



State President's Message

Dear California C.A.R.'s,

We are now in the countdown mode for the February 2009 California State Conference. It promises to be so much fun, with a campaign party on Friday; Business Meeting on Saturday morning with, hopefully, reports from all state officers, state chairmen, and every state society; a tour of the historic Mission Inn in the afternoon with a visit to the resident "ghost;" and – the finale – the Awards Banquet and an awesome Dinner Dance! We want to know about you and what your societies are doing, and especially how they have supported Operation Gratitude this past year.

Mrs. Stufflebean and I have traveled to many of your local societies, participated in helping new organizing societies get up-and-running, and have also worked hard to promote the C.A.R. to our parent organizations like the DAR, SAR and SR. With everyone's help and support, (especially the Orange County SAR Chapter), we were able to donate \$6,000 to Operation Gratitude in November, which sent an extra 600 holiday care packages to soldiers serving overseas. That is something ALL of CALIFORNIA can be very proud of! And, I know we will have another check to present to Operation Gratitude in February!

I want to thank all of the state officers, chairmen, and society members, for getting behind this worthwhile state theme, and promoting the ideals of love of country, patriotism, and pride. I also thank them for promoting their offices, and working to ensure that the California C.A.R. is growing. We have added many new members to our state society, and I know we'll continue to add more!

I hope all societies will enter some of the contests – and let everyone know that you are proud to be a member of the Children of the American Revolution. I also hope all societies have at least one member attending the conference. This is an opportunity to meet and greet members throughout California, and also meet some of the regional and national members who will be traveling all the way from the east coast to attend our conference (featured guests – Kevin Baker, N.S.C.A.R. President, and Mrs. Lois Schmidt, N.S.C.A.R. Senior President, and members of their administrations). Show your support of the C.S.S.C.A.R. and N.S.C.A.R. by attending the February conference.

It has been a fantastic year .I've truly enjoyed meeting so many members and seniors of the C.S.C.A.R. and I look forward to seeing everyone at the February 20th and 21st California State Conference at the Mission Inn in Riverside, California!

With deepest regards,
Lucas Borncamp
California State President
lucasborncampCAR@yahoo.com



Senior State President's Message

Dear Members and Seniors,

What a fantastic year this has been for California C.A.R. and the best is still to come!

State President Lucas Borncamp was able to give Operation Gratitude an early Christmas present of \$6000.00 to help ship care packages to our soldiers in time for the holidays. The State Society had originally planned to donate \$4000 because Operation Gratitude was in great need of money for postage. However, Orange County Chapter SAR invited Lucas to talk about his C.A.R. project and enthusiastically voted at their meeting to donate an additional \$2000.00 immediately to add to C.A.R.'s gift. An extra 600 soldiers were able to receive holiday boxes because of all the support that C.A.R. members have given to the State President's project this year. Thank you to everyone who has given volunteer hours, items for the packages and monies for postage.



January and February will be busy months for local societies with contest entries to be filled out and the State Standard of Excellence contest to enter. Senior Society Presidents, please submit an entry for our new contest to identify the "Most Outstanding Local Society Member" in California C.A.R. Not one, but FIVE, members will be honored for their work this year at State Conference.

If you have not yet made reservations for the conference on February 20-21, 2009, please be sure to book your hotel room right away. Registration forms need to be received by the Senior State Treasurer by February 2. All information and forms are available on line at the C.S.S.C.A.R. website at www.california-car.org.

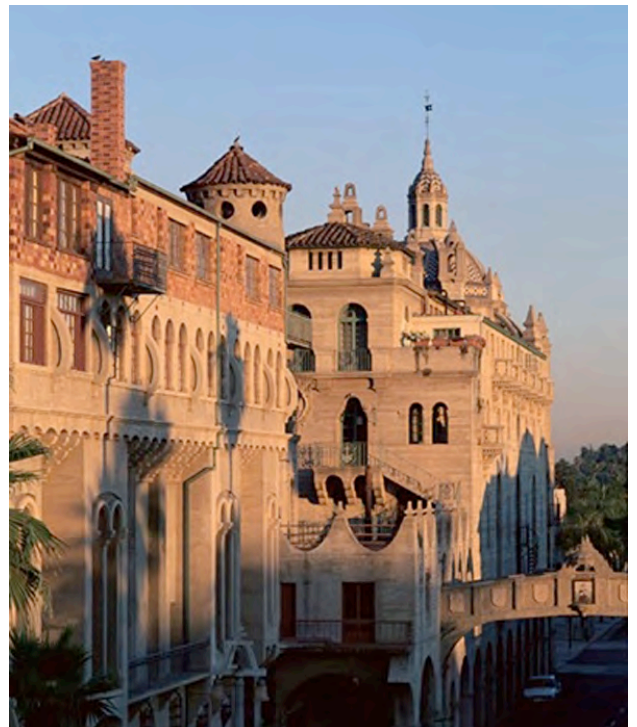
I am looking forward to celebrating the accomplishments of State President Lucas Borncamp with each and every one of you as we "Honor Their Sacrifices" next month at the Mission Inn in Riverside.

See you then!

Linda Stufflebean
Senior State President

C.S.S.C.A.R. State Conference

C.S.S.C.A.R. State conference will be held February 20-22 in Riverside, at the historic Mission Inn. All reservation forms and information are available on the state website at www.california-car.org. Officers will be elected for the coming year, and all current state officers, state chairmen and local societies will be reporting on their accomplishments during the past year. Now's the time to make your reservations and to get ready for a great weekend at a beautiful hotel.



C.A.R. Decorates Rose Parade Floats

(Photos by Mr. David Stufflebean and story by Mrs. Sharman Borncamp)



Does anything sound more fun at the end of the year than decorating a parade float for the annual Pasadena Rose Parade? Almost 40 C.A.R. members, seniors, and family friends met on December 28th at Festival Artists in Azusa to participate in this annual event.

Members worked on the USC float, China Air, and the Jack-in-the-Box floats, doing everything from gluing on flowers, seeds, and



beans, to painting intricate designs, and balancing on the scaffolding to gently place petals on a football or sign.

The weather was perfect, and all enjoyed the synergy and enthusiasm of the venue.



After a day of hard and sometimes grubby work,

members attended a holiday party at the home of Senior State President Linda Stufflebean, and her family, David and Michael. All enjoyed a delicious pizza meal, with lots of desserts, and then toured a beautiful Christmas Tree Lane of homes with festive lights. At the end of the evening, Lucas Borncamp hosted several C.A.R. members for a sleepover, and was very pleased to accept donations from the Bakersfield Chapter of the DAR, brought by Breanna Foster and Kylie Probert.



A great time was had by all. Plan to join the annual C.A.R. Rose Parade Decorating Event after Christmas 2009!



Riverside SAR Presentation

State President Lucas Borncamp and Mrs. Linda Stufflebean, Senior State President, attended a meeting of the Riverside SAR Chapter on October 13. Lucas gave a report on C.A.R. and Operation Gratitude.



C.S.S.C.A.R. Northern Board Meeting

State officers and senior state officers met at the home of Mrs. Billie Spence in

San Jose on November 9. The photo is courtesy of Mrs. Kay Gilbert.



State Librarian-Curator News

Haley Schutzenberger, State Librarian-Curator, and Mrs. Carol Allsup, Senior State Librarian-Curator, remind us about their state contests. There are national and state awards for the best book review that is written by a member and the best drawing of a founding father that is done by a Peewee Patriot. There are also certificates for the local societies that with the best overall programs. See your senior society president for details.

Mrs. Allsup also asks that her address be corrected on pages 22 and 23 of the state program packet. Her address is 2911 Silver Estates, San Jose, Ca 95135-1244. Make sure that your contest entries are sent to this corrected address. Here is her message go C.A.R. readers:

"Calling all C.A.R. readers! Do you have a library? Maybe the books that you read come from the library in your town. Or if you have a shelf in your room with your books there, you have a library. Or maybe your library is on your desk, or a table. Don't you agree that the books you read say something about you? You can read mysteries, adventure stories, historical stories, stories about famous people, stories about the earth and the sky. What would you say about a family who had thousands of books in twelve languages in their library? They must have been kind of smart! And they must have had a BIG house. There were books about astronomy, literature, horticulture, natural history and theatre. You might say, "Did they actually read them?" If course! This is known because for one thing, there were notes in the margins of the pages. In fact, there are books written about the notes. Yes, they were smart, and it was so long ago that the person who placed such high regard for "book learning", and who began the collection, read by the light of a fire or candle. NO, it was not Abraham Lincoln. Who then? John Adams, the second President of the United States. He was a great Patriot. His son, John Quincy Adams was also a President of the United States. They were the first father-son combination. There was another. Know who?"

Haley Schutzenberger encourages societies to learn how museums preserve American history. Here is her message:

"The Bowers Museum in Santa Ana currently has an exhibit of American quilts is on view. Their quilts reflect the story of America in artistic and creative ways. On the quilt tour, visitors learn about various styles and materials used by quilters at different stages of American history. Quilts might reflect the economic status of the quilters. For instance, some were made with left over scraps or flour sacks, while others were made of fine materials. During the time America was under British rule, the English forbade any imports that did not first get traded through Britain. This made Chintz, a fabric made in India, very expensive but very desirable. The wealthy made quilts from it to show their status. Once the United States gained its freedom, Chintz became less expensive and soon was overused. Thus, if something was very cheap it was referred to as "chintzy". The Bowers quilt tour also preserves other interesting stories of American history. One quilt was made in the Civil War era with Civil War insignia making up the quilt pattern. Originally its colors were red, white and blue, but in a flood, the quilt's blue material faded to a light brown color. Another quilt on display reveals business practices in the U. S. in the early 1900's. It was made with fabric squares that had various nations' flags printed on them. The flags came free in cigarette boxes as incentive for women to encourage their men to buy cigarettes rather than nagging them for smoking. The quilt tour provides many other interesting stories that teach about a slice of American history through quilts. I encourage you to visit the Bowers museum to see this wonderful collection of American quilts."

Betsy Ross Society

The Betsy Ross Society met on November 22 to assemble holiday packages for Operation Gratitude. Pictured clockwise from left front are Michaela, Joshua, Brandon, Bradley and Brooke. Thanks to Mrs. Katherine Borges, Senior Society President, for submitting the information.



“Honoring Their Sacrifices”

A Tribute to Our Veterans

On November 2, Captain Matthew Ramsay Society paid tribute to the veterans of our community in a



special ceremony at the Veterans Memorial in Santa Clara’s Central Park. Our special guest was Santa Clara Mayor Patricia M. Mahan who welcomed us to the memorial and to Central Park. Zachary Schmitz, Captain Matthew Ramsay Society President, presented Mayor Mahan with a C.A.R. state program pin, which represents a donation to “Operation Gratitude.” Zachary also presented program pins to James Lee, the Chairman of the Santa Clara Veterans Memorial Committee, and to our featured speakers, Nick Brown, U.S. Coast



Guard veteran, and Brent Schmitz, U.S. Marine Corps veteran. Nick is a former member of Captain Matthew Ramsay Society and the father of Kiana Brown, and Brent is the father of Zachary, Danielle and Jacob Schmitz. Mrs. Margaret West, great-grandmother of Jessica and Gregory Calasopa, was honored as a U.S. Navy Veteran who served during World War II.



Canyon Read played the Star Spangled Banner and Taps on his trumpet to open and close the ceremonies. Danielle Schmitz and Erin Allsup presented flowers and U.S. flags to the veterans and their wives. Brooke Read and Emily Allsup distributed programs and escorted guests to their seats. Many other society members and families took part in the program and assisted with the arrangements.

We especially acknowledge the City of Santa Clara Parks and Recreation Department for their support.

A Salute to William A. Allen, U.S. Marine Corps

We are proud to give you an update about our Captain Matthew Ramsay Society member, William A. Allen, who is presently serving in the U.S. Marine Corps.

His grandmother, Mrs. Robin Kamradt, a member of the El Palo Alto DAR Chapter, wrote the following article about Billy:

Billy Allen, a member of Captain Matthew Ramsay Society since 2004, graduated from San Luis High School in May, 2007. He had been planning for some time to join the U.S. Marines. He enlisted and went to Marine Cops Recruit Depot in San Diego on July 9, 2007. Then came the extremely tough 12 weeks of Boot Camp.

Billy graduated from Boot Camp on October 5, 2007. Several of his family members attended the two days of ceremonies. About 700 Marine recruits graduated. His grandmother described the experience as, “wonderful, stirring, not-to-be-missed and never-to-be-forgotten.”

Billy then had about two weeks leave at home in Los Banos, where he celebrated his 18th birthday. He turned 18 during Boot Camp, on August 18, 2007.

He then returned to Camp Pendleton for three weeks of Military Combat Training. This occurred at the same time as the wildfires in the Los Angeles and San Diego area. His group at Camp Pendleton was evacuated to another part of the base for just a few days because of the fires.

Immediately after Billy completed his training at Camp Pendleton, he flew to Missouri for Military Occupation Specialties (MOS) schooling at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri. Billy’s specialty is Sea Burn, Chemical, Radiological and Nuclear Defense (CBRN). His family again attended his graduation from the MOS school in April. After 30 days leave, he traveled to his new assignment overseas at the Marine Corps Air Station in Iwakuni, Japan.

Billy arrived in Japan during the latter part of May. He was expected to also spend several months in Korea, returning to Iwakuni at the end of January, 2009.



Orange County SAR and Operation Gratitude



State President Lucas Borncamp received a certificate of appreciation and a check in the amount of \$2,000 for Operation Gratitude from the Orange County Chapter of SAR. Lucas then presented that check, plus a check for an additional \$4,000 to Operation Gratitude in time to offer much needed support for holiday package shipments. The \$6,000 contributed by C.S.S.C.A.R., which was



raised through the efforts of all local societies in California, enabled Operation Gratitude to ship 600 packages to our troops who are serving overseas. A final check will be presented to Operation Gratitude at C.S.S.C.A.R. State Conference in February. If you have received a state "Honor Their Sacrifices" pin, you can truly wear it with pride.

Daughters of the American Revolution



California C.A.R. state officers and senior state officers represented our society at the DAR Southern Council meeting on September 27. CAR members also decorated the Glendora DAR State House for the annual Christmas Tea in December. Members manned a C.A.R. booth, promoting the sale of "voices" and



Honor Their Sacrifices pins. State President Lucas Borncamp brought greetings on behalf of the CSSCAR.

State Recording Secretary's Suggestions

Danielle Gilbert, State Recording Secretary, offers helpful hints for taking minutes at society meetings. She says that minutes should be a brief summary of the meeting. Conversations and details of presentations don't need to be recorded. The minutes should cover "who, what, where, when, BUT be very brief with the why and how." The minutes are very important because they provide a permanent record of the events of the meeting, plus proof that the meeting actually took place. Here are sample society meeting minutes:

ABC Society (Business/Project/Theme or Event) Meeting
Meeting hostess and place
Date

Local Society President (or other officer), --then give their name--, called the meeting to order at 'TIME X.' Open rituals were observed (or dispensed by MOTION). In attendance: number of L.S. Officers, number of L.S.S. Officers, number or names of members, number or names of guests, and names of Special guests or Presenters. The previous meeting minutes were (read, published in e-mail, posted for review, or filed). Next the officers (by protocol order) gave their reports, or were filed. The treasurer reports our balance on hand as '\$XX.' The Registrar reports membership is "some number of members," with "some number of prospectives" pending. Members resigned/transferred in/out/or dropped are "some number. The meeting program on "some subject" is presented by guest/member/officer "somebody." Motion: Save and give BoxTops for Education to Miss "somebody" to be mailed to "some mountain school" on December 1st.Refreshments: 10 AM. Meeting resumed 10:20 AM, with Chairman reports/filed (given in protocol order). Announcements: Next meeting details, invitation reminders, and due dates. Meeting adjourned: 11 AM.
(signature) Local Society Recording Secretary, ABC Society

DeAnza Trail Society



Mrs. Barbara Wescott, Senior President of the DeAnza Trail Organizing Society in Riverside, dressed in a colonial costume at the organizing meeting of the society on October 16 in Riverside. Lucas Borncamp, State President, installed the new society officers.



Juan Crespi Society

Members of Juan Crespi Society toured the SS Lane Victory, one of the few remaining WWII cargo vessels that carried material to our Armed Forces in WW II, Korea and Vietnam.



State Historian

Sabrina Giglio, State Historian, needs lots of pictures for the state scrapbook. She prefers 4x6 prints. Please be sure to include the name of your society, a list of officers and a list of events and notable meetings.

Mrs. Billie Spence, Senior State Historian, also has the follow message for members and seniors:

It is time to begin putting together the scrapbook pages that will be a part of the both the Senior State President and the State President's "Year in Review". Each officer and each Society is asked to complete a scrapbook page based on the standards listed below. For the societies, show the projects you did, what programs did you cover. Have some pictures of the projects, show action shots. Make the page or pages a real reflection of what your society did this past year. For the State Officers, if you attended an event with Lucas and you have pictures, put something together that shows the event.

Scrapbook Page Size: 12" x 12" Sheets (Standard Scrapbook Pages) (No more than 5 per society or officer)

Enclose the 12 x 12 sheet in the plastic protective cover

Due Date: Mail all pages for the State President's book no later than February 9, 2009 to:

Sabrina Giglio, 16849 Livorno Drive, Pacific Palisades, CA 90272-3258

Due Date: Mail all pages for the Senior State President's book no later than February 9, 2009 to:

Billie Spence, 1925 Dandini Circle, San Jose, CA 95128



Mayflower Society

State President Lucas Borncamp gave a presentation to the Mayflower Society at the organization's meeting in November. He discussed our "Operation Gratitude" state program.

Archival Preservation

Do you have your "Bear Facts" archival pin? If not, order yours today for \$25.00 or purchase it at the State Conference and have Lucas Borncamp, State President present it. The Archival pin supports the states efforts to preserve all historical state documents. The current Archival program is moving forward with new acquisitions being donated on a regular basis and it is important to have the funds to preserve these records. Don't be the last person in your society to have one of these pins.



Red, White and Blue Society



The Red White and Blue Society participated in Wreaths Across America at Rosecrans National Cemetery in Point Loma. Mrs. Jeanette, Senior Society President, reported that society members joined the military, DAR, and SAR for a day of remembering those at Forts Rosecrans Cemetery who served our country. Denali Wixsom, Society President led the Pledge of Allegiance and two boys, Zachary and



Daniel placed a wreath in memory of all POW/MIAs. Zachary recited a prayer for the POW/MIAs. After the ceremony, C.A.R. society members joined the military in laying wreaths on graves.

Stephen Eastin Society

Members of the Stephen Eastin Society visited the historic Dana Adobe in Nipomo to see the annual holiday open house, which was a recreation of Christmas as it might have been in 1850s California . Members toured the house, practiced “roping” on barrel horses, broke confetti eggs on each other’s heads, took a swing at a piñata, and patted the famous Adobe Burros.

Completed in about 1851, the Dana Adobe is the most historically significant residence in San Luis Obispo County . Its architect and builder, Captain William G. Dana, played an important role in the histories of Santa Barbara and San Luis Obispo Counties . Located beside the old Camino Real, the Dana Adobe provided a stopping place for many years for travelers along this important road.



Pictured with the burro: Delaney O’Neal and Mrs. Patti Lewis, Senior Society Secretary.

Danforth-Cottle Merit Award

The Danforth-Cottle Merit Award is given annually by the California State Society of the Children of the American Revolution Applicants for the \$250.00 award must be members in good standing of the California State Society C.A.R. Applicants must also be high school seniors who expect to graduate by June 2009 or high school graduates who plan to begin their pursuit of higher education before their 22nd birthday.

The application deadline for this scholarship is February 1, 2009. Applications received after the deadline will not be considered. The recipient of the award will be announced at the Awards Banquet at the annual State Conference of the California State Society in February 2009. Upon receipt of proof of admission at an institution of higher learning, this award payment will be made by the Senior State Treasurer to the institution.

Interested applicants should contact:

Mrs. Jo Mancebo-Silver, Senior State Chair CSSCAR Education Committee
4709 Arlene Place, Pleasanton, CA 9456 (925) 399-5210 jonsilver@comcast.net

Junior American Citizens Contest

Will Buxton, State Co-Chairman of C.A.R./DAR/SAR/S.R. Relations, has announced that all contest entries in the DAR Junior American Citizens Committee Contest are due by January 29. This year’s national theme is “America Land of Opportunity” which lends itself to a wide variety of interpretation by C.A.R. members of all ages. A poster, stamp design, photo essay, banner, poem, short story, service project...the sky’s the limit! Entries must be submitted to your local DAR Chapter. Contact the chapter regent for details. We hope that all California C.A.R. societies will participate in this contest.



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California C.A.R. Calendar



January 19**

February 14

February 16**

February 20-21

Martin Luther King Jr. Day

Valentine's Day

President's Day

California State C.A.R. Conference

Mission Inn

3649 Mission Inn Ave.

Riverside, CA 92501

951-784-0300

www.missioninn.com

California DAR State Conference

Marriott Hotel, Santa Clara

March 12-15

April 12

April 17-19

Easter Sunday

N.S.C.A.R. National Convention

Arlington, Virginia

June

N.S.C.A.R. Western Regional Meeting

Las Vegas, Nevada



****Fly your flag on patriotic holidays**



The 2008-2009 N.S.C.A.R. National Program is “**Ensuring American Patriotism.**” Kevin Spence Baker, National President, hopes to instill a better understanding among today’s youth of the heroic actions and sacrifices that led to the birth of our nation. He is raising money to provide DVDs for schools that include the re-enactment of the Second Virginia Convention, with Patrick Henry’s famous “Give Me Liberty Or Give Me Death” speech. The national website is www.nscar.org .

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