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February Meeting

Bill Wells

Executive Director
California Delta Chambers & Visitor's Bureau

Bill moved to California with his parents from Iowa in 1947 and except for four years serving in the Navy and seven years living in Hawaii he has lived in the Sacramento area ever since. After a 25 year career with IBM he became a yacht broker in the Delta for several years working mainly in Stockton and Isleton and has since retired from that.

He is currently the Executive Director of the California Delta Chambers & Visitor's Bureau. The organization supports local businesses, promotes tourism, and fights to preserve and protect the Delta. Bill sits on the public meeting panel of the Bay Delta Conservation Plan and represents Delta interests.

He is an active member of the Northern California Fleet of the Classic Yacht Association. In their spare time he and his beloved wife Sue cruise their 1937 Stephens classic yacht *Ranger* to boating events throughout the Delta. He chronicles his adventures in the monthly Delta Rat Scrapbook column for *Bay & Delta Yachtsman* magazine.



Cattlemens Meal Selections:

10 oz. Top Sirloin Steak	\$24.
Grilled Salmon	\$24.
Teriyaki Chicken	\$24.
Pesto Spinach/Cheese Ravioli	\$24.

Next meeting

Friday, February 15, 2013, 7:00 PM at

Cattlemens Restaurant

12409 Folsom Blvd., Rancho Cordova

If the telephone committee has not taken your reservation and menu selection(s) by **Wednesday evening, February 13**, 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." Wives, guests and visiting compatriots are always encouraged and welcome.

Officers for 2013**Russ Kaiser**
President**Don Littlefield**
Executive Vice President
Treasurer, Webmaster and
Courier Newsletter Editor**Mike Wolf**
2nd Vice President**Craig Anderson**
Vice President & Secretary**Ron Carello**
Vice President & Registrar**Jim Faulkinbury**
Color Guard Commander
Genealogist**Ernie Garcia**
Chairman
Law Enforcement Program**Jeff Goodwin**
Chaplain**Don Spradling**
Photographer
Guardian of the Flags**Committee Chairmen****Tom Chilton**
ROTC Program Chairman**Neil Zinn**
Eagle Scout Program Chairman**Calling Committee****Carl Ahlberg**, Chairman
Tom Chilton
Ernie Garcia
Ed Heidig
Russ Kaiser
Don Littlefield

President's Corner

Compatriots,

The Sacramento Chapter had a great meeting last month and it would seem that we are off to a great start. Dan Walters was a fantastic speaker and really energized the crowd speaking about the "State of the State". I spoke with Dan last Saturday at the club and passed along how much we enjoyed his talk. He wanted me to relay to the group that he was happy and proud to be able to speak to us.

One of the passing comments that Dan made at the start of his presentation was that he was surprised that after serving as Commodore of SYC and all that it entailed, that I would venture into the Presidency of SARSAC. Frankly, I hadn't even given it a second thought until he mentioned it. I started thinking about some of the SARSAC past presidents who have served and the many who have served not only once but multiple terms. I have spent some time with some of them and they all share the same feelings about SAR. It is a worthwhile organization that deserves a commitment to its success. That's why I need your help.

Christie and I were home sick today with a bad cold. Christie got it first (even though she denies it) and well, you know the rest. We were sitting here with our hot tea and honey doing what we like best when ill: watching old movies. First we watched some Jimmy Stewart westerns and then 12 O'clock High with Gregory Peck. In the later, they talk about a "maximum effort" when fighting our enemies in the skies over Germany. They kept saying it over and over throughout the movie, "maximum effort". I kept thinking through the cloud of cough medicine induced fatigue: That's what we need this year for the Sacramento Chapter, a "maximum effort". We need people to participate in our youth programs, our newsletter, our Color Guard and even our phone committee. This club exists through volunteer efforts and it is time to step up and volunteer some time to keep this organization operating smoothly and at full steam. I may be contacting you soon to help out. Please be there for us.

Yours in Service,
Russ Kaiser



President Russ Kaiser

January Meeting Minutes

January 18, 2013

Sacramento President Tom Chilton called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Tom then asked Jeff Goodwin to give the Invocation, followed by Ron Carello who led the Pledge of Allegiance, and Tom Tinney who led the Pledge to the SAR.

President Chilton next introduced the CASSAR Officers and Sacramento Past Presidents. They included: CASSAR President and Gold Country Past-President, Keith Bigbee; CASSAR VP North and Sacramento Past-President, Jim Faulkinbury; CASSAR Secretary and Gold Country President, Ron Barker; CASSAR Chancellor and Sacramento Chaplain and Past-President, Jeff Goodwin; CASSAR Chairman of the Wreathes Across America Program and Sacramento Treasurer and Past President; Don Littlefield, Past Registrar for Utah Society and Past President of the Salt Lake City Chapter, Tom Tinney.

Alan Brookings, a member of Gold Country Chapter, and Brian Young and Fred Fletcher, both members of the Delta Chapter. The DAR members attending were, from the Sacramento Chapter DAR: Medora Allen, and Marilyn Chilton; from the Gold Trail Chapter DAR: Susan Brookings, Vice-Regent; from General John Sutter, Susan Broderick, Regent, and her husband, David Broderick; from the Sierra-Amador Chapter DAR: Lee Lawson, Ann Lawson Taylor, and her daughter, Charla. Other guests included Dan Walters, our speaker, and Bob and Bernadine Chapman, guests of Ron and LuAnn Hollis, Eric Nielsen, and his wife, Joanna, Sam Howard, and his wife, Alanna, Carl Ahlberg, and his wife, Inga, Andrew Tufts, Eric Perera, his wife, Diana, and their son, William. He noted that Sam, Carl, Eric, William, and Andrew would all be recognized as new members later in the evening. He also recognized Craig and Sandra Anderson's grandson, and Christopher Stephenson's brother, Jim Stephenson. Jim is an Airman 1st Class, assigned to the 16th Special Operations Squadron at Cannon AFB in New Mexico. He has recently returned from a tour of duty in Afghanistan where he is an aerial gunner on an AC 130 Specter Gunship.

Following introductions, President Chilton presented awards to Chapter members for their service. Christie Kaiser and Marilyn Chilton were presented with Certificates of Appreciation, Hal Lawson with the NSSAR Liberty Medal, Ron Carello and Russ Kaiser with Meritorious Service Medals, Don Littlefield with the Bronze Good Citizenship Medal, and Jim Faulkinbury with the Chapter President's Award.

Tom then called on CASSAR President Bigbee to come forward to swear in the 2013 Chapter officers, President Russ Kaiser, Exec VP and Treasurer Don Littlefield and Registrar Ron Carello. Secretary Craig Anderson was not present since he is recuperating from bypass surgery. Keith passed the gavel to Russ Kaiser as the new Chapter President and Russ took over the remainder of the meeting.

Russ gave remarks about his feelings regarding the role of President and a "Call to Arms" to fill remaining positions including the need for a Newsletter Editor, help with the youth programs and the Calling Committee, and increased involvement by chapter members in the Color Guard. He noted that proposed revisions to the Chapter Bylaws have been posted on the Chapter website and gave notice that a vote on them would be held at the March meeting. Russ then presented Tom Chilton with the Past President's plaque after which he asked Jim Faulkinbury to describe the historic flags for the meeting; the Guilford Courthouse and Spanish State & War Ensign. The next item of business was the induction of the new members, Sam Howard, Carl Ahlberg, Eric Perera, William Perera, and Andrew Tufts.

Following the dinner, our speaker Dan Walters, syndicated political columnist for the Sacramento Bee and other newspapers, gave an excellent presentation on his sense of the "state of the State". He talked about how the California State Constitution was one of the most complicated with over 500 amendments since its creation in 1850 and how its poor construction, with so many checks and balances and so many offices and boards designated as elected rather than appointed, that there is now no one in charge. The Constitution discourages accountability and encourages passing of the buck and thus, California government doesn't work. There are now over 5000 separate governmental units. What he indicated as probably the only way to fix the gridlock that our Constitution has created would be to restructure our State government but that would require a new Constitution. However, due to the wording in the current Constitution, only the Legislature can call for a Constitutional Convention and then only if requested by a 2/3rds vote of the public. That isn't too likely to happen since those who would have to call for a convention would be placing their jobs at risk and not likely to do that.

Following the presentation, President Kaiser presented Dan with a Certificate of Appreciation and the Liberty Bell. He then called for Marilyn Chilton to conduct the raffle. Those donating gifts for the raffle include: Don & Donna Spradling, Ernie & Helen Garcia, Tom & Marilyn Chilton, Joe & Susan Moorehead, Clair & Medora Allen, Don & Mary Ann Littlefield, Roy & Martha Adkins, John Vawter, George & Ann Taylor, Jim & Karen Faulkinbury, Hal & Lee Lawson, and Neil Zinn. Russ then asked Don Littlefield to tell about next month's Sacramento Chapter's meeting. Don announced that Bill Wells will talk about the issues with the bay delta and the various interests involved. A call was made for a motion to adjourn. It was made, seconded, and passed. Sacramento Chapter member Neil Zinn led the SAR Recessional, and Jeff Goodwin gave the Benediction.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:40 PM following the singing of God Bless America.

Respectfully submitted,

Jim L.W. Faulkinbury on behalf of Craig Anderson, Secretary

New Members

Carl Erik Ahlberg

Carl Erik Ahlberg was born in Fresno, California but grew up in Southern California in the San Fernando Valley where he married his high school sweetheart. He served in the Navy aboard an LST that delivered supplies along the coast and up the rivers of Vietnam. After discharge from the Navy he returned to college and graduated from California State University, Northridge with a degree in Economics. After college he and his wife, Inga, moved to the Sacramento area where he taught school for 12 years and then served as a school principal for 23 years in the San Juan Unified School District. Carl and Inga have three children, Russell Eber Ahlberg, Jeffrey Brandon Ahlberg and Erin Elisabeth Ahlberg Parsons who is the mother of new Jr. Member of the Sacramento Chapter, Benjamin Kai Parsons.



Carl and Inga live in Rocklin, California in a house they built themselves. Carl's interests and hobbies are woodworking, genealogy, reading about the Founding Fathers and the Revolutionary War, and golf. His application to join the Sons of the American Revolution was approved on December 7, 2012. His patriot ancestor, Henry Grimes performed public service as a juror in Washington Co, Virginia in 1781.

Russell Eber Ahlberg

Russell Eber Ahlberg was born in Carmichael, California and spent his childhood in Rocklin, California. He graduated from Roseville High School and went on to earn an Engineering degree from California State University at Long Beach. He is married to Susan Deguchi and they have one daughter, Sophie.

Russell is an engineer and vice president of Applied Medical in Southern California, an engineering firm that makes medical instruments used in surgery.

His hobbies include designing, building and flying remote controlled aircraft, precision metalworking and reading about the Revolutionary War.

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New Members

Samuel Louis Howard

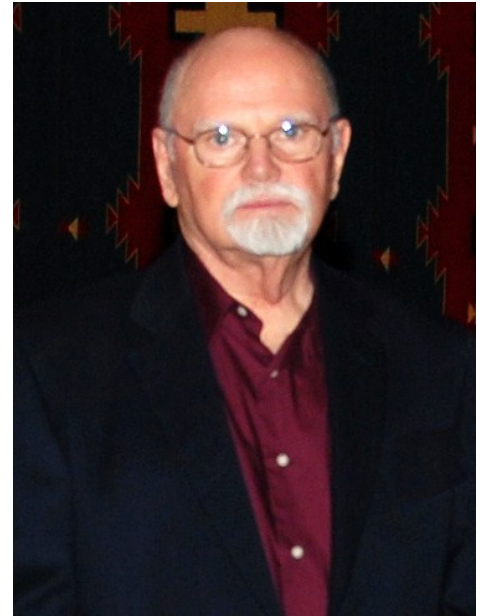
Samuel Louis Howard was born in Claysville, Washington Co., Pennsylvania, and spent his childhood in Claysville, Pennsylvania . During his sophomore year he moved to California where he graduated from Roseville High School in 1961 .

Sam is married to Alanna Taylor. They have two adult sons, Eugene Samuel Howard, and Christopher William Howard (deceased) He served in the US Navy from 1961 to 1971. While in the service , he was stationed in the Philippines, Okinawa, Japan, and finally at Fort Meade, Maryland where he met his wife at the National Security Agency.

Sam is retired and now volunteers for Rancho Cordova Parks and Recreation where he manages the marshal program at Cordova Golf Course ,

His hobbies include playing golf, and loves to travel to warm climates .

Sam's application to join the Sons of the American Revolution was approved on November 3, 2012. His patriot ancestor, Robert Barr, was a Ranger from Westmoreland Co., PA. He served on the frontier from 1778 through 1783. Robert spent most of his life in Claysville after the war where he lived to be 101 years old. In May of last year, he visited his hometown of Claysville including the grave site where Robert Barr is buried.



New Members

Eric Irwin Perera

Eric Irwin Perera was born in San Francisco, California and spent his childhood living in South San Francisco. He attended and graduated from South San Francisco High School, then moved on to college and graduated.

Eric has been married to his wife Diana Jo Mack for 15 years. Eric and Diana have a son William Mack Perera (who has also become a member of SAR).

Eric has been working for the California Department of Corrections for the last 14 years. He is currently working at California State Prison - Solano as a Sergeant.

His hobbies include fishing, working with wood - fixing things around the house and enjoys working on his family genealogy. Currently between Eric's family line and Diana's family he has discovered over 15,000 names with many family members that have served in all of the United States wars.

Eric's application to join the Sons of the American Revolution was approved on December 5, 2012. His Patriot ancestor, Frederick Diehl assisted in establishing American Independence as a private, 8th Class, 2nd Battalion, Pennsylvania Militia. He served in Capt. John Lyle's Company for Northampton County, Pennsylvania. His service is documented in the Pennsylvania Archives, 5th Series, Volume 8, page 213, and as DAR Patriot #A034741.

Frederick Diehl was born 05 January 1743, Rheinland-Pfalz, Germany; died 13 May 1816, Adams County, Pennsylvania; and is buried at a small family plot located on his family farm, Butler Township, Adams County, Pennsylvania. A memorial marker for Frederick and his sons who served in the War of 1812 is located at the Marsh Creek Brethren Church, Highland Township, Adam's County, Pennsylvania.

Frederick came to America on the ship Snow Squirrel, arriving at Philadelphia on 21 October 1761. He was an early member of the Brethren Church (Anabaptist) and part of Pennsylvania's Germantown settlement. He owned farms and built mills in Maryland and Pennsylvania. One mill is still standing although no longer functional.



New Members

William Mack Perera

William Mack Perera was born in Burlingame, California and spent his childhood living in Vacaville, California. He currently attends Will C. Wood High School in the 9th grade.

His hobbies include fishing, bowling, bike riding, woodshop, swimming, hanging out with his friends, and watching television shows on guns and hunting. He hopes to learn how to hunt someday.

William's application to join the Sons of the American Revolution was approved on December 5, 2012. His Patriot ancestor, Frederick Diehl assisted in establishing American Independence as a private, 8th Class, 2nd Battalion, Pennsylvania Militia. He served in Capt. John Lyle's Company for Northampton County, Pennsylvania. His service is documented in the Pennsylvania Archives, 5th Series, Volume 8, page 213, and as DAR Patriot #A034741.

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New Members

Andrew Jackson Tufts

Andy was born in Sacramento, California and shares birth date with Vincent Van Gogh—although in a slightly different year. He spent elementary school years in Grass Valley and caught his first trout in the creek that ran through his backyard. The mines were his playground. His favorite activity was rafting in the abandoned quicksilver ponds, which probably explains his premature hair loss.

Andy's career was in the field of Education. He worked in special education programs serving elementary and school aged students. He earned his Bachelor of Arts Degree from Sacramento State College and his teaching credential from the University of California at Davis. He received his Masters Degree and completed advanced higher education work from Lewis & Clark College in Portland, Oregon and the University of Hawaii-Manoa.

He now lives in Scappoose, Oregon with two daughters and one granddaughter. (Andy wonders if those quicksilver ponds might have had some long-delayed after-effects.) Although retired, he is still active in the education field.

His interests include offshore sailing, "motor cycle touring, hiking, rock hounding, and river rafting; Andy currently holds a U.S. Coast Guard Master, 100 Ton License.

Andy's application to join the Sons of the American Revolution was approved on December 2, 2010. His patriot ancestor was Thomas Turk, who performed public service by providing supplies in the Augusta County area of Virginia.



January Meeting Photos



Outgoing President Tom Chilton after placing the President's SAR Neck Ribbon on incoming 2013 President Russ Kaiser



Outgoing President Tom Chilton receives an SAR gavel plaque from incoming 2013 President Russ Kaiser



Jim Faulkinbury receives the President's Award from outgoing President Tom Chilton



Tom Chilton presents Hal Lawson with the CASSAR Liberty Medal

January Meeting Photos



President Tom Chilton presents the SAR Bronze Good Citizenship Medal to Don Littlefield



President Tom Chilton presents Meritorious Service medals to Ron Carello and Russ Kaiser



President Tom Chilton presents Marilyn Chilton and Christie Kaiser with Certificates of Appreciation



**Andrew Tufts, Karen and Jim Faulkinbury
Andrew is Karen's Brother**

Photos courtesy of Don Spradling

January Meeting Photos



2013 Sacramento Officers Sworn in by CASSAR President Keith Bigbee (far left)
Don Littlefield, Executive Vice President; Ron Carello, Vice President & Registrar; Russ Kaiser, President
with outgoing Sacramento Chapter President, Tom Chilton (far right)



New SAR Sacramento Chapter Members Inducted
Eric Perera, William Perera, Samuel Howard, Carl Ahlberg, Andrew Tufts

January Meeting Photos



Ron Barker
CASSAR Secretary



Keith Bigbee
CASSAR President



Jeff Goodwin
CASSAR Chancellor



The Greater Lawson Family
Anne and George Taylor, Hal and Lee Lawson, Robert Lawson, Charla Taylor
Moshe on the leash

Photos courtesy of Don Spradling

December Meeting Photos



Ron and Luann Hollis



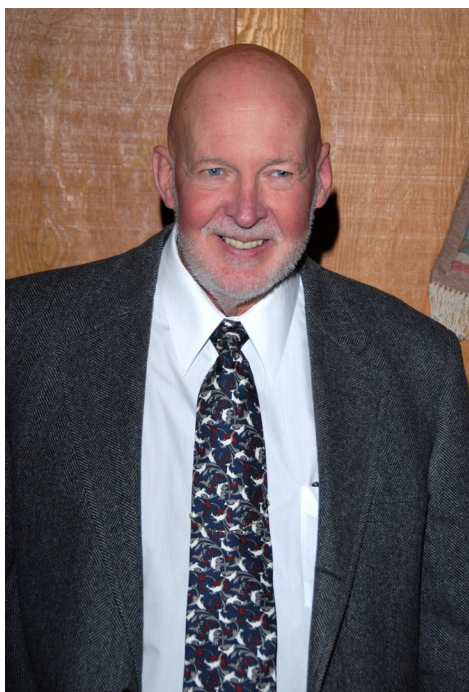
Joanna Osuga and Eric Neilsen



Carl and Inga Ahlberg



Neil and Helen Zinn



Andrew Tufts



Charla Taylor with her Grandmother
Lee Lawson



Sacramento President
Russ Kaiser

Photos courtesy of Don Spradling

December Meeting Photos



President and First Lady, Russ and Christie Kaiser



President Russ Kaiser presents Dan Walters with a Certificate of Appreciation and Liberty Bell

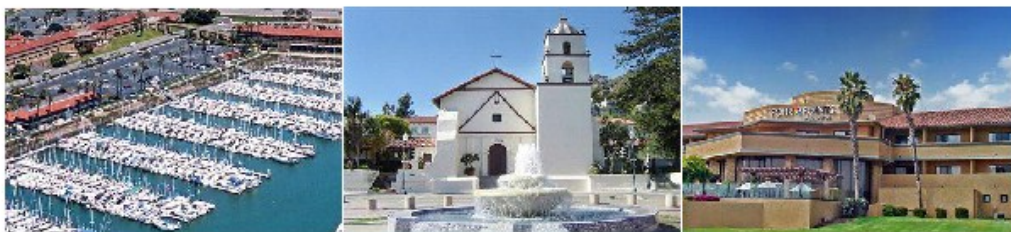


William Perera, Carmen Nichols, Diane and Eric Perera



Ramon and Tammy Gomez and their new daughter

Photos courtesy of Don Spradling



*Mark Your Calendar **Now!***

138th Spring Meeting of the Membership
of the
California Society
Sons of the American Revolution
April 11-13, 2013

Sheraton Four Points Hotel – Ventura Harbor

Hosted by the Gen Patton Chapter

Registration is \$125 and includes Friday Luncheon, Saturday Luncheon and Saturday Banquet

Our special SAR Room Rate of \$119 includes FREE daily full breakfast

The Sheraton Four Points is located immediately adjacent to the Ventura Marina

Within easy walking distance is the Ventura Harbor & Marina with its mix of shops and restaurants, the Channel Islands National Park visitors center, and beautiful views of the Pacific Ocean, Channel Islands and beach vista.

Interesting sites within easy driving distance include restored downtown Ventura with its eclectic mix of shops and restaurants, the 1782 San Buenaventura Mission, the Camarillo Outlet Malls, the quaint town of Ojai, and the relaxation of the Ventura pier

Please Look for Your Registration form On-Line soon at www.CaliforniaSAR.org and in your Fall Meeting packets.

Coming Events

7:00 PM Friday, March 15, 2013 — Dinner Meeting

Stephen Hurst, Vice President—South , California Society Sons of the American Revolution

7:00 PM Friday, April 19, 2013 — Dinner Meeting

Barry S. Martin, Collector extraordinaire of Revolutionary War autographs

7:00 PM Friday, May 17, 2013 — Dinner Meeting

Albert and Carol Howenstein, "*Mansion Memories*" California Governor's Mansion

Presidential Birthdays

Andrew Jackson March 15, 1767

James Madison March 16, 1751

Grover Cleveland March 18, 1837

John Tyler March 29, 1790

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