

**The National Society
Sons of the American Revolution**

presents

**The 2016 SAR Annual Conference
on the American Revolution**

***Empires of Liberty
and the American Revolution***

June 10-12, 2016



Courtyard Hotel / Old Town Pasadena
180 North Fair Oaks Avenue
Pasadena, California 91103

In a 1780 letter to George Rogers Clark, Thomas Jefferson claimed that if Clark succeeded in his maneuvers in the Northwest, he would “add to the Empire of liberty an extensive and fertile Country.” Jefferson is not the only American to use the phrase. In 1786, John Adams wrote that “It has ever been my hobby-horse to see rising in America an empire of liberty, and a prospect of two or three hundred millions of freemen, without one noble or one king among them.” Others expressed similar sentiments. In his last “Circular to the States,” General Washington noted that “the foundation of our empire was not laid in the gloomy age of Ignorance and Superstition, but at an Epocha when the rights of mankind were better understood and more clearly defined, than at any former period.” Given the republican leanings of America’s founding generation, this imperial language is jarring, and perhaps paradoxical. Even so, it reminds us that the American Revolution grew out of a crisis in the British Empire, and that the imperial problems the colonists faced in the 1760s and 1770s did not go away 1776. In some ways, the difficulties they faced were those of reconciling empire with liberty in an independent America and in a world of competing empires. This problem, even paradox, of “the empire of liberty” is the theme of the 2016 Sons of the American Revolution Annual Conference on the American Revolution. The conference will focus on the crisis in the British Empire that led to the American Revolution, and the efforts after 1776 to resolve, or at least manage, the imperial problem or problems.

Please join us as the 2016 SAR Annual Conference on the American Revolution considers
Empires of Liberty and the American Revolution

Ten Papers in Five Sessions

All attendees of the 2016 SAR Annual Conference on the American Revolution may attend all five sessions of the Conference. At each session, two papers will be presented. The seeming paradox of “the empire of liberty” will be discussed by scholars such as:

- Carole Shammass, *University of Southern California*
- Kenneth R. Bowling, *George Washington University*
- Max M. Edling, *King’s College London*
- Peter S. Onuf, *University of Virginia*

Other Conference Activities

Attendees who register for the Full Conference Package may also attend the following:

- Friday ➤ Cocktail reception
- Saturday ➤ Lunch
- Dinner, followed by a tribute to Jack P. Greene, *Johns Hopkins University*
- Sunday ➤ Brunch and a Roundtable Discussion of Presentations
led by Richard A. Samuelson, *California State University, San Bernardino*

Hotel Accommodations

The SAR has a block of rooms at The Courtyard Hotel / Old Town Pasadena at 180 North Fair Oaks Avenue in Pasadena, California. Rooms at The Courtyard Hotel are from \$194 per night, plus applicable state and local taxes. Please make your hotel reservations directly with the hotel. To reserve a room, call 800-321-2211 or 626-403-7600, and tell them you're with the Sons of the American Revolution.

If you would prefer to stay somewhere else, or if the SAR's block of rooms is sold out, there are several other hotels in and near Old Town Pasadena.

\$250, Full Conference Package, including:

- Ten Papers in Five Sessions
- Friday reception
- Saturday lunch and dinner.
- Sunday brunch and the Roundtable Discussion

\$100, Ten Papers Package for Adults:

- Ten Papers in Five Sessions

\$50, Ten Papers Package for Students:

(Full time university or high school students)

- Ten Papers in Five Sessions

(These packages do not include meals.)

To register for the 2016 SAR Annual Conference on the American Revolution, please fill out the form below, and send it with your check to:

National Society SAR
 ATTN: 2016 SARACAR
 809 West Main Street
 Louisville, KY 40202

Please make your check payable to "National Society SAR." The total number of attendees is limited, so please act soon. Registrations for the 2016 SAR Annual Conference on the American Revolution may be accepted until the Conference convenes or is full, but for planning purposes, please try to submit your reservation by June 1, 2016.

Please call the hotel of your choice directly to make your hotel reservations.

Name: _____	Guest: _____	
Address: _____	E-Mail: _____	

Phone: _____		
	<u>How many?</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
<i>Full Conference Package:</i>	_____ @ \$250 ea.	\$ _____
<i>Ten Papers Package for Adults:</i>	_____ @ \$100 ea.	\$ _____
<i>Ten Papers Package for Students:</i>	_____ @ \$50 ea.	\$ _____
	TOTAL AMOUNT REMITTED:	\$ _____