



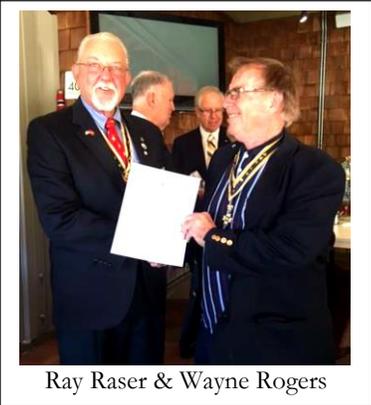
# SAR Eagle Chapter Newsletter

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## Eagle Chapter Meeting December 03, 2016



Ray Raser & Wayne Rogers



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CASSAR VP Jim Fosdyck



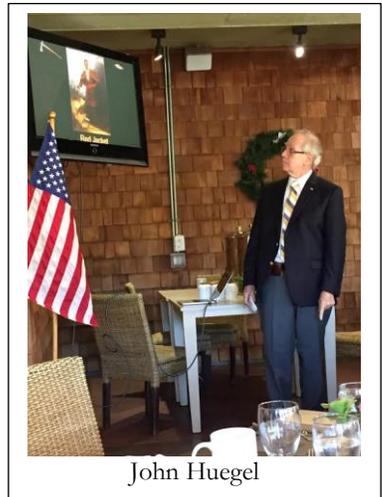
Robert Martin



Un Hui had made a beautiful quilt to be raffled off to raise money for the State Conference to be held at the Wyndom Hotel in Irvine, and a flyer as distributed to the ladies on the luncheons and dinners



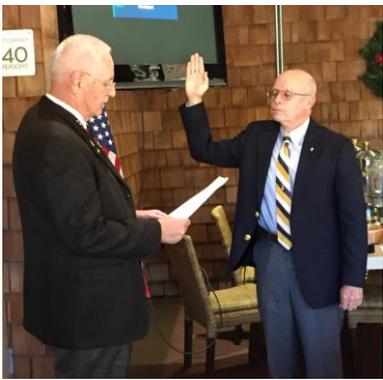
Bill Bishop & Jerry Sayre



John Huegel



Bill re-received the Distinguished Service Award. This certificate is to recognize outstanding personal service exemplifying the finest American ideals. It may be awarded on the national, district, state society, or chapter levels. Bill also was a member of the Eagle and Riverside SAR Chapters Color Guards for a number of years and has been our photographer. Bill we do not forget you



Frank Kebelman is sworn in as the new President by CASSAR VP Jim Fosdyck



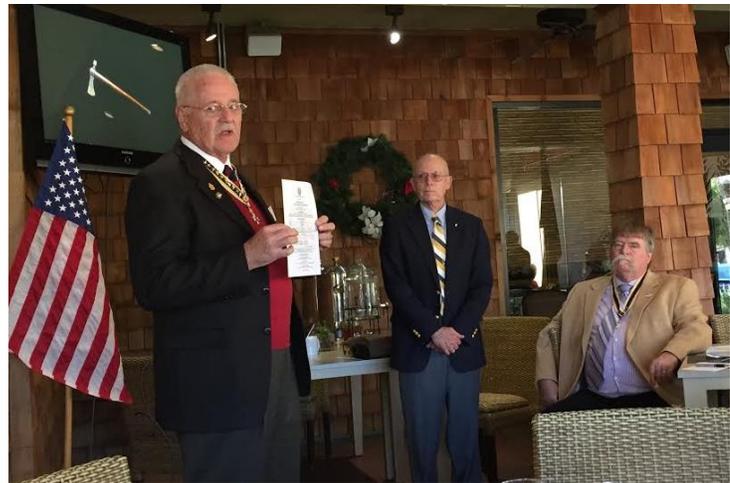
VP CASSAR Jim Fosdyck installs new Officers Bill Bishop, Secretary; Wayne Rogers, VP Programs; David Ott, VP Americanism



Jerry Sayre outgoing President



CASSAR VP Jim Fosdyck presents CASSAR Awards to Pres. Jerry Sayre



CASSAR VP Jim Fosdyck, Pres. Frank Kebelman, Outgoing Pres. Jerry Sayre

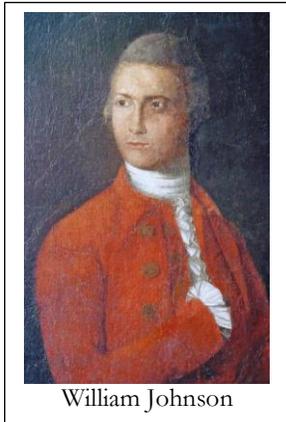
## “Family Trials and Tribulations of Mohawk Valley in the Revolution”

Presented by John Huegel on December 03, 2016

Many folks do not realize that the Revolutionary war in *New York State* was longer (1775-1784) other than just the Battles of White Plains or Saratoga. It was a war that began in Fort Ticonderoga, the first offensive battle in the revolutionary war (On May 10, 1775, less than one month after the American Revolutionary War was ignited with the battles of Lexington and Concord, the British garrison of 48 soldiers was surprised by a small force of Green Mountain Boys) and continued after the Battle at Yorktown. One that began before battles in the south with loyalist and Indians. It was a war that included the significant Indians of the Iroquois Nation as well as British soldiers. Families in the Mohawk Valley suffered significantly. Mohawk Valley was also significant for the wheat and crops it grew for Washington’s army. The Treaty of Paris bought the war to an end in 1783. In this treaty however, neither the English nor the Americans had made provisions for their Six Nations allies in New York State. Conflict was not over, until a separate treaty of the Confederacy of the Iroquois Indian was signed a year later in 1784.

In synopsis, John Huegel presented a brief history of the Mohawk Valley entitled **“Family Trials and Tribulations in the Mohawk Valley.”** After siting the valley between Lake Ontario and the Hudson River in North-Western New York, John provided a cast of individuals prominent in this incident surrounding events of his family and patriot ancestors.

They included: Sir William Johnson, his son, Sir John Johnson, Chief Joseph Brant, Sampson Sammons, John’s patriot ancestor and his three sons: Jacob, Frederick and Thomas. After the death of Sir William Johnson, his son took on the role and authority of Tory leader for this region and together with his ally, Chief Joseph Brant, was responsible for many raids and predations on the frontier



William Johnson

settlements in the Mohawk Valley. Beginning with the Battle of Oriskany, many families lived in constant fear of joint Tory and Indian raids perpetrated by Sir John Johnson and Chief Brant.

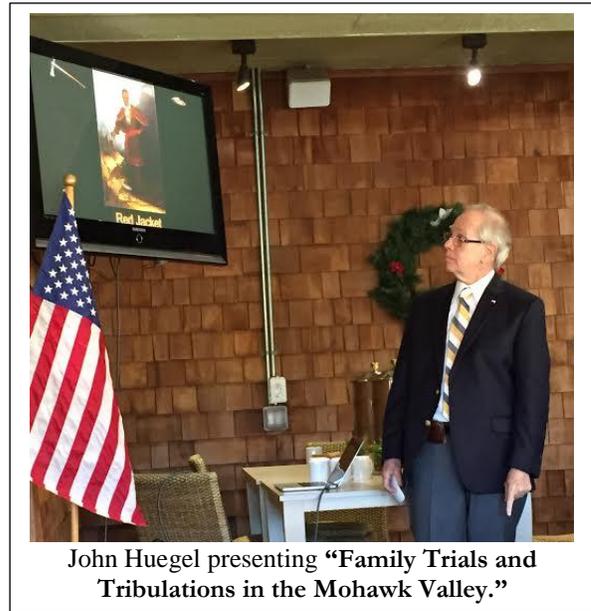
One of these raids occurred the morning of May 22, 1780 when 528 Tories, Indians, British soldiers and rangers under the command of Sir John Johnson descended on the settlement of Caugnagwaga and the neighboring villages and homes, including that of Sampson Sammons and his three sons all members of Fischer’s Militia. The family home like many others was burned to the ground and while the youngest brother, Thomas managed to evade capture, Jacob and Frederick were taken prisoner and marched to Fort Chamblee near Montreal.



Chief Joseph Brant

John provided many details of the multiple escapes of both these two brave brothers - some more successful than others. But all escapes, some merely attempts and others harrowing successes provide lasting testimony to their undying courage and determination to remain free and return home despite the perils and dangers of both the enemy and of the wilderness itself.

Underlying the story of these various people on different sides of the struggle for independence is the baronial home, Johnson Hall.



John Huegel presenting “Family Trials and Tribulations in the Mohawk Valley.”

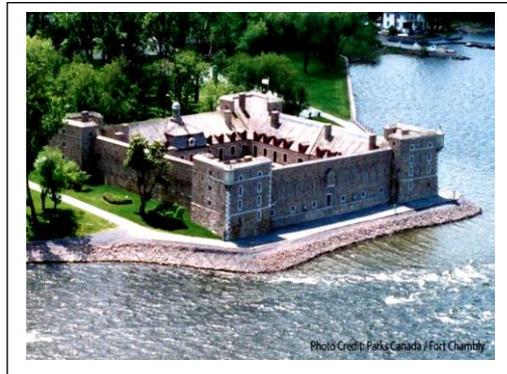


Photo Credit: Parks Canada / Fort Chamblee



Originally the home of Sir William and later Sir John, it was later leased by Jacob Sammons till the end of war and thereafter by his father Sampson Sammons whose own home had been destroyed by the Johnsons.



Interestingly both Sampson and Jacob, with the youngest son Thomas had on many occasions hosted the Marquis de Lafayette at dinners held there, and a friendship developed between the Sammons and their Gallic guest.

In 1824, the Marquis de Lafayette returned to America at the invitation of President Monroe. Lafayette as the last surviving general of the American Revolution was wildly and emotionally welcomed back to his adoptive land as a prelude to the fiftieth anniversary celebration of the founding of our nation. Festivities and enthusiasm ran high when on the morning of June 4, 1825 Thomas Sammons again met the Marquis as he started a tour of the then incomplete Erie Canal. Together, they interrupted the formal schedule and route of the Marquis' celebratory travels as they remained aboard a small packet boat and reminisced about life and times and friendship in the Mohawk Valley almost 40 years earlier.

### *Bio of John Huegel*

John Henry Huegel, is a true baby boomer, born in New York as were all the generations between his patriot ancestors and him. John is the namesake of his great grandfather, John Henry Starin, who is in 1893 an early member of The Sons of the American Revolution. In turn John Henry Starin was the namesake and grandson of John Starin, an Indian interpreter and confidential friend of General Washington. Curiously, each generation was alternately named either John or Myndert and this tradition continued from his patriot ancestor born in the town of Caughnawaga in the Mohawk Valley in 1754 through our compatriot, John born in the late 1940's in New York. John's mother, a descendant of the Starin's was also part of this family tradition, named Myndert after her father. After completing his Bachelors and Masters degrees, John teaches French at a boys preparatory school in New Jersey in the 1970's. John's two sons, Warren and Gerard, born during this time,

currently have their SAR applications pending and nothing would make him happier than for his two sons to join him in the Society's color guard.

Not long afterwards, John enters into Human Resources where he has practiced this career originally in New York and then moving westwards to Arizona and lastly to San Diego County. A California resident since 1987, he is a member of the Eagle Chapter of The Sons of the American Revolution, inducted this past June, 2016, with his two sons and wife all present. Interestingly, John's only original clues about and links to his patriot ancestors are the names of his grandfather and great grandfather. That and some family mementos formed the starting point for the research and discoveries of family members who were for him, fortunately well-documented. Incorporating his origins in the Mohawk Valley, if ever you see either John or his sons in uniform marching with the chapter's color guard, you might notice, not only are they carrying tomahawks, but also matching wampum belts.

History never dies because history never forgets, it lasts forever, even if lost for a moment. If you do not know what occurred before you were born, you remain a child but if you do know what occurred before you were born, you un-tap the potential of your ancestors through \*records of history and documentation, going back to the future, where an oath was an oath, a handshake a promise and the potential for a future was unlimited. Where everything abides and things flow from fragment to fragment, until we begin to know them and them until by degrees they melt and dissolve, and we know them no more, except through history.

*"Every man is his own ancestor and every man his own heir, He devises his own future, and he inherits his own past."*  
Frederick Henry Hedge.

*"If you are ignorant of what occurred before you were born, you remain a child, for what is worth of human life, unless it is woven into the lives of our ancestors by history and record."*  
Cicero

### **Eagle Chapter Officers 2017**

**President:** Frank Kebelman  
**VP Programs:** Wayne Rogers  
**VP Membership:** Ed Morris  
**VP Americanism:** David Ott  
**Secretary:** Bill Bishop  
**Treasurer:** Robert Martin  
**Registrar:** Wayne Rogers  
**Chaplain:** Dave Sanders & Wayne Rogers  
**Boy Scouts/JROTC:** Frank Kebelman  
**Newsletter Co-Editors:** Wayne Rogers and Ray Raser

Call Wayne Rogers if you are interested in presenting, joining, talking or more, the Eagle Chapter of the SAR at 951-795-8704 or email roger-wayne1@hotmail.com

**The Eagle Chapter is in process of changing time and location for future meetings. We will be meeting 1st of the month, every Saturday, between 9:00 AM and 11:00 AM at the Pala Mesa Resort on 2001 Old Highway 395 ( just off I-15 Scenic Corridor) --in Fallbrook, California in its Fireside room .**

**Our speaker will be Kristine Wood on Run for the Wall – A Journey to the Vietnam Memorial I look forward to this presentation and I think you will too.**

**I myself have had an unusual journey to the Vietnam Wall Memorial.**



This newsletter is presented to Past President Jerry Sayre from the Eagle SAR Chapter Members for Serving as President of the Eagle SAR Chapter from 2015-2016.

Jerry was an outstanding President and highly respected by all chapter members  
Congratulations to Jerry Sayre.

**The Eagle Newsletter is published monthly and is very informative, as follows:**

The American Revolution (1775-83) is also recognized as the American Revolutionary War and the United States. War of Independence. The conflict arose from growing tensions between residents of Great Britain's 13 North American colonies and the colonial government, which represented the British crown.

Skirmishes between British troops and colonial militiamen in Lexington and Concord in April 1775 kicked off the armed conflict, and by the following summer, the rebels were waging a full-scale war for their independence.

France entered the American Revolution on the side of the colonists in 1778, turning what had essentially been a civil war into an international conflict. After French assistance helped the Continental Army force the British surrender at Yorktown, Virginia, in 1781, the Americans had effectively won their independence, though fighting would not formally end until 1783.

Each Month I look forward to an article or bio from our members to input into our newsletter. While many of us have submitted articles about our ancestors in the revolutionary war, it is suggested, for a refresher to the Eagle, newsletter, that we begin submitting an article or bio about our parents (our mothers and fathers), who started us.

Many of them went through World War II. Let's remember in writing and publishing them before it is too late. Honor your mother and father by submitting an article of bio about them to Wayne Rogers: roger-wayne1@hotmail.com; or 28482 Scenic Bay Cove Menifee, California 92585; or call me 951-795-8704.

Each month I look forward to genealogy and SAR applications for new members and supplemental for existing members. Currently we have A FEW INQUIRIES, three (3) prospective members, and two (2) submitted members for approval.

Honor your patriots, submit some supplements!  
*Remember genealogy is not fatal, but it is a grave disease.*

**New Web Site**

Eagle Chapter member David Ott is making good progress with the new rebuilt Eagle Chapter website. If there is anything specific you would like him to include please communicate. The website is SAR Eagle.org

# MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING HELD ON

December 03, 2016

By Bill Bishop

The regular meeting of the CASSAR Eagle Chapter was held at the Welk Resort on December 03, 2016, with 20 attendees, including State Vice President Jim Fosdyck and his wife, Un Hui Yi. Everyone was welcomed by President Jerry Sayre, who introduced State Voce President Jim Fosdyck and his wife Un Hui Yi. Then Wayne Rogers gave the invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag and the SAR Pledge were recited by the attendees. Each attendee introduced himself and his guest(s). Two prospective members were in attendance.

The minutes were approved as published in the newsletter.

The President re-presented Bill Bishop with the Certificate of Distinguished Service in which his name had been corrected.

Executive Vice President Jim Fosdyck reported on the upcoming Conference and the raising of funds.

Wayne Rogers reported on the slate of new officers to be voted on, which had been prepared by the Nominating Committee, Wayne and Ed Morris:

President, Frank Kebelman

Vice President – Programs, Wayne Rogers

Vice President – Membership, Ed Morris

Vice President – Americanism, David Ott

Registrar – Wayne Rogers

Secretary – Bill Bishop

Treasurer- Robert Martin

Chaplain - Wayne Rogers was appointed to this position.

## **Other Officer reports:**

Frank Kebelman explained about the Best Chapter contest.

Secretary Bill Bishop reported there were 7 full members with unpaid dues and 5 dual members, and that he planned to send out notices via U S Postal Services to get a little more attention.

Registrar Wayne Rogers reported that three prospective members' papers had gone to National, but one was returned through San Diego for more information.

Treasurer Robert Martin reported the bank account balance last month was \$3,313.67 but he had received dues of \$100, leaving a balance of \$3,413.67.

## **New Business:**

Frank Kebelman distributed a list of action items he thinks should be taken: 1) Look for new meeting place and time, 2) Purchase a Chapter banner for color guard, 3)

Create Chapter handbook, and other items to be discussed other in an annual planning meeting.

Jerry Sayre thought it would be a good idea to list the approved Patriot Ancestors on our website, creating some "bragging rights," and will send the idea to David Ott, our webmaster.

Ray Raser announced the Chapter had received awards at the last State Conference and asked Executive Vice President Jim Fosdyck to present the awards: he presented a ribbon and certificate recognizing the Chapter's support of the Center; certificate was awarded for the Chapter's partnering with military and veterans; and for marching in the July 4th and Veterans Day parades.

Ray Raser was presented a Patriot medal; the State President can only present one in the whole state. Jim Fosdyck stated that In Boston in July, he had installed the National President of the Youth Program who will raise \$1,000 and will match what others raise.

Un Hui Yi has the California medals with the SAR seal, which is a fundraiser for California. Also Un Hui Yi had made a beautiful quilt to be raffled off to raise money for the State Conference to be held at the Wyndom Hotel in Irvine, and a flyer was distributed to the ladies on the luncheons and dinners. They are free costing only the \$4 for parking.

John Huegel was introduced as the speaker of the day's program, and gave a most interesting and detailed program on the "Trials and Tribulations of Mohawk Valley in the Revolution."

**Upcoming events:**

The Color Guard will be participating in the Massing of the Colors at Hollywood Hills Forest Lawn.

The Fallbrook Christmas Parade that would occur later in that day, will include the Chapter's color guard.

Ray Raser will be included in San Diego Chapter's entry in the La Jolla Christmas Parade that same day.

The President asked the Bishops to announce the winner of the basket that had been presented in a silent auction. Wayne Rogers was the winner at \$60 to go to the color guard fund.

At this time the President called for the voting of new officers to be installed. The slate as stated above was approved, and Executive Vice President Fosdyck installed the new officers, and presented the Chapter President with a new gavel.

A founder, Frank Kebelman being sworn in as New Eagle Chapter President by Past President Jim Fosdyck.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, newly installed President Kebelman adjourned the meeting.

*Respectfully submitted,  
Bill Bishop, Secretary*

**Those Present at the meeting were:** CASSAR VP Jim Fosdyck and wife, Un Hui Yi, President Jerry Sayre, Vice President/Registrar Wayne Rogers, Vice President Frank Kebelman, Treasurer Robert Martin, Secretary Bill Bishop and wife Fay, Bob Anderson and wife Carol, John Huegel and wife Karen and their son, Gerrard Huegel, Ray Raser, George and Sue Holt, Bill Frederick and Helen Murphy, Bruce Plummer and Ann Kessler

The Patriot Medal is awarded only by a state society. It is the highest award given for service at the state or chapter level. This medal is presented only to individuals and may be received ONLY once. It represents long, faithful and outstanding service at the state and/or chapter level. Service at the national level can not be considered in making the award.



Ray Raser receives the Meritorious Patriot Medal by CASSAR VP Jim Fosdyck



## *Fallbrook Christmas Parade*



Eagle Color Guard, Musket with American and SAR Flags

## *Wreath's Across the Nation-Riverside National Cemetery*



Riverside SAR Chapter at Riverside National Cemetery for Wreaths across America.

## **NARA**

When doing some research on a Revolutionary War Patriot there is this branch of the Federal Archives Records in Perris, CA, virtually in our back yard.

The branch office has access to all the files housed in Washington DC and Maryland via micro-film going back to what is available for the Revolutionary War and who served and if a land grant was issued or a pension.

The address is:

NARA  
Federal Archives  
Federal Service Records  
23123 Cajalco Road  
Perris, CA 92570-7298  
(951) 956-2000

Open Monday to Friday 8-4

Thursday there is a genealogist available to help with research.

Not open on weekends or Federal Holidays.

This might be something the general membership would interested in. So, I am printing this in the newsletter

# On Line Registration

Wayne Rogers

As chapter Registrar, I have been assigned Eagle Chapter Registrar permissions **on-line** to view, edit, save and print all started applications that designate the Eagle Chapter, SAR. After I login to the NSSAR Online System, on the left side of the computer screen, there is a "stacked paper" icon with the words "Chapter Dashboard" which I click. A new screen will display that shows five of the most recently saved Eagle Chapter applications and I can click the gray "View" button to the right of that list of applications to access any of those applications for viewing, editing and printing. Also, I can click on the "Applications" tab above the list of most currently saved Eagle Chapter applications and then click on "Regular," "Supplemental," "Junior" or "Memorial" lists of started Eagle applications, click the blue "Edit/View" button to the right of the application that you want to view, edit, save or print. Sometimes when I change from "Regular" to "Supplemental" or from "Regular" to "Junior" there are no applications displayed and to refresh the list of applications I need to click the "Chapter Dashboard" icon again and then click "Applications" and then click the category of Eagle applications that I want to view.

Contact me if you need clarifications, on how you too can get on line for new or supplemental applications.

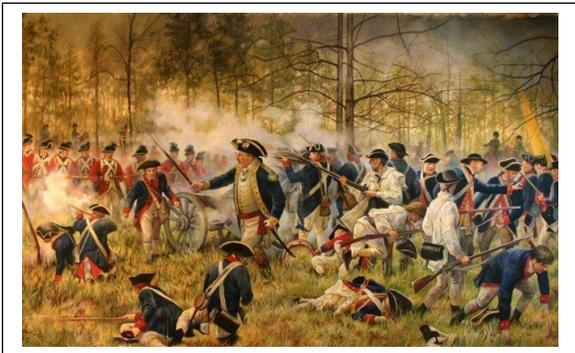
Wayne Rogers: roger-wayne1@hotmail.com

## *History and Your Patriots*

President of the Month and Year: Jerry Sayre. Jerry Congratulations on a job well done!! Jerry Sayre's wish is to list approved Patriot Ancestors on our website, creating some "bragging rights," that you will not forget.

According to Emerson, the truest form of history is biography. ? Have you done a bio on your revolutionary ancestor?

We live in a time increasingly described by technology, speed, convenience and explosive information. In such a time, it is easy to forget histories, personalities, lifestyles, events, epoch deeds, even families which forged, not only America, but modern civilization as we recognize it. The study of history and tracing and joining a lineage society such as the SAR, provides a mode of insight, reflection and acknowledgement of the people, places, processes, and families responsible for the lives we enjoy today.



**Our February meeting will be 1st Saturday February 4th at the Pala Resort in the fireside room 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM and our speaker and presentation will be outstanding Kristine Wood – on “Run for the Wall”  
A Journey to the Vietnam Memorial**

## Introduction

In 2014 Kristine Wood participated in her first, “Run for The Wall”, a 10 day, 3,000 mile motorcycle ride from Ontario, Ca to the Vietnam Memorial in Washington DC. The purpose of the ride is to



promote healing among all veterans and to raise awareness for the over 80,000 American POWs and MIAs still unaccounted for. Kris will present her experiences on the run and how run for the Wall is healing America’s Veterans. To help spread the purpose and mission of Run for the Wall Kris has written a book about the run, its mission and its healing powers. The book, Run for the Wall – A journey to the Vietnam Memorial is due out in the spring of 2017.

Kris is a fourth generation Southern Californian who grew up in and around Long Beach. A member of Daughters of the American Revolution, Daughters of Union Veterans

and a Pending member of Daughters of 1812.

Kris manages the business side of her husband’s dental practice, which has provided them with the means to raise 9 children. Kris and her husband now enjoy spending time with their children and eight grandchildren, SCUBA diving and riding their Harley Davidson Motorcycles all over the United States.

## Vietnam Memorial Wall

Honoring the men and women who served in the controversial Vietnam War, the Vietnam Veterans Memorial chronologically lists the names of more than 58,000 Americans who gave their lives in service to their country



Wayne J Rogers is on the Wall at Panel W38, Line 78

The Vietnam Veterans Memorial is a 2-acre (8,000 m<sup>2</sup>) national memorial in Washington, DC. It honors U.S. service members of the U.S. armed forces who fought in the Vietnam War, service members who died in service in Vietnam/South East Asia, and those service members who were unaccounted for (Missing In Action) during the War.

Its construction and related issues have been the source of controversies, some of which have resulted in additions to the memorial complex. The memorial currently consists of three separate parts: the Vietnam

Veterans Memorial Wall, completed first and the best-known part of the memorial; the Three Servicemen Memorial, and the Vietnam Women's Memorial.

The main part of the memorial, which was completed in 1982, is in Constitution Gardens adjacent to the National Mall, just northeast of the Lincoln Memorial. The memorial is maintained by the U.S. National Park Service, and receives around 3 million visitors each year. The Memorial Wall was designed by American architect Maya Lin. In 2007, it was ranked tenth on the "List of America's Favorite Architecture" by the American Institute of Architects. As a National Memorial, it is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

## **Don't Forget the Massing of the Colors -coming February 19, 2017- it is amazing**



The MASSING OF THE COLORS IS the largest celebration of its kind in the western United States, in 2017 it will be the 35th annual celebration of George Washington's birth sponsored by the Sons of Liberty Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution! This upcoming event will be held at 3:00 PM, Sunday, February 19, 2017, at Hall of Liberty, Forest Lawn Hollywood Hills, 6300 Forest Lawn Drive, Los Angeles. All participants are requested to arrive at least an hour early.

Previous Massings of the Colors have been a great success. Over 600 people and fifty color guards participate each year,

including over ten of our brother SAR Chapters. Many greater Los Angeles area high school and college color guards take part in this celebration. If you would like to be part of this event, contact us for details on how you can participate.

Forest Lawn might initially seem a strange place for our event, but it offers an area that showcases a collection of American architecture and artworks that honor our country. There's the world's largest historical mosaic, The Birth of Liberty, a faithful reproduction of Boston's Old North Church, and larger-than-life-sized bronze statues of Washington and Jefferson. You can watch a free 26-minute movie about the American Revolution as well.

**In the past three years the Eagle Chapter has met at the Lawrence Welk Resort at the Canyon Grill in Patio 2. As a beginning Chapter and small chapter it was acceptable. Based upon many factors, this location and time no longer meets the current condition and outlook our future meetings will be at the Pala Resort in its fireside room, at 2001 Old Highway 395 (just off I-15 Scenic Corridor in Escondido, California**