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## December 2017

There is no regular monthly meeting this month.

*Merry Christmas and Happy New Year*



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### Cattlemens Meal Selections

Ribeye Steak	\$30
Sirloin Steak	\$25
Grilled Salmon	\$25
Lemon Chicken	\$25
Pesto Spinach/Cheese	
Ravioli (vegetarian)	\$25

**Friday, Jan. 19, 2018 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, Jan. 17, 2018**, please call Michael Brady at (916) 647-3716 directly and leave a message by noon on Thursday or [mlbrady@sbcglobal.net](mailto:mlbrady@sbcglobal.net). We strongly encourage reservations be made in advance. All reservations are guaranteed.

Don't be a "no show." Wives, guests and visiting compatriots are always encouraged and welcome.

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**President's Corner December 2017**

Members, Spouses, and friends,

It is my assessment, looking back over the past year, that 2017 has proven to be another successful year for the Sacramento Chapter. We had many good speakers, among them were our own Rebecca Beach, Matt Bowdish, Phil Noble, and Tom Jones. We also enjoyed Steve Beck (Sutter's Fort), Kris Palmer (Sacramento Sheriff's Dept) and Chris Lambert, Jr (Purple Heart).

In October we celebrated the men and women of the Sacramento Sheriff, West Sacramento Police, and the California Highway Patrol.

These men and women distinguished themselves during the past year and followed that with our November Meeting where we honored 12 Purple Heart recipients. I'd also like to thank Del Hanson, Mike Hull, Ernie Garcia and Carl Ahlberg for their efforts in making these two Award Banquets a major success.

The Color Guard was everywhere this year. The Fourth of July Parade in Carmichael, Memorial Day at Sacramento Valley National Cemetery, an FBI Conference in Sacramento, Veterans Day Parade, our Purple Heart Veterans Banquet, and Wreaths Across America. The School Guard made 34 presentations to Fifth Graders across the Sacramento region. If you don't already have a uniform, start putting one together now, and join us in these events.

We started 2017 with Alan Brooking at the helm as President. He and Susan were well on their way to creating what was a great year for the Sacramento Chapter. But life intervened and Alan had to step aside to focus on his own serious medical issue. He came through his treatments like a real soldier and is now recovering. Don Clark also had a serious setback with a stroke. He has memory and mobility issues. We lost three members, Clyde Rust, who passed away on August 2; Dale Lyon, in April; and John Vawter Sr., in May.

I am pleased that in 2017 we had many of our new members step up to help this chapter in various positions. It takes each one of you as members doing your part to enable to achieve our objectives and have a vibrant and meaningful Chapter. I thank each of you for what you do to make the Sacramento Chapter successful. Going forward in 2018 it is my hope and my continued commitment to work with and support the new Executive Team to involve more members in the day-to-day activities of the Chapter and to focus on growing our membership each-and-every month during the year.

I want to take this opportunity to thank you for giving me the privilege to serve once again as your President for the past 4 months and I want to take this opportunity to wish you and your families a wonderful and joyous holiday season and a prosperous 2018.

**Don Littlefield**

# Minutes from November 2017 Meeting

## Sons of the American Revolution – Sacramento Chapter Minutes

### Sacramento Chapter Meeting, November 17, 2017

#### Meeting Minutes November 17, 2017

The regular meeting of the Sacramento Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution, was called to order at 1900 on November 17, 2017, in Carmichael (Carmichael Elks Lodge) by Donald Littlefield.

#### Present

Membership as recorded on the attendance roster.

This month's meeting is the SAR's Annual Recognition of Veterans.

Honorees Included Members of the Purple Heart Society representing the periods of service from WW II to Iraq & Afghanistan.

<b>Chris Archuleta</b>	<b>Paul George</b>	<b>Ken Thurman</b>
<b>Jerry Bothello</b>	<b>Ron Majarrez</b>	<b>Henry Wilson</b>
<b>Leonard Dobish</b>	<b>Steve Matulich</b>	<b>Dennis Wright</b>
<b>Ernie Franco</b>	<b>Stanford Ross</b>	<b>Chris Lambert</b>



**Michael Brady**  
**Chapter Secretary**

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by Donald Littlefield at 7:00 pm.

**Pledge of Allegiance:** The Pledge was led by **Will Gunter**

The Colors were presented by the Sacramento Chapter SAR Color Guard (In Uniform) lead by **Russ Kaiser**.

**Invocation:** The invocation was delivered by **Chris Lambert**.

**SAR Pledge:** The SAR Pledge was led by **David Paulson**

**Opening Comments:** Introduction of the SAR to honored guests. Don Littlefield explained the history, purpose, and mission of the SAR to the various guests attending this meeting.

Guests in attendance included;

- ◆ Past Presidents of the Sacramento Chapter;  
**Tom Chilton, Craig Anderson, Russ Kaiser & Jim Faulkinbury**
- ◆ Chapter Committee Chairs and Committee Member's;  
**Carl Ahlburg, Michael Brady, Phil Noble, Joe Morehead, Neil Elvick & Don Spradling**
- ◆ Members of the Daughters of the American Revolution;  
**Deborah Brady, Marilyn Chilton, Donna Spradling, Karen Faulkinbury**
- ◆ New Members or Reinstated Members;  
**Marlon Allen, Stan Bransgrove, Zachary Bransgrove, Brian Charter, Chris, Jack & Maxx Neilson and David Sewell**
- ◆ Transfers and Visitors  
**Bryan Neeley (Transfer from Colorado), Rick Neely (Visiting from Mt Evan Chapter, CO)**
- ◆ CASSAAR LAUX members; **Marilyn Chilton, Karen Faulkinbury, and Donna Spradling**

Don Then asked all members of the various branches of the Armed Forces to stand and be recognized.

**Flag Presentation:** J Faulkinbury introduced this month's flags, the French Alliance and Commander in Chief's (G. Washington's Personal) Flags. A brief history of each was given to the members and guests

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## November Minutes continued

**New Members – Induction:** Seven new members were introduced and inducted into the SAR and welcomed by all of the members present. They are: **Marlon Allen, Stan Bransgrove, Mark Davidson, Chris, Jack & Maxx Neilson and David Sewell**

### **General Chapter Business:**

**Don Littlefield** gave a brief report on the upcoming Wreath's Across America event to be held on December 16<sup>th</sup> at 0900 at the National Cemetery in Dixon, CA. All were invited to attend. It was noted that this is the 11<sup>th</sup> year of this event.

It was announced that the next chapter meeting will be the 19<sup>th</sup> of January, 2018

Don provided a brief update on the condition of A. Brooking, Past Chapter President (he has finished treatment and is doing well).

An announcement was made that all members participating in events that involved contact with youth (under 18) are required to certify/recertify with the Boy Scout Youth Program safety training. A copy of the certificate needs to be provided to the chapter Secretary and the original kept by the member. Training is good for two years.

The Chapter Executive Committee will be researching liability insurance for the chapter and will report back to the membership on their findings and costs at a future meeting. Members who are interested in purchasing period uniforms should visit the Chapter website as there are good resources on reliable and authentic sources available.

Don also reminded the members present that annual dues were due and encouraged all to address this early.

The Monthly Chapter Raffle was conducted: Gifts for this month's raffle were donated by; **Carl & Inga Ahlberg, Phil & Kathy Noble, Craig & Sandy Anderson, Jim & Karen Faulkinbury, Ernie & Helen Garcia, Ron & Luann Hollis, Michael & Deborah Brady, and Don & Donna Spradling**

**Dinner:** Dinner was served to the membership.

**Guest Speaker (@ 2030):** **Carl Ahlburg** provided a short introduction of the night's topic (A Salute to Veterans). This was followed by a short video tribute to Vietnam Veterans.

A short bio was read for each of the assembled guests, followed by the presentation of a Certificate and Challenge Coin (Victory or Death Coin).

The Guest Speaker, **Chris Lambert**, Chaplain for the Folsom Chapter 385 of the Military Order of the Purple Heart then gave a nice speech honoring the assembled veterans and their journeys in the service of their country and return to civilian life. Particular emphasis was given to the WW II generation of veterans.

At the conclusion of the presentation Don presented Carl with a Certificate of Appreciation and a Liberty Bell.

Don thanked the following for their efforts in making the meeting a success: **Carl Ahlberg** for managing the event and coordinating with the MOPH and the guests, the **Color Guard** for the evening, commanded by **Russ Kaiser, Joe Moorehead**, Cashier & Raffle, **Don Spradling**, Photographer, **Neil Elvick**, Editor of the Newsletter, and **Kathy Noble** for acting as Hostess.

**Recessional:** The recessional was led by **Tom Chilton**

**Benediction:** The benediction was led by **Chris Lambert**

The Color Guard then retired the Colors.

**Carl Ahlberg** then closed the meeting with a video presentation of Amazing Grace on Bagpipes.

### **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 2145 by **Donald Littlefield**. The next general meeting will be at 1900 on January 19, 2018, at Cattlemans in Racno Cordova, CA

Minutes submitted by: **Michael Brady, Chapter Secretary**



## November 2017 Program

Photos by Don Spradling

**NOTICE:** All SAR Sacramento Chapter Officers, all SAR Program Chairmen, and any other SAR Chapter members who participate in or interact with any youth through any of our many youth programs. This is a requirement, not voluntary, and must be completed every 2 years. If you have not taken the BSA Youth Protective Training course, please do so before **January 1, 2018**. If you have previously taken the training, please verify that your certificate is still active within the 2 year window. Upon completion, please email your certificate of completion to Jim Faulk-inbury. We will then forward it to our California Society Compliance Officer.

**Register here:**

<https://www.scouting.org/training/youthprotection.aspx>

**Read this:**

**Youth Protection Training for Adults:**

<https://www.scouting.org/Training/Adult.aspx>

**Take the Youth Protection Training course:**

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<https://my.scouting.org/>

<https://www.scouting.org/Training/Adult.aspx>

## November Meeting



**Group photo of the evening's honorees flanked by the Color Guard and Don Littlefield. More photos and details of November meeting will follow in the January newsletter.**



The November meeting was held at the Elks Lodge in Carmichael and the program was dedicated to honoring our Veterans, and specifically those who have been wounded in action while serving during America's wars from the end of WWII to the recent actions in Iraq and Afghanistan. At left is the speaker for the evening (Chris Lambert, Chaplain for the Folsom Chapter 385 of the Military Order of the Purple Heart) receiving a Certificate of Appreciation and Liberty Bell from President Don Littlefield.

## New Members

Photos by Don Spradling



These are the new members inducted at the November meeting, from left to right: David Lindsey Sewell, Stanley James Bransgrove, Zachary Gordon Bransgrove, Marlon Lee Allen, Jack Neilson, Maxx Neilson and Christophre Lee Neilson



Jack and Maxx Neilson and their father, Christophre Lee Neilson and Marlon Lee Allen taking the membership oath.



Christophre Lee Neilson



Jack Christophre Neilson



Maxx Andrew Neilson

**Christophre Lee Neilson** was born in Sacramento on September 12<sup>th</sup>, 1969, and he currently lives in Woodland. He is employed as a California Highway Patrol Officer in county of Yolo. He was raised in Woodland, graduated from Woodland High School, and has earned Bachelors degrees in Information Technology and Criminal Justice. He is dedicated to his family and to the people of California. He enjoys restoring vintage tools and equipment.

His sons;

**Jack Christophre** was born in Sacramento in 2002 and currently attends Woodland High School. He has earned a black belt in Kuk Sool Wan, is a Life Boy Scout, and maintains a 4.00 grade average.

**Maxx Andrew** was born in Sacramento in 2005 and currently attends Lee Middle School. He has earned a black belt in Kuk Sool Wan, is a Tenderfoot Boy Scout, and maintains a 4.00 grade average.

Their applications to join the Sons of the American Revolution were approved on November 10<sup>th</sup> 2017. Their patriot ancestor, Christopher Stull was a Capt. in the Maryland Militia in the Regiment of Col. William Beattie.



## New Members

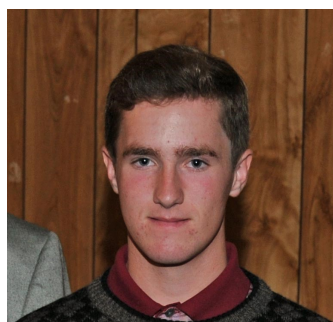
Photos by Don Soradling



**Stanley James Bransgrove**

**Stanley James Bransgrove** was born in San Francisco, California on April 24<sup>th</sup>, 1965 and he currently lives in Carmichael. He is an attorney, currently working in labor relations as Field Director of the California School Employees Association's Sacramento Field Office. He manages a sixteen-person staff. He has held this position since June 2017; he has worked for CSEA since August 2004. Stanley is married to Deuseleina "Deusa" Bransgrove. He has a daughter, Fiona, who is a Freshman at Stan's University and Law School alma mater, the University of San Francisco. His son, Zachary, attends Stan's high school alma mater, Tamalpais High School in Mill Valley. His step-son, Leonardo, lives and works in Goiania, Goias, Brazil. Stan and Deusa's two-year old grandson, Nathan is Leo's son.

His hobbies include: collecting fountain pens, Hamilton watches (mechanical and electric), and straight and DE safety razors. He is a four-time Past Master of Mill Valley Lodge No. 356, F&AM, Mill Valley, CA. Member of Marin Lodge No. 200, IOOF member of Carmichael Elks Lodge No. 2103, BPOE.



**Zachary Gordon Bransgrove**

Stanley's son, **Zachary Gordon Bransgrove**, was born in San Francisco on December 15<sup>th</sup>, 2000 and lives with his mother in Mill Valley where he is a student at Tamalpais High School; he stays with his father on weekends and holidays. He is on his High School golf team. He is an avid San Francisco Giants and Golden State Warriors fan. He likes to shoot pool. Their applications to join the Sons of the American Revolution were approved on October 13<sup>th</sup> 2017. Their ancestor, served as a Private in Capt. James Scott's Co. of Col. Toliver's Regiment enlisting for 1 year from Fauquier Co., VA in 1775 and serving at the Battle of Long Bridge and Siege of York. He enlisted again in August 1777 for 3 years as a bombardier in Elias Edmunds Co. of Thos. Marshall's Regiment of the Virginia State Artillery. In 1781 he enlisted once more as a Private in Beverly Ray's Co., Col. Posey's Regiment.



**Marlon Lee Allen**

**Marlon Lee Allen** was born in Denver, Colorado on July 12<sup>th</sup>, 1967 and he currently lives in Folsom. He is a financial planner, educator, and genealogist. His Allen surname traces back to the immigrant, Samuel Allen, who arrived about 1632. He is distantly related to Ethan Allen, Sam, John and John Quincy Adams, and by marriage to Benjamin Franklin. His application to join the Sons of the American Revolution was approved on September 5<sup>th</sup>, 2017. His patriot ancestor, Ezra Kinney, served as a Captain in the 8<sup>th</sup> Regiment of Connecticut Militia in 1780 and was also on the Lexington Alarm List for Preston, Connecticut for 7 days service in April 1775.



**David Lindsey Sewell**

**David Lindsey Sewell** was born in San Bernardino, CA on June 25<sup>th</sup>, 1957 and he currently lives in Sacramento. David spent his childhood in Sacramento and graduated from Hiram Johnson High School. He is married to Diana Mosby and has two sons, Jason and Mark. He was enlisted in the United States Air Force from 1978 to 2006 and retired at the rank of Senior Master Sergeant. He has recently retired from his second career at the Home Depot. His hobbies include coin collecting, classic car restoration, and genealogy. His application to join the Sons of the American Revolution was approved on November 10<sup>th</sup>, 2017. His patriot ancestor, Nicholas Fisher, rendered material aid to the cause of American Independence by helping to provide items to the Military forces. Account of clothing, currency, & species certificates sent to the Commissioners at NY the Comptroller of Public Accts. of NC, May 1790.



## Color Guard on Veterans Day on Capitol Mall

The Chapter Color Guard again participated in the Annual Veteran's Day Parade down Capitol Mall. The parade regularly starts at 11:00 AM on November 11. The time and date are set to coincide exactly with the signing of the truce that marked the end of the fighting in WWI. The truce was signed at the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month. This year marked the 99th anniversary of that event.



The Chapter Color Guard, just after entering Capitol Mall toward the beginning of the parade



Led by Commander Russ Kaiser they do maneuvers



The truck and trailer followed by the Color Guard



The Sacramento Chapter float



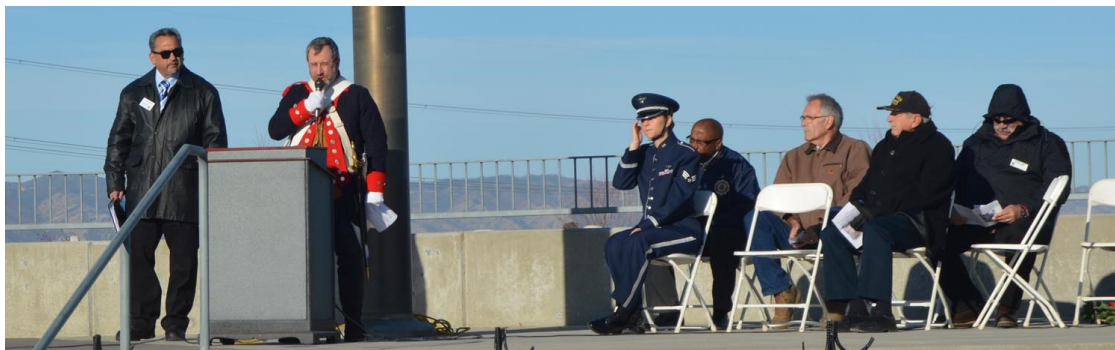
From left to right: John Hess (Delaware Regiment), Philip Noble, Carl Ahlberg, Don Littlefield & Russ Kaiser getting ready to march in the parade.



Scouts in the staging area, getting ready to carry this enormous flag in the parade.

## Wreaths Across America

On December 16, 2017, volunteers placed more than 245,000 wreaths on the graves sites of veterans at Arlington National Cemetery. This ceremony was repeated at more than 1500 National Cemeteries across the nation. Our Chapter Color Guard participated in the ceremony at the Sacramento Valley National Cemetery in Dixon, CA. It was a cold and windy day.



Russ Kaiser at the podium during the program



Russ Kaiser, Carl Ahlberg, Craig Anderson, Jim Faulkinbury, Philip Noble and David Beach. It was too windy to wear hats.



Karen Faulkinbury along with the Faulkinbury grandsons, CAR members, Kai and Isaac, placing wreaths

### Links

SAR Sacramento Chapter photos from our dinner meetings can be accessed and downloaded at  
<https://sar.smugmug.com/>  
& enter **Patriot**

Information for assembling a uniform or militia outfit is now online at:  
<http://www.sar-sacramento.org/uniforms.shtml>.



## Coming Events

February 16, 2018, Regular Meeting  
7:00 PM at the Cattlemens Restaurant  
Program to be announced

January 19, 2018, Regular Meeting  
7:00 PM at the Cattlemens Restaurant  
Chapter Awards

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