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February Speaker

Chris Kinsey, PE

US Bureau of Reclamation
Central California Area Office

Chris Kinsey works as a Project Engineer for the Bureau of Reclamation's office at Folsom Dam. In this capacity, Chris is involved with the management and coordination of the many ongoing projects of Folsom Dam and supporting facilities. Current projects include the Joint Federal Project (Folsom Dam Auxiliary Spillway), Mormon Island Auxiliary Dam Safety Improvements, and Folsom Main Dam Piers and Gates Improvements.

In 2011, Chris retired as a US Navy Commander after 31 years of active duty service. He spent 25 years as an officer in the Civil Engineering Corps. He is a graduate of the United States Naval Academy, Annapolis, MD. He earned his Master's Degree in Civil Engineering from Oregon State University and is a licensed Professional Engineer (Civil) in California.

Chris' presentation will be about the Folsom Dam, its projects and progress.



Meal Selections:

Sirloin Steak	\$24.
Salmon	\$24.
Vegetarian Plate	\$24.

Next meeting

**February 17, 2012, 7:00 PM at
The Buggy Whip Restaurant**

If the telephone committee has not taken your menu selection(s) by February 15, please call Don Littlefield at (916) 985-6544 for reservations.
Payments must be **guaranteed for each reservation made.**
Wives, guests and visiting compatriots are always welcome.

Officers for 2011**Tom Chilton**

President

Russ Kaiser

Vice President - Programs

Craig Anderson

Secretary

Ron Carello

Registrar

Vince Gantt

Youth Programs

Ernie GarciaVice President - Activities
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Dennis Sperry/Neil Zinn

Eagle Scout Co-Chairmen

Calling Committee

Vince Gantt, Chairman

Tom Chilton

Ernie Garcia

Jim Faulkinbury

Don Littlefield

Bob Schroeder

Dennis Sperry

President's Corner

It is my great honor to again serve as President of the Sacramento Chapter. The position is not new to me as I served as President in 2000, 2001, 2002, and 2004. As in the past, I must fill some very big shoes. I want to congratulate Past President Don Littlefield on his professionalism and innovation while serving as our President. His will be a difficult act to follow.



My vision for the Chapter includes:

1. Continued good speakers for our meetings
2. Improved meeting attendance
3. Increased membership and member retention
4. New members for our Color Guard & School Guard
5. Active support of all the SAR Youth Programs (Knight Essay, JROTC, etc.)

Our chapter faces some of the same problems we faced when I served before. It seems difficult to find members who are willing to serve as officers and/or committee members. An organization is only as strong as the support its members are willing to give to it. The old saying "Many hands make light work" is still true today. I encourage each of you to commit to give your chapter a small part of your time each month. As an example, for just one hour each month you could be a part of the Calling Committee.

The CASSAR Spring Meeting will be held in Sacramento this year on April 14th and 15th at the Embassy Suites Hotel. Being in Sacramento, our members need not stay at the hotel but can commute from their homes if they wish. The Registration fee of \$135 covers two luncheons and the banquet dinner. This might seem pricey, but hotel meals are **very** expensive. It is not necessary to register in order to attend the meetings. Members can sit in on the meetings without paying the registration fee. It is also possible to buy individual meals without registering. All meals must be paid for in advance. If you need a registration form, or more information, please contact me.

Sacramento is the largest American city so close to a major water storage reservoir. There are many safety concerns about Folsom Dam and one of the large dikes that protect Sacramento from the ravages of flooding. The Bureau of Reclamation and the Corps of Engineers is currently in the process of upgrading these structures. The cost of these upgrades will probably exceed \$500,000,000.00 and is probably the largest public works project in Sacramento's history. Bureau of Reclamation representative Chris Kinsey will be our speaker on Friday, February 17, at 7:00 PM, at the Buggy Whip Restaurant. He will describe these projects and give us an update on their progress.

I look forward to seeing you at our next meeting.

Tom

PS. And finally, don't forget your sweetheart on **Valentine's Day**. What better night out than to bring her to the **SAR dinner meeting**. We will have something special for her.

New Members

Ronald Irwin Hollis

Ronald Irwin Hollis was born in 1936 in Monterey Park, California. He holds a Bachelor of Science degree from the University of San Francisco in Applied Science and Business. Ron served two years active duty in the United States Air Force. He is a licensed Civil Engineer in the State of California.

Ron is married to Luann C. Naples. They have five adult children: Ronald J., Loretta, John, Michael, and Christine. Ron and Luann have eight grand children.

Ron's career in Civil Engineering spanned several State of California Commissions and Departments. Ron retired in 1998 from the California Department of Transportation.

Ron's application to join the SAR was approved on December 2, 2011. His patriot ancestor, James Hollis, Jr. was a Captain in the North Carolina Militia.



Ronald Irwin Hollis

Gale Nelson

Gale Allan Nelson was born in Bellingham, Washington February 9, 1939. He spent 4 years in the Navy stationed aboard 3 DERs (destroyer escort radar).

Gale had 5 children by his first wife. They are Debra, Denice, Diana, Delaine, and son Dean. In 1962 Gale married Cheryl Ranae Christensen, and had four more children. They are: Gwen, G. Allan II, Gloria, and G. Curtis Arthur.

Gale has lived almost 53 years in the Sacramento and Wilton areas. He retired in January 2003 from Consolidated Freightways.

Gale's application to join the Sons of the American Revolution was approved on December 8, 2011. His patriot ancestor, William Cowen Sr. was a Lieutenant in the Pennsylvania Militia.



Gale Nelson

2012 Officers Elected and Inducted

Tom Chilton, President

Russ Kaiser, VP Programs

Ron Carello, Registrar

Craig Anderson, Secretary

Don Littlefield, Treasurer, Webmaster, and Editor

Vince Gantt, Youth Programs

Jeff Goodwin, Chaplain

Two 2012 elected officers were not present:

Bob Rectenwald - Publicity

Ernie Garcia - Law Enforcement Liaison



(Left to Right) Ron Carello, Jeff Goodwin, Russ Kaiser, President Tom Chilton, Don Littlefield, Craig Anderson, Vince Gantt

January Meeting Minutes

January 20, 2012

President Don Littlefield called the meeting to order at 7:07 PM.

Jeff Goodwin gave the Invocation, Ron Carello led the membership in the Pledge of Allegiance, and John Vawter led the Pledge to the SAR.

President Littlefield recognized the past presidents of the Sacramento Chapter: Tom Chilton, four time past president, Jim Faulkinbury, who is also the CASSAR Vice President – North, and Jeff Goodwin who is also our CASSAR Chancellor.

DAR members recognized included Marilyn Chilton of the Sacramento Chapter, and Lee Lawson and Ann Taylor of the Sierra-Amador Chapter. President Littlefield also recognized and welcomed special guests Anthony Bothwell, president of the San Francisco Chapter, and his guest Cindy Tam; the speaker for the evening, Chaplain Carl “CJ” Johnson and his wife Cathy; and prospective SAR members Ed Lucky, Joe Moorehead, and Jim Anderson and his wife Joann. Boyd Keenan was also welcomed back.

President Littlefield presented the current list of nominated officers for 2012. He then called for additional nominations from the floor. After the third request, nominations were closed, and he asked all of those nominated officers present to come forward and be sworn in.

Jim Faulkinbury administered the oath of office to the new officers: Tom Chilton, President; Russ Kaiser, VP Programs; Ron Carello, Registrar; Craig Anderson, Secretary; Don Littlefield, Treasurer, Webmaster, and Courier Editor; Ernie Garcia, VP Activities; Bob Rectenwald, Publicity; Vince Gantt, Youth Programs and Calling Committee; Jeff Goodwin, Chaplain; Two 2012 nominated officers were not present this evening: Ernie Garcia - Law Enforcement Liaison and Bob Rectenwald - Publicity.

President Littlefield congratulated Tom Chilton and the new officers. The President’s Gavel was passed to Tom Chilton.

Past President Littlefield presented the Martha Washington Medal and Certificate to Mary Ann Littlefield for her work in support of the Sacramento Chapter. Don Littlefield was presented with a Past President Medal and Clock for his dedicated service as President of the Sacramento Chapter.

Jim Faulkinbury was then asked to describe the flags tonight: the Grand Union and the Fort Moultrie flags.

President Chilton then asked new members, Gale Nelson and Ron Hollis, to come forward. Ron Carello read the biographies of the new members, and they were sworn in. This was followed by the customary welcoming handshake by the members.

Jeff Goodwin introduced the guest speaker for the evening, Chaplain Carl “CJ” Johnson who shared his experiences as a law enforcement chaplain with us. President Chilton presented Chaplain Johnson with the SAR Certificate of Appreciation and Liberty Bell.

Russ Kaiser was asked to come forward and give a brief overview on the guest speaker for our February meeting. The speaker will be Chris Kinsey from the Bureau of Land Management, and he will give us an overview of the Folsom Dam improvement project.

Marilyn Chilton conducted the drawing. Those donating gifts were John Vawter, Don & Donna Spradling, Craig & Sandy Anderson, Vince & Jeni Gantt, Doug & Wilma Cross, Tom & Marilyn Chilton, Jim & Karen Faulkinbury, Hal & Lee Lawson.

President Chilton thanked Marilyn for her assistance with the raffle, Don Spradling for taking pictures, and then asked for a motion to adjourn. Robert Schroeder led the Recessional followed by the Benediction by Jeff Goodwin. The members then sang “God Bless America” after which the meeting was adjourned at 9:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Craig Anderson
Secretary, Sacramento Chapter

January Meeting Photos



Past President Don Littlefield



Chaplain Carl and Cathy Johnson



Ed Lucky



Mary Ann receives Martha Washington Medal from Don

January Meeting Photos



Chaplain Jeff Goodwin and Chaplain Carl Johnson



Wanda and Doug Cross



Craig Anderson, Jim and Karen Faulkinbury



Sherrill & Gale Nelson



Jeff and Mary Ann Goodwin



Tom Chilton, Gale Nelson, Ron Hollis

Coming Events

Monday, February 20, 2012— Presidents' Day @ Mt. Vernon Memorial Park

7:00 PM Friday, March 16, 2012 — Dinner Meeting @ Buggy Whip

The March speaker will be Professor Daniel DeFoe. His topic will be the War of 1812

April 14-15 — CASSAR Spring Meeting of the Membership, Embassy Suites, West Sacramento

7:00 PM Friday, April 20, 2012 — Dinner Meeting @ Buggy Whip

The April speaker will be Special Agent In Charge, Herbert Brown, Sacramento Division, FBI

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