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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. They will be singing some traditional Christmas Carols and other selections. The choir is under the direction of Ms. Elicia Spencer. This is the same group that performed for us so beautifully at last December's meeting.

Ms. Spencer teaches Concert Band, Concert Choir, String Orchestra, and Beginning Guitar at Vista del Lago High School. She also directs the Vista Drumline, Pep Band, and is the Musical Theater vocal director. Ms. Spencer received her Bachelor of Music degree from California State University, Stanislaus emphasizing in Music Education and Flute Performance. She received her Masters in Music Education through Boston University. In addition to teaching, Ms. Spencer performs with the Folsom Symphony in the percussion section.



Elicia Spencer

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Cattlemens Meal Selections:

Sirloin Steak	\$24.
Grilled Salmon	\$24.
Teriyaki Chicken	\$24.
Pesto Spinach/Cheese Ravioli	\$24.
(vegetarian)	

Friday, December 19, 2014, 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 17**, 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. Wives, guests and visiting compatriots are always welcome.

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

Current Officers**Russ Kaiser**

President & Color Guard
Commander

Don Littlefield

Executive Vice-President
Treasurer and Webmaster

Craig Anderson

Vice President & Secretary

Eric Sloan

Vice President & Registrar

Jim Faulkinbury

Genealogist

Jeff Goodwin

Chaplain

Don Spradling

Guardian of the Flags
Photographer

Neil Elvick

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ROTC/JROTC program
chairman

Joe Mohamed

Program Committee

Tom Chilton

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
Alan Brooking
Roy Adkins

President's Corner**December President's Message**

Merry Christmas! Tis the season for shopping and parties and what have you. As you hurry about doing what people do this time of year, let us think about our Veterans both home and overseas. This Saturday is Wreaths Across America. All over the country and at the same time, there will be ceremonies at military cemeteries and burial sites. Wreaths will be placed and prayers said for all of those who, through their sacrifices and service gave much so we could be here today in fellowship. Attend one if you can and if you can't then keep them in your prayers and in your hearts. It was my honor (thank you Don Littlefield!) to represent SARSAC at the presentation on the west steps of the Capital along with many DAR members and Gold Star Society folks.

We will have a special meeting this month. It will be a celebration of Christmas and good fellowship. Please try to attend and wear your best Christmas attire. There will be camaraderie and songs so rest your voices for a real work out.

While you are putting your Christmas lists, perhaps include a new uniform part for that prospective Color Guard member (perhaps YOU!) in your family. Let's put one together and join the SARSAC Color Guard next year!

We have had our elections and your new officers are ready to take over next month. They will need your help and support so please help out whenever and wherever you can.

Looking forward to seeing you all there!

Russ Kaiser

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Russ Kaiser, President

November Election of Officers for 2015**The following officers were elected.**

President: Craig Anderson
Executive Vice President: Don Littlefield
Secretary: Carl Ahlberg
Registrar: Alan Brooking
Treasurer: Don Littlefield

Sons of the American Revolution—Sacramento Chapter

Meeting Minutes November 21, 2014

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

Jeff Goodwin gave the invocation. Ed Strange led the membership in the Pledge of Allegiance, and Ford Osborn led the Pledge to the SAR.

President Kaiser recognized Past Presidents of the Sacramento Chapter and their guests: Jim Faulkinbury, CASSAR President and Sacramento Chapter Past President 2005 and 2006 and his wife Karen; Tom Chilton, Past President 2000, 2001, 2002, 2004, and 2012, and his wife Marilyn; Don Littlefield, 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; Jeff Goodwin, CASSAR Chancellor, Sacramento Chapter Past President 2009, and Sacramento Chapter Chaplain and his wife Mary Ann; and Ford Osborn, Past President of the Silicon Valley Chapter, 1987, and his wife, Ellen. President Kaiser also recognized Ernie Garcia, Chairman Activities; Craig Anderson, Chapter Secretary; Carl Ahlberg, SAR Calling Committee Chairman; and Don Spradling, SAR Photographer.

President Kaiser recognized and welcomed DAR members present: Marilyn Chilton and Medora Allen of the Sacramento Chapter; Susan Brooking, Regent, Karen Faulkinbury, and Kathy Stovall of the Gold Trail Chapter; Sally Hill, Knickerbocker Chapter, New York, and Diane Kienze DAR member. President Kaiser also recognized the CASSAR Ladies Auxiliary members present: Karen Faulkinbury 1st VP, Marilyn Chilton, Mary Ann Goodwin, Susan Brooking, and Donna Spradling.

President Kaiser introduced our Law Enforcement award presenter and honoree from the West Sacramento Police Department: guest speaker, Chief Thomas McDonald; and honoree, Officer Andrea Donahue and her husband Jason King. President Kaiser introduced prospective members present: Larry Stovall and Roger Kientz.

Jim Faulkinbury presented a historical overview of the Taunton Flag and the Serapis Flag.

CASSAR President Jim Faulkinbury presented CASSAR awards:

A ribbon for the President General's initiative, The Mount Vernon's Washington's Portrait Program, and a ribbon for Chapter participation in National History Day. He presented the Chapter a Partners in Patriotism Certificate for its participation in local patriotic events along with other local patriotic groups.

CAASAR President Jim Faulkinbury also presented the Liberty Medal, Oak Leaf Cluster to Tom Chilton for his role in enlisting new members, and the Silver Roger Sherman Medal to Don Littlefield for his support of the Wreaths Across America Program and other CASSAR programs.

President Kaiser introduced the officer candidates for 2015:

President – Craig Anderson

Executive Vice President and Treasurer – Don Littlefield

Vice President Programs – Jim Warrick

Secretary – Carl Ahlberg

Registrar – Alan Brooking

President Kaiser called for nominations from the floor three times; there were no nominations from the floor. A motion was made and seconded to accept the nominations as approved for 2015 Officers. The motion was passed.

Karen Faulkinbury, Mary Ann Goodwin, and Marilyn Chilton came forward and talked about the CASSAR Ladies Auxiliary (LAUX). They discussed the history of the LAUX and their goals of raising money for youth scholarships; LAUX membership is open to women relatives of CASSAR members in good standing.

President Kaiser talked about the November Color Guard Activity. Those who participated in the Sacramento Veteran's Day Parade were Russ Kaiser, Tom and Marilyn Chilton, Jim and Karen Faulkinbury, Don and Donna Spradling, Vince Gantt, Ernie Garcia, Jeff Goodwin, Alan Brooking, and Neil Elvick. The Color Guard also presented the colors and the November 18th meeting of the Gold Trail Chapter DAR. Those present were Jim Faulkinbury, Alan Brooking, and Russ Kaiser.

President Kaiser announced that the Wreaths Across America will be held on December 13th and the Chapter needs Color Guard Members to help with the ceremonies.

Treasurer Don Littlefield came forward and announced that due to rising food costs, our dinner meals will be increasing from \$24 to \$25 dollars in 2015.



Craig Anderson

November 21st Minutes Continued

Vice President Programs, Joe Mohamed Sr., introduced our guest speaker Chief Thomas McDonald of the West Sacramento Police Department. Chief McDonald introduced Officer Andrea Donahue. Ernie Garcia presented her with the SAR Law Enforcement Commendation Certificate and President Russ Kaiser presented her with the Law Enforcement Commendation Medal.

Chief McDonald gave a very interesting presentation on his career in law enforcement in Los Angeles, and discussed the challenges he faced when becoming the police chief of West Sacramento. Following the presentation, President Kaiser thanked Chief Tom McDonald and presented him with a Liberty Bell and SAR Certificate of Appreciation.

President Kaiser asked Alan Brooking to come forward and conduct the raffle. President Kaiser reminded the members that all proceeds of the raffle go to the Chapter and that individual members donate raffle gifts to help raise funds for the Chapter. Those donating gifts were: Russ Kaiser and Donna Baca, Alan and Susan Brooking, Helen and Ernie Garcia, Jim and Karen Faulkinbury, Craig and Sandy Anderson, Jack and Jerry Pefley, Marilyn and Tom Chilton, and Don and Donna Spradling.

President Kaiser thanked Chief McDonald for a great program, Susan Brooking for selling raffle tickets, Alan Brooking for conducting the raffle, Neil Elvick for editing the newsletter, and Don Spradling for taking the photos and caring for the flags.

President Kaiser reminded everyone that the December meeting is a joint meeting with Gold Country, Mother Lode, and Delta Chapters. We will have the Vista Del Lago choral group to sing Christmas Carols. He pointed out that our meeting room capacity is only 80 so seating will be limited; reservations should be made early.

A motion to adjourn was made and seconded. Jim Warrick led the Recessional and Jeff Goodwin gave the Benediction. The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 PM.

Respectfully Submitted

Craig Anderson, Chapter Secretary

Photos from the November Program



**West Sacramento Police Chief
Thomas McDonald**



**Chief McDonald &
Russ Kaiser**



**Chief McDonald, Ernie Garcia, Russ Kaiser
& Officer Andrea Donahue**



**Chief McDonald, Officer Donahue
and her husband Jason King**

In the photo on the upper right, Officer Andrea Donahue of the West Sacramento Police Department receives the Law Enforcement Commendation Medal in recognition of outstanding achievement & dedication to the maintenance of law and order.

News and Photos from Veterans Day Parade

Photos by Don Spradling



From left to right: Russ Kaiser, Alan Brooking, Ernie Garcia, Tom Chilton, Don Spradling, Jim Faulkinbury, Vince Gannt, and Jeff Goodwin. The Sacramento Chapter Color Guard prior to the November 11 Veterans Day Parade in downtown Sacramento. The parade route went from Old Sacramento to the California State Capitol grounds. Festivities started at the 11th hour on the 11th day of the 11th month, exactly 96 years from the signing of the armistice that ended World War I.



The Sacramento SAR float coming down Capital Mall during the parade. A DAR contingent was in the vehicle behind.



Photograph By:
Peter Darmall

President Russ Kaiser at parade with California State Capitol in the background.



Our photographer, Don Spradling, and his mother Donna, in period dress at the parade.

Photos from November 21 Meeting

Photos by Don Spradling



Ladies of the SARSAC Auxiliary (LAUX)

Mary Ann Goodwin, along with Karen Faulkinbury and Marilyn Chilton, explain the organization's history and it's role in raising money for youth scholarships. Membership is open to women relatives of CASSAR in good standing.



A ribbon for the President General's initiative; The Mount Vernon's Washington's Portrait Program, and a ribbon for Chapter participation in National History Day.



Russ Kaiser, Jim Faulkinbury, Don Littlefield, Tom Chilton

Tom Chilton receives the Liberty Medal, Oak Leaf Cluster, for his role in enlisting new members, and Don Littlefield receives the Silver Roger Sherman Medal for his support of the Wreaths Across America Program and other CASSAR programs.



From left to right: Gordon Clark, Russ Kaiser, Jim Faulkinbury, Alan Brooking, Ron Barker. Gordon Clark and Ron Barker are from the Gold Country Chapter



The event was the Gold Trail Chapter DAR salute to Veterans program on November 18th

Photos from November 21, 2014 Meeting

Photos by Don Stradling



L. to R.: Amelia Goold, Tim Goold, Mary McKinnon, Philip Goold. Tim & Philip are cousins



Susan Brooking, Alan Brooking, Susan's sister, Sally Hill, who is regent of DAR Knickerbocker Chapter in New York



**Medora and Clair Allen (sitting)
Shirley Mohamed (standing)**



Don Littlefield, Don Clark, Don Spradling



Neil Elvick, Don Clark, Carl Ahlberg



Donna Baca, Russ Kaiser

Photos from November 21, 2014 Meeting

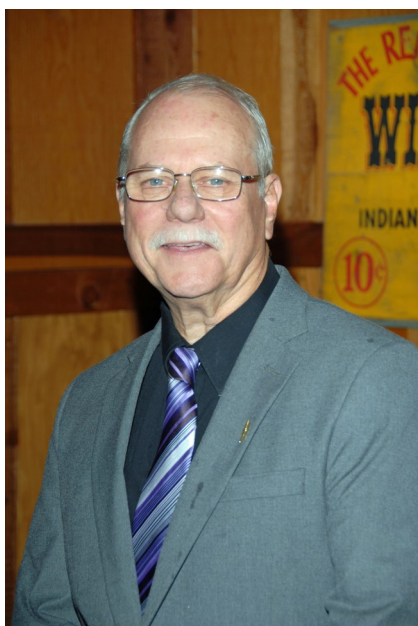
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Chief McDonald, Shirley and Joe Mohamed



Jeni and Vince Gantt



James Warrick



Charlot and Ed Strange



Mike Hull and daughter, Evelyn



Geri and Jack Pefley

Photos from November 21, 2014 Meeting

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Doug and Wilma Cross



Larry & Kathy Stovall



**Ford Osborne, past president
of Silicon Valley Chapter in
San Jose**

Wreaths Across America

Sacramento Chapter Members California Society Sons of the American Revolution

On Saturday, December 13th, the nation will honor those veterans who have faithfully served our country, have passed on, and are interred in cemeteries around the globe. Last year over 540,000 memorial wreaths were laid at over 900 locations in the United States and beyond.

Wreaths Across America is funded by donations from the public; I have included in an attachment a Wreath Sponsorship Form for your use if you would like to honor a veteran by sponsoring a wreath for this event.

The Sacramento Chapter Color Guard will participate in the ceremonies at the Sacramento Valley National Cemetery near Dixon. This year, there are additional cemeteries participating in this program. I encourage you to attend an event near you.

Craig Anderson
Secretary, Sacramento Chapter



**Russ Kaiser representing SARSAC at
the at the kickoff of Wreaths Across
America week at the steps of the
California State Capitol"**

Coming Events

Saturday December 13, 2014; 9:00 AM PST
Wreaths Across America
Sacramento Valley National Cemetery
5810 Midway Road, Dixon, CA

December 19, 2014—Regular Meeting
7:00 PM at the Cattlemens Restaurant
Annual Christmas program “Vista del Lago
Choral Ensemble”

January 16, 2015—Regular Meeting
7:00 PM at the Cattlemens Restaurant
Program to be announced

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