginia University and graduated with a B. S. in Electrical Engineering in 1953. Browning was recalled to active duty in the USAF in 1952 with the rank of Captain. He entered Purdue University in 1960 and earned a M. S. in Industrial Management in 1961. A series of promotions followed, leading to the rank of Colonel in 1972. He was stationed at Sunnyvale Air Force Base as commander of the Satellite Test Center in 1974 and promoted to Vice Commander in 1977. He returned to Los Angeles in 1978 as Director of the NATO III Communications Satellite Program and Deputy for Space Communications Systems in 1979. He was designated as the first program director of the MILSTAR Space Communications System in 1981. Col. Browning retired in 1982.

Col. Browning, cousin of Society 2d Vice President James W. Browning, was awarded the Distinguished Service Medal, two Legions of Merit, Distinguished Flying Cross, three Air Medals, Meritorious Service Medal, Air Force Commendation Medal and Purple Heart. He recently received the Lifetime Achievement Award from the Armed Forces Communications and Electronics Association.

BUZBEE, W.W. I VET, WELCOMED

Bluford Buzbee, a great-grandson of a Revolutionary War patriot, was recently admitted to membership by right of descent from Pvt. Jacob Buzbee, SC Militia, who served under Gen. Francis "Swamp Fox" Marion. Mr. Buzbee, a World War I veteran, represents the simultaneous fourth generation of family membership, joining Fritz Hutcheson, Virgil M. Hutcheson, James R. Denger and Mark J. Denger. At age 96, he is believed to be the only living member of the California Society who fought in "The Great War for Civilization".

MEMBERSHIP QUERIES

Members are encouraged to recommend to the Society their sons, nephews, uncles, fathers, grandsons, and other qualified gentlemen for membership consideration. These should be directed to: John R. Justice, President Emeritus, P. O. Box 1749, Beverly Hills, CA 90213.

MORE ACQUISITIONS - Continued from Page 2.

- Harvard Alumni Directory 1990, publ. by the President & Fellows of Harvard College, MA, 1990, donated by **The Hon. Alexander R. Early, III**.
- Herbert Hoover, President of the United States, by Edgar E. Robinson & Vaughn D. Bornet, Hoover Institution Press, Stanford, 1975. Note: Former President Hoover was a member of our Society here in California.
- <u>Historical Review of Arkansas</u>, by Fay Hempstead, three volumes, Southern Historical Press, Easley, SC, reprint of a 1911 work.
- The History of Charles County, Maryland, by Margaret B. Klapthor & Paul D. Brown, Heritage Books, Bowie, MD, reprint of earlier work.
- History of the Cornell Family, by Rev. John Cornell, Tuttle Antiquitarian Books, Rutland, VT, reprint of 1902 publication.
- John Medley (1615-1660), St. Mary's County, Maryland, His Descendants, by Mary L. Donnelly, Ennis, TX, 1995. Donated by **Edwin W. Medley**.
- Lower Norfolk County, Virginia, Court Records, Book "A" 1637-1646 & Book "B" 1646-1651/2, by Alice G. Walter, Clearfield Co., Baltimore, 1995 reprint of 1994 publication.
- Maine Cemetery Inscriptions, York County, by the Maine Old Cemetery Assoc., four volume set, Picton Press, Camden, ME, 1995. Donated by **Dr. John Schutz**.
- A Navy Surgeon in California, 1846-1847, The Journal of Marius Duvall, edited by Fred B. Rogers; John Howell, San Francisco, 1957. Note: Duvall served aboard the U. S. Sloop-of-War Portsmouth operating off the coast of California during the Mexican War.
- The Order of the Hospital of St. John of Jerusalem and Its Grand Priory of England, by H. W. Fincham; W. H. & L. Collinridge, London, 1915.
- The Polks of North Carolina and Tennessee, by Mrs. Frank M. Angellotti, Southern Historical Press, 1984 reprint of 1923-4 publication.
- Republic of Texas: Poll Lists of 1846, by Marion D. Mullins, Clearfield Co., Baltimore, 1982 reprint of 1893 work.
- Roane County, West Virginia Families, by Wm. H. Bishop, Clearfield Co., Baltimore, 1995 reprint of 1927 publication.
- Rockwell, A History and Genealogy of the Rockwell and Thayer Families, by Willard F. Rockwell, Jr., The Rockwell Foundation, 1984.
- <u>The Royal Descents of 500 Immigrants</u>, by Gary Boyd Roberts, Genealogical Publishing Co., Baltimore, 1993.
- Side-Lights on Maryland History with Sketches of Early Maryland Families, by Hester D. Richardson, two volumes, Genealogical Publishing Co., Baltimore, 1995 reprint of 1913 work.
- The Saint Nicholas Society, A 150 Year Record, by Francis J. Sypher, Jr.; The Saint Nicholas Society, New York, 1993. Donated by **The Hon.** Raymond L. Drake.
- <u>Tax Lists of Wilson County, Tennessee, 1803-1807, With Names in Court Records, 1802-1822</u>, by Thomas E. Partlow, Genealogical Publishing Co., Baltimore, 1981.
- <u>Tidewater Virginia Families</u>, by Virginia L. H. Davis, Genealogical Publishing Co., Baltimore, 1989.
- To Maryland From Overseas, by Harry Wright Newman, Genealogical Publishing Co., Baltimore, 1991 reprint of 1982 work.
- The Venturers, The Hampton, Harrison and Earle Families of Virginia, South

 Carolina and Texas, by Virginia G. Meynard, Southern Historical Press,

 Greenville, SC, 1991 reprint of 1981 work. Note: This is an excellent reference on these key southern families. 1114 pages.
- Who's Who in America, 1995, 49th Ed., two volumes, donated Mark J. Denger.

NEW MEMBERS ADMITTED

Date Admitted	State No.	Name	
23 Oct 1995	3232-L	John Wayne Browning	
07 Nov 1995	3233-A	LTG Charles H. Terhune, Jr.	
09 Nov 1995	3234-L	Bluford A. Buzbee	
28 Nov 1995	3235-L	Richard D. Holmes	
02 Dec 1995	3236-A	Gale T. Cornwell	
15 Dec 1995	3237-A	Jackson B. Browning, Jr.	
15 Dec 1995	3238-A	Noel H. Browning	
15 Dec 1995	3239-A	Ronald N. Holman	
15 Dec 1995	3240-A	James V. B. Browning	
15 Dec 1995	3241-A	Chester Hassel Browning	
25 Dec 1995	3242-A	Jackson Boyslton Browning, Sr.	
25 Dec 1995	3243-A	Richard Amblard Browning	
25 Dec 1995	3244-A	Logan Delano Browning, Jr.	
28 Dec 1995	3245-A	Philip David Brumit	
Note: Membership #3214 previously reported assigned			
was published in error and remains unassigned and retired.			
Since the beginning of the current calendar year, our State			
Society has admitted fifty-seven new members.			

CENTENNIAL REGISTER



Entering its second century, the Sons of the Revolution in the State of California 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. 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.



1996 Annual Meeting

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 Meeting

January 6, 1996 10:00 A.M. Sons of the Revolution Library Glendale, California

MEMBERS IN THE NEWS

Congratulations to Lt. Col. Harlan G. Oakes, USAF, Ret., who was admitted to The Baronial Order of Magna Charta and the Colonial Order of the Crown. The Hon. Brereton C. Jones, Governor of Kentucky, recently presented our Society's Second Vice President & Treasurer, James W. **Browning**, with a Commission in The Honorable Order of Kentucky Colonels, the highest award presented by the State of Kentucky. Fellow member Charles E. Phebus has been admitted to The Jamestowne Society and The Hon. Raymond L. Drake is now a member of the very exclusive Saint Nicholas Society of the City of New York. Lt. Gen. John M. Wright, 1r., USA (Ret.), President Emeritus of our Society, is wrapping up a very successful year as President of the Society of the War of 1812 in the State of California. President Emeritus John R. Justice is President-Elect of that Society. Life member John Wilder (son of President Emeritus Merrill J. McGovern), Executive Producer of James A. Michener's TEXAS, has released his monumental work on video cassette, available at video stores everywhere. Society President Richard H. Breithaupt, Jr., was recently honored by the New England Historic Genealogical Society with a favorable book review of his epic Centennial Register of the Sons of the Revolution in the State of California within the October, 1995 issue of The New England Historical and Genealogical Register. President Emeritus Max K. Hurlbut, former Chief of Police of Kodiak, Alaska, is enjoying retirement at Bellingham, Washington but continues to stay in touch with the Society. Life member The Rev.]. Whitcomb Brougher, Jr., was recently written up as "Pastor Going Strong at 93" is an article in the December 2, 1995 edition of the Los Angeles Times. Also pictured and mentioned was Jim's son, Frank Brougher (a future Life Member?). Library Director Edwin C. Coles recently coauthored an article titled "Elizabeth Howland and Her Two Husbands, Ephraim Hicks and Captain John Dickinson", within the September, 1995 issue of The Howland Quarterly. A recent check of records indicates that Dr. **Albert S. Chase, M.D.**, (Calif. S/R #1791), is the Society's most tenured member having been admitted to the Society in 1930 at age 25. Congratulations to James G. Alverson, Jr., whose three sons, James G., **III**, **David S.**, **III**, and **Scott T.**, have just been admitted to membership.



MILITARY ORDER OF THE LOYAL LEGION

On April 15, 1865, as word of President Lincoln's death spread, three Union Army officer friends met in Philadelphia to discuss the tragic news. Rumors from Washington of a conspiracy to destroy the Federal government by assassination of its leaders prompted them to call other officers and ex-officers together to form an organization that could help thwart further threats to the national government. officers, who served as an honor guard for President Lincoln's funeral cortegé, met again after the funeral to establish a permanent organization patterned after the Society of the Cincinnati. The name they chose was The Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States.

The Commandery of the State of California was founded in 1871 with eight charter members. Since then, it has had on its rolls more than 21 Major Generals; 144 Brigadier Generals, 11 of whom were Brevet Brigadier Generals; or, 204 who had won the right to be addressed as "General"; 54 Admirals and 1 Commodore. Of these 204 General officers, 357 received Brevets, 20 won Medals of Honor and two received the Thanks of Congress. In addition have been 95 members, not in the grade of General, who received 1 or more Brevets, and 21 who won Medals of Honor. (41 combined!)

Today, MOLLUS membership is composed of:
1.) Hereditary: Direct male descendants, age 18 or more, of a commissioned officer in the U. S. Army, Navy or Marines who served during the War of the Rebellion, or male descendants of a brother or sister of any such officer; 2.) Junior: as above, but under the age of 18; and 3.) Associate: Male persons age 18 or more who are not known to be eligible for Hereditary membership and have an interest in the Civil War. Inquiries for membership should be directed to Richard Breithaupt, Jr., Commander of the State of California, MOLLUS, P. O. Box 8454, Universal City, CA 91618-8454.

SEVENTY-FIVE ATTEND SARATOGA/YORKTOWN LUNCHEON

The Society held one of its most successful luncheons in memory on October 21, 1995 when seventy-five members and guests gathered at the annual Saratoga-Yorktown-Constitution Commemorative Luncheon. The afternoon began as President Breithaupt introduced young Daniel Cayem, grandson of S/R member James F. Blauer, who spoke briefly about his Revolutionary War ancestor. Several new members were presented their membership certificates early in a program that was highlighted by featured speaker, Lt. Gen. Lloyd R. Leavitt, Jr., USAF (Ret.), retired Vice-Commander-in-Chief of the Strategic Air Command. Gen. Leavitt, who traces his family's heritage to Colonial New England, spoke about a topic of great concern to all of us, the proposed changed in the American History Standards.



LT. GEN. LLOYD R. LEAVITT, JR.

A command pilot with over 5,000 flying hours, it was a young Dick Leavitt who was appointed to the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, graduating in 1950 with a commission as a second lieutenant and a B. S. Engineering. He received a Master's Degree in **Public** Administration from The George Washington University, Washington, D. C., in 1964 and graduated from the National War College in 1967. Awarded pilot's wings in 1951, then Lt. Leavitt served in South Korea as a pilot

and Flight Commander, 58th Fighter-Bomber Wing. He flew 100 combat missions in F-84s. In 1957 then Capt. Leavitt became a U-2 pilot and later Chief of Standardization, 4028th Strategic Reconnaissance Weather Squadron. Entering B-52 training in October, 1960 he was assigned to the first B-52H unit, the 524th Bombardment Squadron at Wurtsmith Air Force Base, MI.

Following duty in the Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff, then Lt. Col. Leavitt was transferred to Germany as Assistant Deputy Commander for Operations, 36th Tactical Fighter Wing. In April, 1970 he went to Thailand as Vice Commander, 8th Tactical Fighter Wing. While in Southeast Asia he flew 152 combat missions. In April, 1971 he was promoted to Deputy Director for Strike Forces, Headquarters USAF. In July, 1972 he assumed duties as Deputy Director of Operations, Joint Chiefs, and was promoted to Brigadier General on September 1. After serving as Commander of the Chanute Training Center, Gen. Leavitt was assigned to Headquarters USAF Europe as Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations and Intelligence. In January, 1978 he was assigned to Strategic Air Command headquarters as Chief of Staff and assumed duties as Vice-Commander-in-Chief, SAC, in June, 1978. He was promoted to Lieutenant General on August 22, 1978. Following his retirement from the Air Force, Gen. Leavitt entered the manufacturing business.