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December's Program



Vista del Lago High School

Home of the Eagles



Entertainment for our December meeting will be provided by the **Choral Music Ensemble, Vista del Lago High School**, Folsom, CA singing Christmas Carols and other selections. The choir is under the direction of Ms. Elicia Spencer, pictured on the right with Don Littlefield and below with Tom Chilton.



Cattlemens Meal Selections:

10 oz. Rib Eye Steak	\$24.
Grilled Salmon	\$24.
Teriyaki Chicken	\$24.
Pesto Spinach/Cheese Ravioli	\$24.
(vegetarian)	

Friday, December 20, 2013, 7:00 PM

Cattlemens Restaurant

12409 Folsom Blvd., Rancho Cordova

If the telephone committee has not taken your reservation and menu selection(s) by **Wednesday evening, December 18**, please call Don Littlefield at (916) 985-6544 directly and leave a message by noon on Thursday. We strongly encourage reservations be made in advance. All reservations are guaranteed. Don't be a "no show."

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

Officers for 2013

Russ Kaiser

President

Don Littlefield

Executive Vice-President
Treasurer and Web master

Craig Anderson

Vice President & Secretary

Ron Carello

Vice President & Registrar

Jim Faulkinbury

Color Guard Coordinator
Genealogist

Jeff Goodwin

Chaplain

Don Spradling

Registrar
Guardian of the Flags

Neil Elvick

Newsletter editor

Committee Chairmen

Tom Chilton

ROTC Program Chairman
Americanism Poster Contest

Neil Zinn

Eagle Scout Program Chair-
man

Ernie Garcia

Chairman
Law Enforcement Program

Calling Committee

Carl Ahlberg, Chairman

Tom Chilton
Ernie Garcia
Ed Heidig
Russ Kaiser
Don Littlefield

President's Corner

As it is said: "tis the season." It's the season to be thankful and be merry. It is the time to reflect on the past year and to also think ahead to the future. We have had some great programs and real accomplishments this past year. We have gained some great friends and lost a few along the way. Take some time out of your busy day to reflect on the past year and rejoice in our fellowship.

December 14th is Wreaths across America. This year we will again be out at the Dixon Cemetery to participate in the ceremonies and place wreaths on our fallen heroes. We ask that you come out with us and participate in a most fantastic ceremony. We need folks to help us with the color guard and most of all, to come out and support SAR and the veterans. I strongly recommend you get there early. Like 0700 early because there is limited parking and more importantly, limited seating so plan to arrive early. As you can see by walking outside, it's cold and you can count on it being even colder on the 14th so pick up a few "hand warmers" and join us.

We will be having elections and installations in January. We still have a need for several key positions. Please step up and help us make 2014 another successful year. This is a voluntary club and it is these volunteers that make this a great organization. The more help we have, the better and easier it is for all of us so please, give me a call and step up.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the folks that have helped us throughout the year. From the folks making phone calls, to the folks that participate in the school programs and the parades, to the officers and their support personnel, thank you for making this a most successful year.

Russ Kaiser



Russ Kaiser, president

Sons of the American Revolution—Sacramento Chapter

Meeting Minutes November 15, 2013

President Russ Kaiser called the meeting to order at 7: 00 PM.

Past President Tom Chilton gave the invocation. Joe Moorehead led the membership in the Pledge of Allegiance, and Ron Carello led the Pledge to the SAR.

President Kaiser recognized Past Presidents of the Sacramento Chapter and guests: Jim Faulkinbury, CASSAR Executive Vice President and Sacramento Chapter Past President 2005 and 2006 and his wife Karen; Tom Chilton, Sacramento Chapter Past President in 2000, 2001, 2002, 2004, and 2012, and his wife Marilyn; Delwin Hanson, Past President 1995, 1996, 1997 and his wife Linda; Don Littlefield, Sacramento Past President 2010 and 2011, current Executive Vice President, Treasurer, Webmaster, and CASSAR Chairman of the Wreaths Across America Program and his wife Mary Ann. He also recognized Ron Carello Chapter Registrar, Craig Anderson, Chapter Secretary, Carl Ahlberg, SAR Calling Committee Chairman, and Don Spradling, SAR Photographer.



Craig Anderson

President Kaiser recognized and welcomed DAR members present: Medora Allen and Marilyn Chilton from the Sacramento Chapter, Ann Taylor of the Amador-Sierra Chapter, and Susan Brooking, Vice Regent, of the Gold Trail Chapter.

President Kaiser also recognized our guest speaker, Major Brian Shul USAF (Ret), along with Robert Chapman, a new member of the Sacramento Chapter, and prospective members, Alan Annis, Philip Goold and his guest Mary McKinnon, Jim Dawson, and David Reid. President Kaiser also introduced Jack and Geri Pefley, guests of Jack Pefley.

Jim Faulkinbury presented and gave a historical overview of the Bladen and Brunswick flag and Washington's Cruisers flags.

Our new member, Robert Chapman was asked to come forward. Registrar Ron Carello introduced him and read his biography. President Kaiser administered the SAR oath and presented him with his membership certificate; Ron Carello pinned the SAR Rosette on him. All members came forward to offer the customary welcoming handshake.

President Kaiser asked Past President Chilton to come forward and say a few words about our departed Com-patriot Chuck Highbaugh. President Kaiser sounded eight bells on the chapter bell in memory of Chuck Highbaugh.

President Kaiser reminded everyone that the next meeting was our Christmas Dinner Meeting and he encouraged everyone to attend. Also, in December the Chapter would be nominating officers for 2014 and he encouraged anyone who would be willing to help, to contact him.

After dinner, President Kaiser introduced the guest speaker for the evening, Brian Shul. Brian is a retired USAF fighter pilot who flew 212 combat missions in Viet Nam and was shot down near the end of the war. Surviving extensive injuries, he recovered and culminated his career flying our nations premier spy plane, the SR-71 Blackbird. Brian related how, during his recovery from the injuries he sustained in Vietnam, he became motivated to completely recover from his injuries, and return to flying. He also detailed his experiences as a pilot for the SR-71 "Blackbird."

President Kaiser thanked Brian for a very interesting presentation and presented him with a SAR Certificate of Appreciation and a Liberty Bell.

President Kaiser conducted the raffle. President Kaiser thanked those who brought gifts. Linda and Del Hanson, John Childs, Clair and Medora Allen, Eric Nelson, Donna and Don Spradling, George and Ann Taylor, Susan and Alan Brooking, Jim and Karen Faulkinbury, Carl and Inga Ahlberg, Marilyn and Tom Chilton, and Vince and Jeni Gantt.

President Kaiser thanked Don and Mary Ann Littlefield for their assistance selling the raffle tickets, Don Spradling for taking pictures and maintaining the flags, and Neil Elvick for editing the newsletter. A motion to adjourn was made and seconded.

Eric Neilsen led the Recessional and Tom Chilton gave the Benediction. The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 PM.

Respectfully Submitted

Craig Anderson, Chapter Secretary

Photos from the November 15th Regular Meeting

Photos by Don Spradling

Brian Shul, the speaker, recalled his experiences of being shot down as a pilot during the Vietnam War and his year long hospitalization to recover from burns and injuries; then eventually recovering sufficiently to enter astronaut training so he could qualify to pilot the SR 71 aircraft, which he flew out of Beale Air Force Base for several years. The two man crew had to wear spacesuits for every flight. He shared some of his rare photos taken from the aircraft and offered a steep discount to our members for his book containing these rare photos.



**Receiving Certificate of Appreciation
from Russ Kaiser**



Brian Shul



Brian Shul and Russ Kaiser



During his talk

Photos from the November 15th Regular Meeting

Photos by Don Spradling



**Bob Chapman being introduced as a new member.
Above, flanked by Ron Carello and Russ Kaiser.**



Robert Muller Chapman was welcomed as a new member at the November meeting. His application to join the Sons of the American Revolution was approved on September 18, 2013. Bob's patriot ancestor, Throop (Trupe) Chapman, was a Private in Capt. Jonathan Bardwell's Company, Col. Elisha Porter's Regiment. He enlisted Sept. 22, 1777, and was discharged Oct. 17, 1777. He also served in Capt. Elijah Dwight's Company.



Craig Anderson and guest, Alan Annis



Tom Chilton and Eric Nielsen

Photos from the November 15th Regular Meeting

Photos by Don Spradling



Jim Faulkinbury presented Tom Chilton with the NSSAR Liberty Medal (Gold Leaf Cluster) for his efforts in enrolling new SAR members



Jim Faulkinbury announces that the Sacramento Chapter was awarded the Partners Patriotism Certificate



George Taylor & Moshe



Susan and Alan Brooking



Alan Brooking

Photos from the November 15th Regular Meeting

Photos by Don Spradling



(from left to right) Roy Adkins, Gale Nelson and Clair Allen



Linda and Del Hanson



Philip Goold and Mary McKinnon

On the following page there is a registration form that contains information about the dates and location of the 139th annual meeting of the California Society which this year is hosted by the Sacramento Chapter.

**THE 139th ANNUAL MEETING OF THE MEMBERSHIP
OF THE
CALIFORNIA SOCIETY**

April 10-13, 2014

Hosted by the Sacramento Chapter

**Embassy Suites Sacramento – Riverfront Promenade
100 Capitol Mall, Sacramento, CA 95814**

Reservations: The special room rate is \$139 per night for single or double occupancy. Accommodations include a spacious two-room suite, complimentary cooked to order breakfast, managers reception, and complimentary airport shuttle. Hotel parking is \$20 per night. Room rates are good 3 days before and after the meeting. Reservations may be made by going to www.sacramento.embassysuites.com and making a reservation using the group/convention code: “SCS” or by calling 1-800-498-5237 and asking for the SACTO SONS OF AMERICAN REVOLUTION discount rate. Hotel reservations must be made by March 21, 2014.

MEETING RESERVATION FORM

The meeting registrations postmarked by February 28, 2014 are \$130 per person or \$145 per person after that date. Registration includes all meetings, Friday and Saturday Luncheons, Saturday Banquet, tax and gratuity – Vegetarian meals are available with prior notice.

Checks should be made payable to Sacramento Chapter, SAR and mailed with this registration form to:
Donald Littlefield, PO Box 6664, Folsom, CA 95763-6664

Questions? Contact Don Littlefield at (916) 985-6544 or don.littlefield@sarsac.org

Name: _____ **Spouse/Guest:** _____
Chapter: _____ **Title:** _____
Address: _____ **Telephone:** _____
City/ZIP: _____ **Email:** _____

Are you staying at the Embassy Suites Hotel: (yes or no) _____

First time to a CASSAR Meeting _____

Arriving: Thursday, April 10th _____ **Friday, April 11th** _____ **Saturday, April 12** _____

Number of Registrants: _____ **@ \$130 Late Registrations** _____ **@ \$145 Total:** _____

Non-registered Friday Luncheon: _____ **@ \$35.00 each**

Non-registered Saturday Luncheon _____ **@ \$35.00 each**

Non-registered Saturday Banquet _____ **@ \$65.00 each**

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED: _____

Please mark your meal choices for the Saturday Dinner Banquet
_____ **Herb Crusted Prime Rib** or _____ **Seared Salmon** or _____ **vegetarian**



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Wreaths Across America Ceremony

9:00 AM December 14, 2013

Sacramento Valley National Cemetery

5810 Midway Road

Dixon, CA 95620

Coming Events

December 14, 2013—Wreaths Across America
Sacramento Valley National Cemetery
Dixon, CA 9:00 AM

December 20, 2013—Regular Meeting
7:00 PM at the Cattlemens Restaurant
Christmas music will be provided by
Vista Del Lago High School

January 17, 2014—Regular Meeting
7:00 PM at the Cattlemens Restaurant
Speaker Col. James Crump
Topic "Tuskegee Airmen"

February 21, 2014—Regular Meeting
7:00 PM at the Cattlemens Restaurant
Speaker to be announced

March 21, 2014—Regular Meeting
7:00 PM at the Cattlemens Restaurant
Speaker to be announced

April 10-13, 2014 - Annual CASSAR Membership
Meeting at the Embassy Suites in Sacramento
Samuel Adams (aka Rex Ruth) will be the
featured speaker. Jim Faulkinbury will be
installed CASSAR President. All members and their
guests are welcome. Mark your calendars now!

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