***2024 SAR* Western District Meeting Minutes**

Double Tree Hotel (by Hilton) – Bakersfield, CA

Saturday, October 26th 2024

**Call to Order:**

* SAR Vice President General Western District Brian Stephens opened the meeting at 2:05 PM on Saturday, October 26, 2024.

**Miscellaneous Business:**

* VPG Stephens thanked the National Society SAR officers for attending the meeting;
* He noted that all three states in the Western District have named representatives to the National America250 Commission.
* He reported that he will be serving as Vice-Chairman of the National Council of VPG’s.
* He reminded the membership to visit the SAR YouTube channel and subscribe to support its algorithm;
* He recommended visiting the E-Learning tab on the SAR website;
* He announced Jim Klingler has been appointed as SAR Western District Secretary;

**Motion to Endorse National Officer Candidates:**

* Stephen Renouf moved to endorse same candidates as CASSAR has endorsed to serve as National Society officers for the coming year;
  + Terry Briggs seconded and all voted in favor with John Dodd abstaining since he was the Chair of the Nominating Committee.
* The endorsed nominees are:
  + Michael Elston for President General;
  + W. Alan Greenley for Secretary General;
  + T. Brooks Lyles for Treasurer General;
  + Gary O. Green for Genealogist General;
  + Keith A. Weissinger for Registrar General;
  + Jeffrey D. Thomas for Historian General;
  + Peter Davenport for Chancellor General;
  + John L. Dodd for Foundation Board;
  + Daniel McKelvie for Foundation Board – At Large;
  + James Klingler for Vice President General Western District.

**Presentation:**

* Brian Stephens then presented Michael Hirman and Jim McAdory of the San Diego Chapter with commemorative Grave Marking lapel pins for their leadership in the grave marking ceremony of 18 Spanish soldiers buried near the San Diego Presidio.

**New Business from the Floor**

* John Dodd reminded membership of all the appealing merchandise available and encouraged members to purchase plenty of merchandise as a way to continue supporting our Society
* Bill Nay gave supporting comments and encouraged members to purchase the collectible challenge coins offered on the NSSAR website
* After hearing no new business from the floor, Jim Klingler moved to adjourn and Rev. Robert Thompson seconded. All voted in favor.
* Rev. Robert Thompson of Yosemite Chapter gave the Benediction and CASSAR Trustee Jim Klingler led the SAR Recessional.

**The meeting was adjourned at 2:15 PM.**