



# The Courier



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## Presidents Corner

Hope this finds you all well. Unfortunately, I have to start out with some sad news. Arthur Wilson Winship Jr. (aka Dart Winship) passed away on July 15, 2019 in Sacramento, Ca. Born to Wilson Winship Sr. and Katherine Johnson in Plattsburg, New York on July 10, 1927. Aged 92 years and 5 days. His application to the Sons of the American Revolution was approved on Sept. 1, 2004. His patriot ancestor was Daniel Lothrop, who served as a 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. in the Massachusetts Line. He also served as the Sacramento Chapter President of the SAR in 2007 and 2008. After serving as President, he stopped being active in the Chapter and focused his energies elsewhere. Condolences go out to his Family.



So, as most of you know, I presented a certificate of appreciation to VFW POST 1747 (straight across the street from me) for flying the American Flag every day. About 6 weeks ago, I noticed that they had not been Flying the Flag for about a week. I saw Dana, the manager of the place, outside and decided to walk over and talk to her about it. She apologized to me and explains that the flag rope is so rotten, that they are afraid that it will snap in the wind and the flag will go blowing down the street. Apparently these ropes only last about a year. She tells me that she would like to get a mountain/rock climbing rope as it will most likely last longer. A lot longer. Well...me being who I am and in the position I'm in tell her that I would be happy to go get a rope for the Flag and donate it to VFW POST 1747 through the Sacramento Chapter of the SAR. She couldn't believe I just offered to buy the new rope and donate it. So off I go to Walmart.

### Cattlemens Meal Selections:

Ribeye Steak \$30.

Sirloin Steak \$25.

Grilled Salmon \$25.

Teriyaki Chicken \$25.

Pesto Spinach/Cheese Ravioli \$25. (Vegan)

Next Meeting

Friday, September 20, 2019, 7:00PM

Cattlemens Restaurant

12409 Folsom Blvd, Rancho Cordova

**Make a reservation and meal choice when a member of the telephone committee calls. Or, contact Chair Phil Noble at email [phil7476@aol.com](mailto:phil7476@aol.com) by noon on Thursday before the meeting.**

**Payment accepted at the door. We accept cash or personal checks. We do not accept credit cards.**

Wives, guests, and visiting compatriots are always welcome.

Come and socialize at 6:00PM. The meeting will start promptly at 7:00PM

We are a 501(c)(3) non-profit charitable organization, EIN # 68-0004288

Photos courtesy of Don Spradling

## Presidents Corner (Cont)

They have a really large variety of climbing ropes. The VFW needed 75 foot of rope. The closet one they had was 100 ft., so I buy it and off I go. Get back to the VFW and Dana and I go out to string the new rope up to the flag pole and guess what?? That's right, the old rope snaps and we can't get the new rope installed. About this time, the fire dept. Hook and Ladder is coming by. Dana goes out and stops them. Tells them our dilemma. They go all the way around the block, come back up Lincoln along side the VFW, engage the ladder and one of the guys goes up and threads the rope through the pulley. Day saved by the Fire Dept. They go home. The rope is fitted right and all is good. Now...I bet you are wondering why I am telling you this story. Here's why. If you ever find yourself coming up Lincoln Blvd. into Oroville on the south side, all you have to do is look for the tall flag pole on the east side with the Day Glow Orange flag rope with the American and POW/MIA Flags at the top, you'll know that is our rope that we Donated. It's a real pretty rope and it really is bright.

Ok. Moving on. The Rancho Murieta Resort and Spa has been secured for the CASSAR Spring Conference. There is still a lot of planning to be done. All the help we can get will be greatly appreciated.

WE are also having a members only meeting on the 17<sup>th</sup> of August, which is a Saturday. It is going to be at Cattlemen's in Rancho Cordova at 10:00 AM, doors open at 9:30 AM. If you are available, please join us at this meeting.

I would like to welcome Dennis Deck as our newest transfer member and Gary Morgan and Mark Mozdy as our newest members.

I would also like to thank all who participated in the Elks Club Carmichael 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade and those who participated in the Folsom Hometown Parade. Fun was had by both groups.

## Color Guard Appearances

On June 26<sup>th</sup>, the Sacramento Chapter Color guard presented the colors at the opening of the Servpro Convention at the Convention Center in downtown Sacramento. Led by State Color Guard Adjutant - North Russ Kaiser, members included Don Littlefield, Ernie Garcia, Carl Ahlberg, and Craig Anderson. **For our Color Guard services, Servpro generously donated \$500 to the Sacramento Chapter.**

## 129th Annual SAR Congress

**NSSAR Genealogist General, Jim Faulkinbury, was awarded the NSSAR Minute Man Award at the 129<sup>th</sup> Annual Congress.**

The SAR Minuteman Award is the highest award presented to a member by the SAR. It is presented for distinguished service rendered to the SAR on the national level.

A nominee for this award must have a minimum of five years of active and distinguished service to the National Society. He must have served at least three years in a National elective office (General Officer, Vice President General, Trustee, or Alternate Trustee); as well as having served as a Committee or Task Force Chairman/Vice Chairman for at least three years.

Members are selected by the SAR's Minuteman Committee, made up of previous medal recipients and appointed by the SAR President General. The President General presents this medal at an annual Congress.

Congratulations, Jim!



## 2020 CASSAR Spring Meeting



The Sacramento Chapter will be hosting the 2020 CASSAR Spring Meeting on April 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>. The meeting will be held at the The Murieta Inn and Spa, 7337 Murieta Dr, Rancho Murieta, CA 95683. I encourage you to attend; it's a great opportunity to participate in the California Society and meet compatriots from the various Chapters.

Volunteers are still needed to help plan and facilitate this meeting, so please join us! Contact Don Littlefield, Will Gunter or Craig Anderson if you can help. Please join us in making this CASSAR meeting a huge success!

## Americanism Poster Contest

The Americanism Poster Contest was created in 2002 by the NSSAR Americanism Committee and is open to public, private, or ecumenical, and home schooled students in the 3rd, 4th, or 5th grades, depending on when the American Revolution is taught. It is also open to members of the C.A.R., Cub Scouts, or Girl Scouts as long as they are of the same age group and the contest is not conducted through their local school system.

The winner of this contest at the Chapter level is submitted to the State society and judged at the annual spring meeting. The winners at the state level are judged and announced during the annual NSSAR Congress. Judging is based upon portrayal of the theme, originality, evidence of research, neatness, artistic merit, and creativity.

The 2019 Topic was “Paul Revere and Sybil Ludington – Messengers for Liberty.” The 2020 Topic will be announced later this year. Entries should be submitted to local SAR chapters through school classrooms or directly by Cub Scouts and CAR members.

Don Littlefield stepped in this year to chair this program, but the chair for this worthy project is currently vacant. The chairman’s duties include presenting the rules of the program to the students, putting together a small team of members to judge them, and then returning to the classrooms to announce the winners and present the prizes. Every child who participates in this program receives a certificate of participation. This is really a fun project and develops a lot of enthusiasm with the students and teachers. **If you can help with this, please contact any of the chapter officers; the program chairman can rely on support and help from other chapter members for this program’s activities.**



### *The Americanism Poster Contest*

*L-R: 1st Gold Country, 3rd Kern Chapter, Hon. Mention Mother Lode, Hon. Mention Sacramento  
4th San Diego, 2nd Orange County*



## In Memoriam



**Arthur Wilson “Dart” Winship**

Arthur Wilson Winship, Jr., who went by the name Dart, was born on July 10, 1927, in Plattsburgh, New York and he passed on July 15, 2019 in Sacramento, CA. He spent his childhood to the 9<sup>th</sup> grade in New Canaan, Connecticut.

He volunteered extensively over the years in fire fighting, civil defense, and correctional officer roles and also been involved with the Masonic Lodge, Rotary Club, Cursillo Christian Movement and the Kairos Christian Prison Ministry.

His hobbies included cooking, reading and volunteering with the County Probation Department as a Board Member of the Neighborhood Accountability Board working with the Probation Department, the Sacramento Police Dept. and the Sheriff’s Dept. working with juveniles under 18 in an effort to correct their past behavior.

His application to join the Sons of the American Revolution was approved on September 1, 2004. His patriot ancestor was Daniel Lothrop who served as a 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. in the Massachusetts Line.

Dart Winship served as Sacramento Chapter President in 2007 and 2008.

<https://www.legacy.com/obituaries/sacbee/obituary.aspx?n=dart-winship&pid=193423956>

## Historic Folsom Hometown Parade



L-R David Beach, Rudy Rodriguez, Ross Miller, Kevin Alec, Dennis Deck, John Hess, Jim Faulkinbury, Don Littlefield, Doug Drake, Craig Anderson (not pictured Carl Ahlberg)



## Carmichael 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade

Members of the Sacramento Chapter participated in the annual Carmichael 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade. SAR members included Will Gunter, Russ Kaiser, Ernie Garcia, Phil Noble, David Beach, Douglas Drake, Rudy Rodriguez, Carl Ahlberg, and Dennis Deck. Many members brought their grandchildren. Also participating in the parade were members of the Sacramento Chapter DAR and the General John A Sutter Chapter DAR.



Sacramento Chapter SAR



Sacramento Chapter DAR



Gen. John A Sutter Chapter DAR

## VETERANS RECOGNITION



The SAR Veterans Recognition Committee provides recognition to living SAR veterans by awarding the SAR Certificates of Patriotism.

The SAR recognizes that many of its members have served or are serving in the military. Listed below are descriptions of the current Veterans Corps that our members have the opportunity to join.

World War II Veterans Corps  
Korean Service Veterans Corps  
Vietnam War Veterans Corps  
Southwest Asia Veterans Corps  
Special Ops Veterans Corps  
Military Service Veterans Corps

Obtaining a Certificate of Patriotism is easy. The link below will take you to the page where you can find the application, a national list of SAR members who have been awarded the certificate of patriotism, and a veteran's newsletter, *The Bugle*. **Anyone who would like to apply for this certificate may do so online or contact either myself ([craigandesonsar@gmail.com](mailto:craigandesonsar@gmail.com)) or Will Gunter ([wgunter54@att.net](mailto:wgunter54@att.net)) and we will complete the form for you. You will need to provide us with a copy of your DD214.**

<https://www.sar.org/compatriots/committees/veterans-recognition-committee>

We have recently received seven certificates for Sacramento Chapter Members; we will present six of these certificates in our August business meeting.

- **Bruce Purcell**, Military Service Certificate;
- **Wesley Anderson**, two Special Ops Certificates for Operations Praying Mantis and Eldorado Canyon;
- **Jimmy Stephenson**, two Southwest Asia Certificates for Operations Enduring Freedom and Inherent Resolve.
- **Roy Adkins**, Military Service Certificate.
- **Craig Anderson**, Military Service Certificate.



## Honoring Our Patriot Ancestors

### David Blaisdell

Born February 21, 1736, in Amesbury, Massachusetts, David Blaisdell was a son of David and Abigail (Coby) Blaisdell. David's great-grandfather, Ralph Blaisdell, immigrated to this country from England in 1635, sailing on the ship Angel Gabriel, and landing at Pemaquid Point, Maine. The day after they landed, the great storm of August 15, 1635, destroyed the ship and most of their belongings.

David married Judith Jewell, daughter of Joseph and Ann (Quimby) Jewell on December 24, 1755, in Amesbury, Essex County, Massachusetts. From this union there were eleven children. After Judith's death, he married Sarah Currier Bagley, the widow of Valentine Bagley. David was an accomplished tall clock maker. Several of his tall clocks can be seen today in the New Hampshire Antiquarian located in Hopkington, NH.

Two of David's homes, located on Kenwick Court in Amesbury, are still occupied today. David enlisted on November 11, 1777, as a private in Capt. Oliver Titcomb's Company, Col. Jacob Gerrish's Regiment, serving for almost three months. He enlisted again October 10, 1780, serving in Capt. Richard Titcomb's Company, Col. Nathaniel Wadsworth's Regiment, serving for three and one half months. Besides being a clockmaker, David was a blacksmith and made most of the medal work for the frigate, Alliance, and other ships built in Amesbury. Later David went to Cambridge, where he used his skills to repair old muskets and other arms for the Continental Army.

David Blaisdell died in 1794, and Judith Jewell Blaisdell died January 5, 1786. Both are buried in the Bartlett Cemetery in Amesbury. Judith's headstone is still there, but David's has been removed. Townspeople tell us (in 2003) that it was recently taken, and are working to have it returned. The Blaisdell name has been spelled several different ways over the last 380 years, including Blaisdell, Blasdel, Blasdell, Bleasdell, and probably other ways.

David Blaisdell is the patriot ancestor of Thomas Hobert Chilton Jr.

*Editors Note: Patriot biographies, such as the one above, can be submitted to the national organization. They will be published online. They provide information for potential SAR applicants to find the information they need to find potential ancestors and to complete their SAR applications. The biographies should be about 500 words and submitted to the NSSAR at this web site: <https://sarpatriots.sar.org>*

## Fall CASSAR Board of Managers Meeting

The fall 2019 CASSAR BOM Meeting will be held in Irvine, CA. on November 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>. The registration form can be accessed on line at the following link:

<https://www.californiasar.org/events/144bom/>

### 144<sup>th</sup> Annual Fall Board of Managers Meeting

of the

### **California Society, Sons of the American Revolution**

**November 1 – 2, 2019**

*Hosted by the Orange County Chapter*

#### **Wyndham Irvine Hotel**

17941 Von Karman Ave., Irvine, CA 92614

*A Special SAR Room Rate of \$125.00 per night (single or double) is available until October 9<sup>th</sup>  
Make Hotel Reservations at (949)345-1856. Parking is \$5 per day. Free Shuttle from OC Airport.*

#### Meeting Reservation Form

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse/Guest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Chapter: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_  
City/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Arriving: \_\_\_ Thursday, October 31<sup>st</sup>, \_\_\_ Friday, November 1<sup>st</sup>, \_\_\_ Saturday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>

**Registration is \$160.00 per person by October 1, 2019 or \$175.00 after October 1<sup>st</sup>.**

The fee includes meetings, Friday and Saturday luncheons, and the Saturday Gala Dinner Banquet.

Number of Registrants: \_\_\_ @ \$160      Late Registrations \_\_\_ @ \$175      Total: \_\_\_\_\_

Non-registered Friday Luncheon: \_\_\_ @ \$45 each

Non-registered Saturday Luncheon: \_\_\_ @ \$45 each

Non-registered Gala Dinner Banquet: \_\_\_ @ \$75 each

Total Amount Enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

*Checks should be payable to Orange County Chapter, SAR and mailed with this registration form to:*

**Mark Torres, 5584 Los Palos Circle, Buena Park, CA 90620**

*Questions? Contact Mark at mblastus@yahoo.com*

#### Please mark your meal choices:

##### Friday Public Service Luncheon

\_\_\_ Braised Yankee Pot Roast w/Mashed Potatoes    or    \_\_\_ Salmon w/Rice Pilaf

##### Saturday Youth Luncheon

\_\_\_ Chicken Piccata    or    \_\_\_ Turkey & Avocado Croissant

##### Saturday Gala Dinner Banquet

\_\_\_ Beef Wellington    or    \_\_\_ Atlantic Salmon

*(vegetarian options available)*

## Coming Events

### **Special Members Only Meeting**

**Saturday August 17, 2019 at 10:00AM**

**Cattlemens Restaurant**

**12409 Folsom Blvd., Rancho Cordova**

**Doors Open at 9:30 - Light Refreshments will be served**

**Chapter Planning Meeting for 2020**



### **Next Dinner Meeting**

**September 20, 2019 7:00PM**

**Cattlemen's Restaurant**

**12409 Folsom Blvd., Rancho Cordova**

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