

Sons of the American Revolution



Minutes of  
The Nevada Society 66<sup>th</sup> Annual State Conference  
April 10<sup>th</sup>, 2021

The 66<sup>th</sup> Annual State Conference was held online via ZOOM Video Conferencing due to the ongoing COVID-19 Pandemic. These are the minutes of the Video Conference Business Meeting.

Nevada Society Members:

Al Conant, Charles Smith, Frank Gagliardi, Robert Till, Tim Hagen, Gary Parriot, Joseph Beauchamp, Michael Fitzpatrick, David Hess, Roger Linscott, Richard Dalton, Derek Brown, Jonathon Dickey, Dave Barnard, and Richard Schori

Compatriots Guests:

James Fosdyck, VPG-Western District

Brian Stephens, Exec. VP California State Society SAR

## Business Meeting Minutes

1. Call to order and welcome remarks provided by President Fitzpatrick
  - a. Invocation was provided by Chaplain Rev. Dr. Joseph de Beauchamp
    - i. *“As the Chaplain, my report, I dropped off Facebook and will be making calls upon members and doing old fashion letters to stay in touch with members. Old fashion ways of letter letters have more impact to building our membership. I have the latest roster, and will be processing this route more often. Sorry but my equipment is not allowing me to work on Zoom meeting but see everything and hear fine.” – Dr. Joe de Beauchamp*
  - b. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States, & SAR Pledge were recited
2. President Fitzpatrick requested a motion to accept the minutes of the 65<sup>th</sup> Annual State Conference which was held via ZOOM Video Conference on April 4<sup>th</sup>, 2020 (Attachment 1). Unfortunately, due to technological issues, the first part of the meeting was not recorded. There was no discussion and the motion was accepted by the group
3. President Fitzpatrick requested a motion to accept to the Treasure’s Report (Attachment 2). Unfortunately, due to technological issues, the first part of the meeting was not recorded. There was no discussion and the motion was accepted by the group.
4. President Fitzpatrick asked for Chapter Reports
  - a. Battle Born Patriots President David Hess presented his report (Attachment 3)
  - b. Signer’s Chapter President Tim Hagen presented his report (Attachment 4)
5. Compatriot Linscott submitted the slate of Officers for the 2021-2022 Term:
  - a. President – Charles B. Smith, V
  - b. President Emeritus – J. Michael Fitzpatrick
  - c. Vice President: North – David Hess
  - d. Vice President: South – Timothy Hagen
  - e. Secretary – Stephen Schroder
  - f. Treasurer – Albert Conant
  - g. Registrar – Richard Dalton
  - h. Chaplain – Rev. Dr. Joseph deBeauchamp
  - i. Historian – David Hess

- j. Webmaster – VACANT
  - k. State Surgeon – Dr. Donald McGee
  - l. Chancellor – Dr. Daniel L. Orr, II, Esq.
  - m. DAR Liaison: North – Roger Linscott
  - n. DAR Liaison: South – Albert Conant
  - o. CAR Liaison: Marcus Green
  - p. Boy Scout Chairman – VACANT
  - q. Commander of the Color Guard – VACANT
  - r. Awards Chairman - VACANT
  - s. Trustee – Charles Smith
  - t. Alternate Trustee – VACANT
    - i. Floor Nominations for the following positions:
      - 1. Commander of the Color Guard – Roger Linscott
      - 2. Alternate Trustee – Michael Fitzpatrick
      - 3. Boy Scout Chairman & Awards Chairman remain unfilled
    - u. Unfortunately, due to technical difficulties, the motion and second to accept the nominations was not recorded; however, the slate ran uncontested and were unanimously elected.
    - v. Installation of Officers provided by James Fosdyck. After swearing in of new officers, the meeting continued.
6. Compatriot Jon Dickey provided information about the America250 Project coming up in the next few years to celebrate the 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the American Revolution. Also, mentioned several ways to seek funding for speaking events, educational projects, etc. Compatriot Dickey asked for volunteers for the State America250 Committee. 5 members volunteered.
7. Awards Presented by President Fitzpatrick
- a. Charles Smith - Meritorious Service
  - b. Michael Gravitt – Roger Sherman Award
8. Compatriot Linscott submitted the slate for the Paul Jones Memorial Scholarship Fund Committee:
- a. President – Tim Hagen
  - b. Vice President – Ben Allan
  - c. Sec/Treas. – Al Conant

d. Trustee – Roger Linscott

- i. Motion to approve: David Hess
- ii. Second to approve: Robert Till
- iii. No discussion/Objection

e. Slate Approved

9. After Paul Jones Committee vote, Michael asked the newly elected President to say a few words. President Smith thanked President Emeritus Fitzpatrick thanked Michael for his leadership and guidance as he begins his term. He thanked the Chapters and State for all the assistance through the years. President Smith “passed the reigns”
10. President Emeritus Fitzpatrick asked for any business for the good of the order
- a. Charles Smith mentioned that the bylaws for the Registrar need to be updated to reflect the current job duties of the State Registrar position. The bylaws need to reflect that there is 1-State Registrar and a Registrar for each Chapter.
  - b. Charles recommended a vote on the bylaw. David Hess mentioned that any changes need a 30-day notice. It was decided that the notice would be sent out to the new Board of Managers and voted on at a later date via ZOOM
  - c. It was agreed that the Amendment would be viewed as approved until the official vote was made
11. President Emeritus Michael Fitzpatrick asked President Charles Smith to read the SAR Closing and officially closed the meeting.



Minutes of  
The Nevada Society 65<sup>th</sup> Annual State Conference  
April 4, 2020

The 65<sup>th</sup> Annual State Conference was scheduled to take place at the Atlantis Casino Resort in Reno Nevada on the 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> of April 2020. Despite many months of planning for this important event by the hard working Battle Born Patriot Chapter, the Corona Virus upset these plans and the Society was forced to cancel, or at the very least postpone the conference. Nevertheless, the needs of the Society demanded that at the very least Elections must be held and various business activities needed to be addressed. Therefore it was mutually decided to Teleconference on the 4<sup>th</sup> of April 2020 at 10:00 AM. These are the minutes of the Teleconference Business Meeting.

Nevada Society Members On-Line

Donald Hotchkiss, Al Conant, David Hess, Roger Linscott, Stephen Schroder,  
James McLane, Paul Hicks, Michael Fitzpatrick, Charles Smith V, David Smith, Bob Till  
Jim Farmer, Paul Bell, Jonathan Dickey, Gary Parriott, Brian Worcester, Bill Burton  
David Barnard, Richard Dalton, Charles “Chip” MacLeod, Robert Stoecklin

Other Members On-Line

Vice President General Western District James C. Fosdyck

Guests On-Line

Un Hui Yi Fosdyck

Patricia?

Opening Remarks President Donald L Hotchkiss Jr.

Welcome to all, despite difficult times we are happy to be able to use technology to enable us to conduct this important task.

1. President Hotchkiss opened the meeting with a Prayer, and led the On-Line Attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance and then the SAR Opening Pledge.

1. President Hotchkiss next requested a motion to accept the minutes of the 64<sup>th</sup> Annual State Conference, which was held in Tonopah Nevada on April 13, 2019 (Attachment 1). President Emeritus Roger Linscott made the motion, Past Vice President General Western District Brian Worcester seconded and the motion passed.

1. President Hotchkiss next requested a motion to accept the Treasurers Report (Attachment 2), (which had been emailed to the membership along with other documents to be addressed later on at this meeting).

President Emeritus Paul Hicks made the motion, Past Vice President General Western District Brian Worcester seconded and the motion passed.

1. Approval of the Paul Jones Memorial Scholarship Fund Bylaws Changes was to be addressed next. These Bylaws with changes are attached below (Attachment 3). President Hotchkiss asked for a motion to accept the changes as proposed. Past Vice President General Western District Brian Worcester made the motion and President Emeritus Paul Hicks seconded, it went to a vote and the motion was passed.

1. Awards and Recognition was the next item of business. President Hotchkiss announced the following awards and certificates:

<b><i>Award</i></b>	<b><i>Recipient</i></b>
<b>Past President Pin</b>	Donald L. Hotchkiss, Jr.
<b>State Meritorious Service Medal</b>	Donald L. Hotchkiss, Jr.
<b>Patriot Medal</b>	Roger Linscott
<b>State Distinguished Service</b>	Charles B. Smith, V.
<b>State Meritorious Service Medal</b>	Albert Conant
<b>Bronze CAR Medal of Appreciation</b>	Jackson Bellard – CAR NV State President
<b>Silver Good Citizenship Medal</b>	David Hess
<b>Certificate of Appreciation – Co-Chairman of State Meeting 2020</b>	Michael Fitzpatrick Jonathan Dickey

1. President Hotchkiss asked for Chapter Reports:

a. Battle Born Patriots President David Hess had submitted his report via email (Attachment 4), He added thanks to everyone in Battle Born for their outstanding work in preparation for the Annual Conference despite the situation. President Hotchkiss also lauded their organization as an example of excellence.

b. Signers Chapter President Charles Smith also submitted his report via email (Attachment 5). He noted that his chapter has learned much from the Battle Born Patriots, and have adopted some of their practices. Signer now have formal bi-monthly meetings and have adopted “Compatriot’s Muster” for the in between months. These have worked good to build rapport and camaraderie in his chapter. Also as State Registrar, he recognized Battle Born’s outstanding record of reaching out to past members and reinstating them into the active roles.

1. The next order of business was the election of the slate of officers. President Hotchkiss called for nominations from the floor. Hearing none, he proceeded to ask for a vote to accept the slate of uncontested officers proposed (Attachment 6). (Note: The original slate distributed for consideration had two positions requiring a separate vote. The Color Guard Commander Position had two candidates, Robert Stoecklin and Paul Hicks, and the Secretary position had Paul Bell and Stephen Schroder. Prior to the meeting Paul Hicks withdrew his bid to be the Color Guard Commander, leaving the Secretary Position in question).

The vote was held and the uncontested officers were unanimously elected.

1. Next in preparation for the vote on the remaining Secretary position, President Hotchkiss asked Paul Bell and Stephen Schroeder to each give a short introduction to the On-Line attendees. Following this introduction, while discussing the upcoming vote, Candidate Paul Bell chose to withdraw his candidacy, making Stephen Schroder our Secretary. Congratulations came from everyone.

1. Signers Chapter President Charles Smith pointed out that we also needed to replace President Emeritus Rev Anthony Perry as the Jones Scholarship Fund Trustee. Treasurer Al Conant made a motion to nominate Stephen Schroder to fill this position, Signers Chapter President Charles Smith seconded the motion and the attendees made this change official.

1. Installation of Officers, President Hotchkiss asked Vice President General Western District James C. Fosdyck to administer the oath of office. After swearing in the new officers, the meeting was turned over to our new President Michael Fitzpatrick.

1. The final order of business was the drawing for George Washington's Original Formula Mount Vernon Distilled Whiskey. The winner this year was Paul Hicks

1. President Michael Fitzpatrick thanked everyone involved for their superb effort preparing the original conference plans, and hinted at the possibility of holding an actual meeting in the near future.

1. Past Vice President General Western District Brian Worcester led the on-line attendees in the SAR Closing, and President Fitzpatrick officially closed the meeting.

For the Secretary  
Albert E. Conant  
Treasurer  
Nevada Society SAR  
Attachment 1:

**Nevada State Society Sons of the American Revolution Annual  
State Conference  
April 13, 2019  
Mizpah Hotel, Tonopah, Nevada**

**Business Meeting:**

**NEVADA MEMBERS PRESENT**

Eric Arentz Albert Conant Jeff Gutting David Hess Paul Hicks  
Donald Hotchkiss, Jr. Larry Kesler

Roger Linscott Charles MacLeod Gerald Miller Gary Parriott  
Rev. Anthony A. Perry Hugh Pickering  
Ralph Requa

Stephen Schroder Charles B. Smith Robert Stoecklin Bob Till  
Brian Worcester

**OTHER SAR MEMBERS PRESENT**

Ron Barker Deric Brown James C. Fosdyck

**GUESTS PRESENT**

Kristina Perry Un Hui Yi Stan Vaughan

The meeting was brought to order by President Paul Hicks at 16:30.

The blessing was given by Rev. Anthony A. Perry, the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America and the SAR Pledge were recited.

The Secretary, Rev. Anthony A. Perry introduced State Officers and special guests.

Greetings were received from Ron Barker, Western Vice President General. He mentioned the 2019 National Convention will be in Orange County, CA and hoped many of the Nevada members would attend. He also spoke about building out of the Headquarters building including the completion of the President's Office, Compatriot Barker thanked the Past VPGs in attendance, and encouraged Nevada compatriots to participate in leadership meetings, and conventions to encourage Nevada based National officers, He also thanked the membership for an enjoyable adventure and rounded off his comments on building membership and growing societies. Greetings were received from Terry Rubenstein, Nevada State Regent, DAR and presented by Kristina Perry, Nevada State Historian, DAR. Greetings were received from Madison Van Ness, State President, CAR and presented by Kristina Perry, Honorary Senior State President Nevada, CAR.

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The minutes from the 2018 State Conference were presented. The motion to accept the 2018 Conference minutes was made by Larry Kesler, and seconded by Brian Worcester. It passed unanimously.

The Treasurer's report was presented by Albert Conant: Balance forward as of 12/31/17 was \$10,690.00. Ending balance as of 4/15/19 \$5,203.68. Audit was performed by Ben Allen. Compatriot Allen praised the thorough and well documented records of the treasurer's, and the actions keeping the society in line with current laws and standards PayPal is working for dues payments and new membership payments. The motion to accept the Treasurers report was made by Larry Kesler, and seconded by David Hess. It passed unanimously.

The Registrar's report was presented by Charles B. Smith. 17 new regular members, 1 new junior member in 2018. 15 members were dropped due to non-payment of dues, 1 member transferred out, and 3 members were deceased. Had 8 members transfer into the Society. Ended 2018 with 151 members. National is making great strides in making the records available for genealogical research online. The motion to accept the Registrar's report was made by David Hess, and seconded by Larry Kesler. It passed unanimously.

Committee reports

The Color Guard's report was presented by Paul Hicks.

The Battle Born Patriots Chapter President David Hess gave his report. The Signers Chapter President Emeritus Don Hotchkiss gave his report. All reports filed are attached to the official copy of the minutes.

The report of the Nominating committee was presented by Roger Linscott and consisted of: Slate of Officers:

President: Donald Hotchkiss Jr. President Emeritus: Paul Hicks  
Vice President North: Mike Fitzpatrick Vice President South: Charles Smith Secretary: Rev. Anthony A. Perry  
Treasurer Albert Conant  
Registrar: Charles B. Smith  
Chaplain: Rev. Dr. Joseph deBeauchamp Historian: Rev. Anthony A. Perry

State Surgeon: Dr. Donald McGee Chancellor: Daniel L. Orr II  
DAR Liaison North: Roger Linscott DAR Liaison South: Albert Conant CAR Liaison: Marcus Green  
Boy Scout Chairman: Stephen Schroder Color Guard Commander Paul Hicks Trustee: Charles B. Smith  
Alternate Trustee: Brian I. Worcester

The slate was unopposed and passed unanimously.

The slate of officers for the Paul Jones Memorial Educational Fund Board was presented:

Donald Hotchkiss Jr Rev. Anthony A. Perry Brian I. Worcester

Ben L. Allen Roger Linscott

Awards were presented. The Bronze CAR Medal of Appreciation was presented to Madison Van Ness for serving as the Nevada State President, CAR. The Silver CAR Medal of Appreciation was presented to Lisa Zeles for serving as the Nevada Senior State President, CAR. The Silver CAR Medal of Appreciation will be presented to Chloe Woodbury for serving as the National Vice President, Western Region, CAR.

President Hicks Awarded Compatriot Roger Linscott the State Society Distinguished service medal for enthusiastic support and outreach in the Battel Born patriots chapter and the Nevada Society , Compatriot Charles Smith the SAR Law Enforcement medal for a life time of service to his community as a Deputy Sheriff in Los Angeles County, The silver Roger Sherman medal to Anthony Perry for years of ongoing service to the Chapter State and his community, the Silver good Citizenship medal to Compatriot Donald Hotchkiss Jr for outstanding work in the community.

VPG Barker also presented A Silver Roger Sherman Award to long serving Nevada Compatriot JB Coats who was not in attendance, Paul Hicks will deliver the award.

The State Society, Paul Jones Memorial Educational Scholarship awarded \$500 scholarships to Nicholas Vitillo.

The Signers Chapter, John Harney, Jr. Educational Scholarship awarded \$500 scholarships to Andrew Lutz, Savannah Childers and Rys Finnigan

The State Ladies Auxiliary awarded a \$500 scholarship to Rachel Perry.

The new State Officers were installed by Ron Barker, Western Vice President General. Newly elected State President Don Hotchkiss received the State President neck ribbon to be used during his term, and then passed to the next State President.

Un Hui Yi's (former Calif. LASAR state president) presented to all present of the SAR veterans with the Viet Nam Commemoration pin. The Society wishes to commend her zeal on this subject and her support of veterans.

President Hotchkiss asked for comments for the good of the order, and then lead the SAR Closing.

The meeting was adjourned until the banquet at 7pm.

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## Banquet:

The banquet, was brought to order by President Donald Hotchkiss The blessing was given by Rev. Anthony A. Perry, the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America and the SAR Pledge were recited.

The presentation, "They Shall Not Be forgotten" was presented by prospective member Stan Vaughan, on his ancestors' participation in the Revolutionary War, the prison hulks in Charlestown and New York Harbors. The deaths by patriots in the prison ships easily outnumber the deaths by all others in the revolution.

Dinner was served during the presentation in the lovely Jack Dempsey room by the conscientious and professional staff of the Mizpah

President Emeritus Paul Hicks presented the Lydia Darragh Medal to Diane Hicks for her steadfast support during his term as Nevada State Society President.

After dinner several groups were taken on the Historic behind the Scenes Ghost tour of the Mizpah Hotel. The spooky basement holds lots of history, along with the recreation of a late 19<sup>th</sup> century mine and other fixtures that must be seen to be believed.

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## Attachment 2:

### NEVADA SOCIETY SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

#### 2020 CALENDAR YEAR TREASURERS REPORT

	Beginning Balance	\$11,423.70
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Deposits	Dues Received	\$2,287.06
	Applications Received	\$855.00
	Reinstatements	\$65.00
	Ladies Auxiliary Fund Raisers	\$0.00
	Paul Jones Scholarship Donations	\$0.00
	Book Sales	\$0.00
	Miscellaneous	\$0.00
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Expense	Dues Out National	(\$4,755.00)
s	Dues Out Chapter	(\$1,937.00)
	Applications Sent to National	(\$955.00)
	Reinstatements Sent to National	(\$70.00)
	Ladies Auxiliary Scholarship	(\$500.00)
	Society Supplies and Awards	(\$303.00)
	Paul Jones Scholarship Expenses	(\$500.00)
	Bank Charge	\$0.00
	Postage	(\$98.90)
	Miscellaneous	\$0.00
	Outstanding Checks	\$0.00
	Ending Balance	<u>\$5,511.86</u>

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#### Paul Jones Scholarship Savings Account

Beginning Balance	\$26,264.88
Scholarship Withdrawal	\$0.00
Interest Earned	<u>\$1.12</u>
Ending Balance	<u>\$26,267.041</u>



Attachment 3:

**NEVADA SOCIETY**  
**SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION**  
**PAUL JONES MEMORIAL EDUCATION**  
**SCHOLARSHIP**  
**BYLAWS**

**NEVADA SOCIETY**  
**SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION**  
**PAUL JONES MEMORIAL EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP BYLAWS**

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# PAUL JONES MEMORIAL EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP BYLAWS

NEVADA SOCIETY

SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

## I. **Name**

The name of the fund shall be the PAUL JONES MEMORIAL EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP FUND (hereafter referred to as the Fund) in recognition of Compatriot Paul Jones and his service to his country. This fund shall never be renamed.

## II. **Purpose**

The purpose of the Fund shall be to make educational grants to deserving members of the Sons of the American Revolution (SAR), the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) and to the Children of the American Revolution (CAR) and to direct descendants of members of the SAR and DAR.

## III. **Establishing and Maintaining the Fund**

- A. The Fund will be established with an initial donation of \$10,000 received from Compatriot William G. Jones, NSSAR #155582.
- B. Additional donations to the Fund will be solicited and accepted by the Trustees of the Fund.
- C. Interest earned on the Fund, and additional donations to the fund, if so specifically designated by the donor, can be used to make grants.
- D. The initial corpus must be kept in an insured account to secure the best interest rate currently available.
- E. The financial records pertaining to the Fund are to be retained by the Treasurer for no fewer than seven (7) full calendar years.

#### IV. **Control of the Fund**

The control of the Fund shall reside with the Nevada State Society of the SAR.

#### V. **Board of Trustees**

- A. There shall be five (5) members of the Board of Trustees of the Fund to be elected at the annual meeting of the Nevada State Society of the SAR. A compatriot need not be present at the meeting to be nominated or elected to the Board of Trustees.
  
- B. The Trustees of the Fund shall be members in good standing of the Nevada Society of the SAR; must reside in the state of Nevada; and shall include two (2) representatives from the Battle Born Patriots (Northern) Chapter of the Nevada Society, two (2) representatives from the Signers (Southern) Chapter of the Nevada Society, and one (1) Currently serving Officer from the Nevada Society.
  
- C. The members of the Board of Trustees will, from their membership, elect a President, a Secretary/Treasurer and any other officers deemed necessary by the Board of Trustees for the efficient management of the Fund.
  
- D. Vacancies on the Board of Trustees which occur between annual meetings shall be filled by a majority vote of the remaining members of the Board of Trustees.

#### VI. **Board of Trustees Meeting**

- A. The Board of Trustees of the Fund will meet proceeding each annual meeting of the Nevada Society of the SAR.
  
- B. Special meetings of the Board of Trustees of the Fund may be called by its President.
  
- C. The Secretary of the Board of Trustees shall solicit annual meeting agenda items from the other members of the Board of Trustees and shall publish a meeting agenda at least two (2) weeks prior to each annual meeting.
  
- D. A quorum of three (3) members of the Board of Trustees shall be required to vote on issues before the Board of Trustees. However, proxy ballots shall be counted when determining if a quorum is present.

- E. At each annual meeting, the Treasurer of the Fund shall present a written financial report covering activity on the Fund account occurring since the previous annual meeting.
- F. Email Voting. In matters when a meeting is not critical to a decision, a vote may be conducted by electronic mail (email).

## VII. **Rules Regarding Grants**

A. Only members in good standing of the SAR, the DAR and the CAR and those related to members in good standing in the SAR and the DAR are eligible to receive grants from the Fund. Applications may be submitted by eligible individuals living outside of the State of Nevada.

Grants for continuing their educations will be awarded to the most qualified of the applicants submitting applications. When applications are received from more than one qualified individual, the following priorities for awarding grants should be considered in the order listed:

1. Medical related fields of study
  2. Post-graduate education
  3. Graduate education
  4. Undergraduate education (including community colleges)
  5. Trade school education (giving priority to paramedic training)
- B. When sufficient monies are available in the Fund for awarding a grant , the Nevada chapters of the SAR, the DAR and the CAR should be so notified and grant applications solicited.
  - C. Grant applications should include and should be considered on the basis of academic achievement and extracurricular and civic involvement.
  - D. The grant applications should be received and reviewed prior to the annual meeting of the Nevada Society of the SAR, the amount(s) and recipient(s) of the grant(s) determined by the Board of Directors of the Fund, and the recipient(s) announced at the annual meeting of the Nevada Society of the SAR.
  - E. No one individual shall receive more than three (3) annual grants from the Fund.

## I. **Amendments**

These bylaws may be amended by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of those present and voting at an annual meeting of the Nevada Society of the SAR.

## II. **Parliamentary Authority**

The rules contained in the current edition of *Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised* shall govern the Fund in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with these bylaws and any special rules that the Fund may adopt.

March 12, 2016 - Revised

April 4, 2020- Revised

Attachment 4

### **BATTLE BORN PATRIOTS CHAPTER, NEVADA SOCIETY SAR**

### **CHAPTER PRESIDENTS ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2019**

*Presented by David F. Hess, Chapter President, at the Annual Meeting of the Nevada Society SAR on April 4, 2020. The meeting, originally scheduled to be held in Reno, Nevada to mark the 110<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Nevada Society's founding, was cancelled by the unforeseen occurrence of the worldwide Coronavirus epidemic. Instead, the meeting was held by teleconference on the above mentioned date at 10:00 a.m..*

his year the Battle Born Patriots Chapter has continued to build on a strong foundation that will, with any luck, strengthen our ability to attract new members, and, more

importantly, will result in a more active membership. The highlight of the year was the introduction of our educational outreach program we called *The Fund For Young Patriots*. Throughout this report I also want to acknowledge those incredible compatriots who have so much time and energy for the Chapter. About them I cannot say enough, but I will try. To that end this report will relate progress in the following areas:

- 1. The Fund For Young Patriots.**
- 2. What We Did.**
- 3. The Color Guard Performs.**

## 4. Fifes & Drums of Nevada.

### The Fund For Young Patriots

The American Revolution secured our national independence, established our republic, created our national identity and articulated ideals of liberty, equality, civic responsibility and natural and civil rights that has shaped our nation's history and will continue to shape future generations—unless they forget. That is the challenge that we, as descendents for soldiers who gave us that legacy, we must take up.

#### OUR GOALS ARE TO:

- Present American history education in northern Nevada, to ensure that the story of our Revolution, the accomplishments of the revolutionaries, and the legacy of the Revolution are widely recognized, understood, and appreciated;
- Advocate for the memory, ideals and legacy of the American Revolution.
- Offer at least one presentation a month during the school year.

#### WHY IS THIS IMPORTANT?

The bad news about history education keeps piling up. Knowledge of our American heritage has been declining for some time and it continues. Consider the 2000 report titled, *Losing America's Memory: Historical Illiteracy in the 21st Century*, by the American Council for Trustees and Alumni. That survey, based on a questionnaire given to students from America's top 55 colleges and universities, uncovered an astounding ignorance of the basic facts of American history among the best and brightest recent college graduates. Exactly 23% of those tested knew that James Madison was the principal author of the Constitution.

At the same time, nearly everyone knew everything about popular culture, and 99% correctly identified Bevis and Butthead.

A more recent study, *The Vanishing West, 1964 – 2010*, documents the drastic changes in undergraduate history requirements since 1964. At the college level, the once-familiar class in Western Civilization, or some close equivalent, has simply vanished. It's been replaced by literally nothing in some cases or a bewildering range of options in others. If college students do study history, the chances that they'll gain any sense of the Big Picture once imparted by the old broad surveys are essentially nil.

On the heels of the above report comes the US Education Department's National Assessment of Educational Progress survey, *The Nation's Report Card: U.S. History 2010*. As the title indicates, this study measures knowledge of the rudiments of US history among K-12 students. The results, to put it charitably, are dismal. According to data reported in the survey, 20% of fourth grade students, 17% of eighth graders, and 12% of high school seniors performed well enough to be rated "proficient." It looks even worse when you invert those positive figures: 80% of fourth graders, 83% of eighth graders and 88% of high school seniors flunked the minimum proficiency rating.

The history and ideals of the American Revolution are the foundation of our national identity. If they are forgotten, we will have nothing to hold us together. Future generations, unaware of the historic sacrifices that secured our liberty, will fail to value that liberty and sacrifice to preserve it. Our country, as it has been for more than two hundred years, will be lost.

We can't let that happen. We are working to perpetuate the remarkable story of our Revolution and the ideals we hold most dear. We cannot underestimate the challenge before us. It will not be easy, but if we don't try who will? We can start by doing what we can, where we are with what we have.

## WHAT CAN WE DO AND WHAT DO WE HAVE?

What we have are presentations that go beyond just the presentation of names, places and dates. We have lesson plans that present the Revolutionary War era as an expression of the passion precipitated by events and the ideals that drove them. Our presentations include:

1. Reading of the Declaration of Independence (DOI). This presentation is a re-enactment of the reading of the DOI to the troops of the Continental Army. On July 9, 1776, at the command of General Washington, the DOI was read to the assembled troops. In our presentation SAR members read parts of the Declaration. Prior to our presentation, each class is designated to represent notable regiments of the Continental Army or militia. They are given a history of the regiment including: when it was formed, its commanders, battles fought, flags, uniform descriptions and when disbanded.
1. Presentation of flags of the colonial era. In this presentation we present an array of flags (currently about 15 flags) dating from the earliest flags of colonial America to the first flags of a newly founded United States of America. The presentation includes a history of the flag and why it was important.
1. Music of the Revolution. In this presentation the Fifes & Drums of Nevada play familiar tunes from the late 18<sup>th</sup> century along with a narration that explains their significance. In camp, the daily activities of the soldiers were heralded by fife and drum tunes that regulated their day from sun up to lights out.
1. The Patriot Trunk. The Traveling Trunk presentation is a nationally funded and endorsed program for classes at all levels. The trunk contains items typically used by people of the era. In this presentation the presenters are dressed in clothing of the era, and we discuss how each item was worn and why it was used.
1. The Molly Pitcher Story. Molly Pitcher may not have been a real person, but her story brings the role of women in the Revolution into high relief. Through her story we can tell how the real life stories of women and the revolution. We are proud to be joined by the ladies of the SAR Women's

Auxiliary who make this presentation possible. They tell the story of the role women played in securing our freedom.

1. Stories of Our Ancestors. We are also working on developing stories about our own Revolutionary War ancestors. For us, the era is illuminated by the stories of our Revolutionary War patriots and we have found that when told well these same stories inspire the students.

## What We Did--2019

As a chapter our goal is to have a program that adds a Nevada flare to the programs encompassed in the mission of SAR as a national organization. Following is a description of events, some new, some ongoing, that reflect the spirit and commitment of our members.

Chronologically they include:

### **Heritage Day at Truckee Meadows Community College.**

Members of the Battle Born Patriots Chapter (BBP Chapter) joined with other lineage societies to organize a Heritage Day, an event at which each participating organization could highlight their mission, accomplishments and membership criteria. Thanks go out to the following BBP Chapter members

who participated:

Richard Dalton, David Hess, Paul Hicks, Roger Linscott, Gerry Miller, Hugh Pickering, and Brian Worcester.

### **George Washington's Birthday luncheon.**

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memorable event.

Central to this event is the opportunity to formally induct new members. It has also provided a great forum for recognizing our fellow compatriots for noteworthy activities both in and out of SAR. New members inducted in 2019 include: David

Barnard, Chester “Chet” Buchanan, Richard Dalton, Gary Ludwig and Richard Webster. Recognitions include: Chapter Extraordinary effort recognition to Hugh Pickering and Kurt Dietrich for creating the Office of The Registrar. Chapter Distinguished Service Award to J. Michael Fitzpatrick, Emergency Service Medal to Stephen Schroder, and a Certificate of Commendation for Display of The U.S. Flag to Donn Dalton.

**Nevada Society SAR Annual Meeting.** This year the Signers Chapter hosted the first Nevada Society SAR Annual Meeting, held at the Mizpah Hotel in Tonopah. The lads from the Signers Chapter did a great job as this was only the second year that we have put on the Annual Meeting independent of the DAR. The BBP Chapter was well represented by Eric Arentz, David Hess, Paul Hicks, Roger Linscott, Chip MacLeod, Gerry Miller, Hugh

Pickering,

Stephen Schroder, Rob Stoecklin, and Brian Worcester. Great job Signers!



Figure 4-Pres. Hess presents Bronze JROTC Award to Reno High School Cadet Nick Aguirre

**ROTC/JROTC Awards.** We have a long-standing awards program headed up by Roger Linscott that includes UNR, 11 Washoe County high schools, plus high schools in Carson, Churchill and Douglas Counties. Last year I remarked on the rumor that all non-military awards would be eliminated. Fortunately, cooler heads have prevailed and our awards were presented as planned.

**Independence Day Liberty Bell Ringing.** Every July 4<sup>th</sup> the members of the BBP chapter gather at the Nevada State Museum in Carson City to ring the replica of the Liberty Bell. This event is held in conjunction with similar ceremonies in every state capital. The original program has expanded to include a concert by the Fifes & Drums of Nevada and a re-enactment of the reading of the entire Declaration of Independence to the assembled regiments of the Continental Army as ordered by

Gen. George Washington on July 9<sup>th</sup>, 1776. This is followed by an invitation for all to ring the Liberty

Bell.



Figure 6-Reno Veterans Day Parade

**Wreaths Across America.** On the 3<sup>rd</sup>

**Veterans Day Parade.** Annually, the City of Reno observes Veterans Day with a downtown parade in which members of the BBP Chapter have participated in since 2014. This year our unit was expanded to include, in addition to the Color Guard and the Fifes & Drums of Nevada, C.A.R. members from the Fort Churchill Chapter of the C.A.R. Each of them were attired in a frock coat, tricorne hat and haversack provided by the BBP Chapter. Funds to purchase the period correct outfits came from generous donations from chapter members and the community to the Fund For Young Patriots.

Saturday of December an event to honor fallen veterans takes place across the nation. In Northern

Nevada, the largest observance of this tradition takes place at the National Veterans Cemetery in Fernley. A number of us appear in full Revolutionary War era Continental Army uniforms and have participated in the presentation of the colors of the branches of the armed services. The Chapter also sponsors 15 wreaths and Chapter members another 8.



**Boys**

Figure 7(from left to right)-Brian Worcester, Jay Dickey, David Hess, and Mike Fitzpatrick

Figure 8-Washington's Farewell at Fraunces Tavern

**Night Out.** Every odd numbered month the lads get together for an evening that has grown from a just-for-fun evening into a much anticipated get together. The idea is based on the historical tradition that many of the ideas and events that lead to our independence were conceived and planned in taverns. The thought is, if it worked for our ancestors why not for us. BNO is intentionally convened with no agenda, but somehow plans are laid and decisions are made. In 2019, average attendance was just under 25 members. On the non-agenda is new member recruitment. Our Vice

President, Membership is Rob Stoecklin who has done an excellent job of following up with guests who are considering applying.

## The Color Guard Performs

**“Flags of The Revolution” presentation at Atria Senior Assisted Living.** Educational outreach is, as we have come to learn, not just for school age children. Americans of all ages take pride and show great interest in their heritage. Atria Senior Living is an assisted living facility for about 70 seniors. Most of them are there because they need assistance with many aspects of their daily routine, but their age has not dampened their love of this great nation as we learned last June.



Figure 9-(from left to right) Stephen Schroder, Paul Hicks, Marcia Baldwin, Brian Worcester, David Hess, Roger Linscott, and Rob Stoecklin

**Flag Day in Carson City.** Annually the National Guard has conducted a ceremony at the State Capitol to celebrate Flag Day, and this year was the 5<sup>th</sup> year our Color Guard has been invited to participate. On display is the oldest known 36 star U.S. flag that commemorates that addition of



Nevada as the 36<sup>th</sup> state. The BBP Chapter Color Guard has been given the position of honor as the guardians of that flag.

**Coast Guard Birthday Ceremony.** Through the contacts of our member, Mike Fitzpatrick, the BBP Color Guard and Fifes & Drums were invited present the colors and perform a short concert at the home of retired Coast Guard officer Rick Partidge. The occasion was a celebration of the 229<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the founding of the Coast Guard. The performance drew quite a bit of attention from the neighbors as we marched down the street and performed in the front



yard.

Figure 10 (from left to right)-Paul Hicks, Brian Worcester, Rob Stoecklin, Marcia Baldwin, Roger Linscott, David Hess, and Mike Fitzpatrick



**“Patriot Trunk” presentation to Sage Brush Chapter, D.A.R.** The gracious, and always supportive, ladies of the Sage Brush Chapter, D.A.R. have invited us on numerous occasions to perform for their meetings. They have always been enthusiastic and they willingly allow us to try out our new presentations on them. This has been the perfect

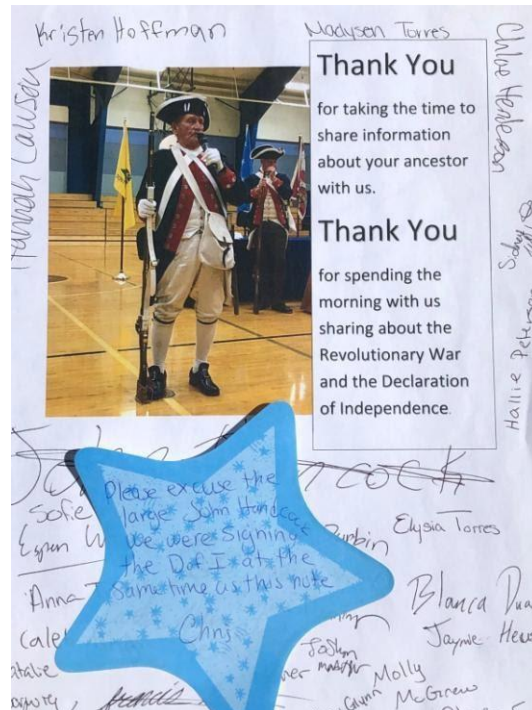
venue to work out the kinks in presentations we are developing for



wider audiences.

Figure 11-Roger Linscott and Rob Stoecklin share the finer points of musketry

**Dayton Middle School 8<sup>th</sup> Grade History Classes.** For the 5<sup>th</sup> year in a row, the BBP Color Guard has been invited to present to over 200 8<sup>th</sup> grade students attending Dayton Middle School. Before we arrive, each class is assigned a Revolutionary War regiment that they will become at the assembly. For 5 years in a row they continue to amaze us with the enthusiasm of their participation. Here are some photos from last December.



## Fifes & Drums of Nevada.

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We set up the Fifes & Drums of Nevada as a separate entity in order to recruit musicians from outside the BBP Chapter. Fifers include: Marcia Baldwin, Stephen Schroder and David Hess. Our drummers are: Roger Linscott, Brian Worcester and Mike Fitzpatrick. We meet every week to practice tunes and learn new routines. Here is a gallery of the corps from the past year.



Roger Linscott







Marcia Baldwin and David Hess

Attachment 5

**SIGNERS CHAPTER, NEVADA SOCIETY NSSAR CHAPTER  
PRESIDENTS ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2019**

*Presented by Charles B. Smith, Chapter President, at the Annual Meeting of the Nevada Society NSSAR on April 4, 2020. The meeting, originally scheduled to be held in Reno, Nevada to mark the 110th anniversary of the Nevada Society's founding, was cancelled by the unforeseen occurrence of the worldwide Coronavirus epidemic. Instead, the meeting was held by teleconference on the above-mentioned date at 10:00 a.m.*

--**Compatriots' Muster**. The Signers Chapter (SC) took a lesson from the BBPC and has revised its meeting format. We have gone from 12 formal monthly breakfast meetings a year to 6 formal breakfast meetings with speakers to every other month we meet to what we call a Compatriots' Muster (Boys Night Out) at a different local pub to share lively conversation and comradery. This is being done in an effort to increase participation. The three initial meetings have been very successful. VPG Western District James Fosdyck and his wife, Un Hui Yi attended our inaugural Compatriots' Muster on August 7, 2019.



--**Fireworks Booth Fundraiser**. The SC raised \$2300 this past July 4<sup>th</sup> to support our efforts to create a Color Guard. With a Color Guard we plan to go in to schools and teach programs along the lines of the northern BBP chapter. The SC goal for 2020 is \$5000.

--**Color Guard**. The SC has no Color Guard but is looking for a Color Guard commander who will ignite a program. The SC has funds on hand that will be used to support this new effort and will be participating again in a 4th of July fireworks booth fundraiser for the Color Guard.

--**ROTC/JROTC Awards Presentations**. The SC presented 26 awards this last year. 2 ROTC awards at the UNLV and 24 to high schools in southern Nevada and southern Utah.

--**George Washington Birthday Dinner**. The SC conducts a formal dinner every February as near to our first President's birthday as we can we honor the man who is "first in the hearts of his countrymen." This formal event features a guest speaker as well as the presentation of awards to outstanding members and special presentations to people in our community who have exemplified the purposes of the SAR. We had 40 members and wives present.

--**Constitution Day Dinner**. The SC conducts a formal dinner every September as close to Sept 17 as possible, in celebration to the signing of the US Constitution. It is at this event that we present awards to outstanding members and make special presentations to people in our community who have exemplified the purposes of the SAR. We had 40 members and wives present.

--**Scholarships**. The SC presented 2 each \$500 scholarships, the ladies auxiliary presented a \$500 scholarship.

--**Wreaths Across America**. The SC sold and distributed 100 wreaths during the Wreaths Across America Ceremony at the Southern Nevada Veterans Memorial Cemetery (SNVMC) in Boulder City.

**-NSSAR National Meetings and CASSAR Meetings.** The SC President Charles Smith attended one Leadership Meeting, two CASSAR State Meetings, and one National Congress in his role as National Trustee and State Registrar/Vice President.

### **State Registrar Charles Smith**

The Registrar’s report was presented by State Registrar Charles B. Smith. 11 new regular members and 1 new junior member were added in 2019. 8 members were reinstated, due to the terrific work by the BBP Chapter during dues season. Had 4 members transfer into the Society. 12 members were dropped due to non-payment of dues and 4 members resigned. 2 members transferred out, 4 members were deceased, and there was 1 memorial application. Once dues collection was completed, we ended 2019 with 160 members. There were 11 Supplemental Applications approved for current members.

State Registrar Smith created the Office of Registrar for the Signers Chapter. He will forward (most) of the new intake interest forms that he receives from the National website to Vice President/Co-Registrar Michael Gravitt. They will work them together. President Smith will take selected applications from National and other sources. He will continue to operate as the State Registrar and approve all packages from the BBP and Signers Chapters prior to submission to National.

Attachment 6:

### ***Position On Slate***

<b>President</b>	Michael Fitzpatrick
<b>President Emeritus</b>	Donald Hotchkiss, Jr.
<b>Vice President-North</b>	David F. Hess
<b>Vice President-South</b>	Charles B. Smith, V.
<b>Chaplain</b>	Rev. Joseph de Beauchamp
<b>Secretary</b>	Vote
<b>Treasurer</b>	Al Conant
<b>Registrar</b>	Charles B. Smith, V.
<b>Historian</b>	David F. Hess
<b>Director of Communications (webmaster)</b>	Paul Bell
<b>State Surgeon</b>	Dr. Donald McGee
<b>Chancellor</b>	Dr. Daniel Orr II, Esq.
<b>DAR Liaison</b>	Roger Linscott – North Albert Conant - South
<b>CAR Liaison</b>	Marcus Green
<b>Awards Chairman</b>	Charles “Chip” MacLeod
<b>Boy Scout Chairman</b>	Stephen Schroeder
<b>Commander of the Color Guard</b>	Robert Stoecklin
<b>Trustee</b>	Charles B. Smith, V.
<b>Alternate Trustee</b>	Brian I. Worcester

**Jones Scholarship Fund Trustee (3)**

Ben L. Allen  
Rev. Anthony A. Perry  
Brian I. Worcester

## Vote on:

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**Secretary:** Paul Bell (S) or Stephen Schroder (N)

## Attachment 2

### **Treasurer's Report:**

For CY 2020 the following data is probably what needs to be reported for the California Meeting.

#### Financial:

The Nevada Society closed out the year 2020 with \$10,035.16 in the General Fund and \$26,271.23 in the Paul Jones Scholarship Savings Account

#### Membership:

The Nevada Society began the year with 161 Members, we added 35 new members, lost 16, and are now at 180 strong.

Sadly our losses included seven key members who passed in 2020.

PO2 John Curtis Ryland  
James Allen Smith  
Robert Bruce Russell  
Brian Irwin Worcester  
Cpt. Robert L. Crowell USN  
Maj. Leonard Charles Becker  
CPL William Guy Dimmitt

The Nevada Society awarded one \$500 Scholarship from the Paul Jones Scholarship Fund it went to Rachael Perry, Daughter of Anthony Perry

We didn't have any other State Society activities to report, that I can recall.

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**BATTLE BORN PATRIOTS CHAPTER  
NEVADA SOCIETY  
SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION**

**CHAPTER PRESIDENTS ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2020**

This was an especially challenging year not just for the Battle Born Patriots Chapter, but for the entire nation. The Covid-19 pandemic brought most of our plans to a total standstill. Yet we were determined to pursue our mission as best as we could. This report will account for what we were able to accomplish. Most importantly, this report will chronicle the enthusiasm and dedication of our members. It is nothing short of a miracle that we achieved anything this year, but what we were able to achieve speaks volumes about our members and their embodiment of the Spirit of '76. It is to them that I dedicate this report.

## **What Did We Do In 2020?**

### **—We Welcomed New Members:**

We were pleased to welcome the following compatriots to our chapter:

**Bill Barton** (transfer from California), Patriot Ancestor: John Swan, Sr., Pennsylvania

**Robert Joseph Boyd**, Patriot Ancestor: William Boyd, Sgt, 13<sup>th</sup> Pennsylvania Regiment

**David Joseph Bradfield**, Patriot Ancestor: James Gladding, Pvt., Massachusetts Continental Line.

**Derek J. Brown** (Dual member), Patriot Ancestor: William Averill, Pvt. Massachusetts Continental Line.

**Chester “Chet” Clark Buchanan** (reinstated), Patriot Ancestor: Jesse Cofer, Pvt., Virginia  
**Michael Robert Frady**, Patriot Ancestor: William Tibbetts, Pvt, Massachusetts Militia.  
**John Patrick McKean**, Patriot Ancestor: John McKean, Pvt, 7<sup>th</sup> Pennsylvania Regiment  
**David Perdue**, Patriot Ancestor: Edmund Hagens, Surgeon on the privateer Putnam  
**Arthur Lester Salt**, Patriot Ancestor: Andrew Putnam, Assessor & Selectman  
**Jess Solomon Traver**, Patriot Ancestor: Eleazer Lindsley, New Jersey Continental Line  
**Sidney Grant Zeller**, Patriot Ancestor: Abram Talmage, Private, Morristown, New Jersey Militia  
**Jeffrey Michael Zeller**, Patriot Ancestor: Abram Talmage, Private, Morristown, New Jersey Militia  
**Jeremiah Matthew Zeller**, Patriot Ancestor: Abram Talmage, Private, Morristown, New Jersey Militia

—We Participated In Some Great Events:

—Nevada Sagebrush Chapter, DAR -- St. John’s Presbyterian Church -- January 11. The ladies

<p>Roger Linscott demonstrates the workings of a Revolutionary War Era “Brown Bess” musket.</p>
<p><i>Brian Worcester describes his saber while David Hess, Mike Fitzpatrick and Paul Hicks look on.</i></p>

of the Nevada Sagebrush Chapter, DAR asked what kind of educational presentations were we providing. We were only too happy to oblige.





*DAR Presentation Participants from left to right: Robert Stoecklin, Michael Fitzpatrick, David Hess, Paul Hicks, Brian Worcester. Not pictured because he was taking the picture, Roger Linscott*

**George Washington’s Birthday Luncheon — Feb. 22:** Traditionally, this is the event where our accomplishments over the past year are celebrated. I want to extend a special thanks to Roger and Sharal Linscott for their invaluable assistance in making this a memorable event. Central to this event is the opportunity to formally induct new members. It has also provided a great forum for recognizing our fellow compatriots for noteworthy activities both in and out of SAR. Twelve new members, as earlier noted, were inducted in the Battle Born Patriots Chapter in 2020. Recognitions include: Chapter extraordinary effort recognition to Hugh Pickering and Kurt Dietrich for creating the Office of The Registrar. Chapter Distinguished Service Award to J. Michael Fitzpatrick, Emergency Service Medal to Stephen Schroder, and a Certificate of Commendation for Display of The U. S. Flag to Donn Dalton, Bronze Roger Sherman Award to Robert Stoecklin, Certificates of Appreciation for their dedication to the Chapter to Jonathan Dickey, Donald McGee, Hugh Pickering and Robert Stoecklin, and Martha Washington Awards to Marcia Baldwin, Sharal Linscott and Lisa Stoecklin.



*Swearing In Ceremony from left to right: Patrick McKean, Chet Buchanan and Bill Barton.*



For "Above and Beyond" from left to right: Donald McGee, MD; Hugh Pickering, Jonathan Dickey, Robert Stoecklin.



Presentation of Bronze Roger Sherman Award to Robert Stoecklin by David Hess, President and Roger Linscott, Secretary.

Martha Washington Medal Recipient: Sharal Linscott

Martha Washington Medal Recipient: Lisa Stoecklin

*More From The George Washington Birthday Luncheon. . .*



**Flag Day Salute to VA Hospital Veterans — June 14.** The Covid-19 pandemic has impacted all our lives in ways we never imagined, but for veteran patients at the VA Hospital the effects are compounded by their isolation from contact with friends and family. At the invitation to the Office of Veterans Affairs we were invited to serve as the official Colorguard for a “Salute to Veterans.” For all of the veteran patients at the VA Hospital, this was their first contact with family and friends in months.



Battle Born Patriots Chapter, SAR positioned to receive the friends, families and supporters of hospitalized Veterans

*More From The VA Hospital presentation. . .*





Battle Born Patriots Chapter Colorguard + 1 include from left to right: Kurt Dietrich, Brian Worcester, Marcia Baldwin, David Hess, Paul Hicks, Michael Fitzpatrick, Jonathan Dickey, Robert Stoecklin, Roger Linscott.



Battle Born Patriots + 1 Color guards' Salute To Veterans

**Independence Day Liberty Bell Ringing.** Since 1995, on every July 4<sup>th</sup>, members of the BBP chapter gather at the Nevada State Museum in Carson City to ring the Liberty Bell. This event is held in conjunction with similar ceremonies in every state capital. The original program has expanded to include a concert by the Fifes & Drums of Nevada and a re-enactment of the reading of the entire Declaration of Independence to the assembled regiments of the Continental Army as ordered by Gen. George Washington on July 9<sup>th</sup>, 1776. This is followed by an invitation for all to ring the Liberty Bell. Although somewhat subdued, that tradition continued in 2020.



*The Liberty Bell was rung, The Declaration of Independence was read, The Drummers drummed, The Fifers fided, and the Colorguard guarded. Despite Covid, Our Nation was secure for another year.*



**DAR Northern Regional Meeting — Oct. 17 — Casino Fandango, Carson City.**

Always at the ready to Troop the Colors especially if it is for a good cause. What could be a better cause than helping the Northern Region DAR Chapters kick off their annual meeting? So we did.



Battle Born Patriots Chapter SAR Colorguard members include (from left to right): David Hess, Robert Stoecklin and Roger Linscott.

**Wreaths Across America — GAR Cemetery, Reno — Dec. 19:** On the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of December an event to honor fallen veterans takes place across the nation. In Northern Nevada, the largest observance of this tradition takes place at the National Veterans Cemetery in Fernley. Under usual circumstances a number of us appear in full Revolutionary War era Continental Army uniforms along side active and retired members of all branches of our armed services. This year, again, because of Covid-19, the event was much curtailed. So for this year we chose another path. In partnership with Camp 25, Sons of Union Veterans of The Civil War, several of our compatriots under the leadership of Robert Stoecklin, placed wreaths on veterans graves at five (5) sites including: GAR Cemetery in Reno, Lone Mountain Cemetery in Carson City, Veterans Cemetery in Fernley, Eastside Memorial Park in Minden and the Veterans Cemetery in Wadsworth. The highlight of the event was the dedication of a new granite monument at the GAR Cemetery in Reno.



The dedication of the new granite monument in Reno's GAR cemetery demanded a look that strayed from our Revolutionary War roots, but still accomplished our mission. Participants were (from left to right): David A. Davis, Sr. Vice Commander, Camp 25; Monica Moriarty, Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War. Others who are both members of Camp 25 and the Battle Born Patriots Chapter, SAR include: David Hess, Jonathan Dickey, Robert Stoecklin and Roger Linscott.

**—We Kept Important Traditions Alive:**



Washington's farewell took place at, where else, Fraunces Tavern

**Boys Night Out.** Every odd numbered month the lads get together for an evening that has grown from a just-for-fun evening into a much anticipated get together. We determinedly kept up our meeting schedule despite Covid-19 restrictions. The idea is based on the historical tradition that many of the ideas and events that lead to our independence were conceived and planned in taverns. The thought is, if it worked for our ancestors why not for us. BNO is intentionally convened with no agenda, but somehow plans are laid and decisions are made. In 2020, our average attendance dropped by about a third, but their enthusiasm still shown through.



Jess Traver is presented with his membership certificate by BBP Chapter President David Hess at a typical Boys Night Out.



Nevada State Society Secretary, Stephen Schroder, present recognitions for the Battle Born Patriots Chapter. Michael F. Patrick, Nevada State Society President accepts the King E Scout Participation Streamer and David Hess, BBP Chapter President accepts the President General's Education Outreach Streamer.





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We established the Fifes & Drums of Nevada as a separate entity in order to recruit musicians from outside the BBP Chapter. Fifers include: Marcia Baldwin, Stephen Schroder and David Hess. Our drummers are: Roger Linscott, Brian Worcester and Mike Fitzpatrick. The Covid pandemic cost us our practice space, and the unexpected death of Brian Worcester cost us a valued member and drummer. It is clear that 2021 will be a rebuilding year. Here is a gallery of the corps from the past year.



## **Nevada State Society Annual Meeting Planning Committee**

Great plans were in the works as envisioned by the Northern Nevada Host Committee. Once again, the Covid pandemic brought all those plans to an abrupt and sudden halt. The Committee nevertheless, put in hours of planning, and, despite the setback, are hopeful that we can realize their plans sometime in the future.

Members of the Planning Committee include: Co-Chairmen Michael Fitzpatrick and Jonathan

Dickey; Other members include: Richard Dalton, Steve Frady, David Hess, Paul Hicks, Roger Linscott, Charles MacLeod, Jim McLane, and Stephen Schroder

## In Memoriam

In Closing, we mourn the passing of the following Chapter Compatriots, and dedicate this Annual Report to their memory They will be missed:



**Robert L. Crowell**—Bob was the long serving Mayor of Carson City and a supportive SAR compatriot. Our last contact with Bob was to recognize him for 40 years of membership in the SAR.



**John Curtis Ryland**--John actively served the Nevada State Society for many years as Nevada Registrar and served in a similar role in the Battle Born Patriots Chapter. Even though he moved to California to be closer to family, he and his lovely wife Janie would always make an effort to join us at our events.



**Brian Irwin Worcester**—Brian held a long and distinguished record of service to the SAR and its founding principles. He served as Chapter President, Nevada State Society President and Vice President General for the Western District. My last contact with Brian was at Fife & Drum practice banging on his drum and having a great time doing it. His advice and counsel were invaluable and will be missed.

Attachment 4

**NEVADA SOCIETY NSSAR - 2020**  
**SIGNERS CHAPTER (SC) PRESIDENTS ANNUAL REPORT**  
**And STATE REGISTRAR REPORT**

*Presented by Charles B. Smith V, at the Annual Meeting of the Nevada Society NSSAR on April 10, 2021 via Zoom at 10:00 a.m.*

--**Chapter Meetings.** The SC held two physical meetings in early 2020 until the Coronavirus restrictions shut them down. Since then, ZOOM meetings were held about every second month. In January, 2021, the following officers were elected:

President –Tim Hagan

Vice President – Paul Bell

Secretary/Treasurer – Albert Conant

Registrar – Douglas Wood

Chaplain – Joe de Beauchamp

--**George Washington Birthday Dinner.** The SC conducted a formal dinner on February 22, 2020. This event featured a guest speaker as well as the presentation of awards to outstanding members and special presentations to people in our community who have exemplified the purposes of the SAR. We had 77 members and wives present.

--**Fireworks Booth Fundraiser.** The SC raised \$5000 the week of July 4, 2020, to support our efforts to create a Color Guard and other chapter activities.

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--**Wreaths Across America.** The SC sold wreaths and raised \$573 during the Wreaths Across America Ceremony at the Southern Nevada Veterans Memorial Cemetery (SNVMC) in Boulder City.

-**NSSAR National Meetings and HISSAR State Meeting.** SC President Charles Smith attended one physical Leadership Meeting, one Zoom Leadership Meeting, four NSSAR Trustee Zoom Meetings, and one physical HISSAR State Meeting, in his role as National Trustee and State Registrar/Vice President. Because of the Coronavirus, the National Congress was cancelled, and all National Officers were extended for another year.

### **State Registrar Charles Smith**

The State Registrar's report was presented by State Registrar Charles B. Smith. Twenty-one new regular members and three new junior members were added in 2020. There were five Supplemental Applications approved for current members.

Six members were reinstated and five members transferred into the Society. Nine members were dropped due to non-payment of dues and no members resigned this year. Two members transferred out, and seven members were deceased. Once dues collection was completed, the Nevada Society ended 2020 with 177 members, an increase of seventeen members.