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### Jill LaVine Registrar of Voters County of Sacramento, CA

Jill LaVine is the Registrar of Voters for Sacramento County. She is responsible for the day to day operation of the Division of Voter Registration and Elections. She has worked in elections for over 24 years, and as the Registrar for almost eight years.

In addition to her election duties, Jill is also responsible for the redistricting of the Supervisorial boundaries following the 2010 Census. This task includes mapping and presentations to communities and the Sacramento Board of Supervisors.

Jill is the co-chair of the Legislation Committee for the state wide organization, California Association of Clerks and Election Officials (CACEO) and testifies at the State Capital. Jill also is the Chair of the Mother Lode Area for the CACEO. On the national level, Jill is a member of the Election Center, an organization for Election Officials, and has made presentations at their conferences. The Election Center appointed Jill to chair the re-formed Postal Task Force. This committee, in conjunction with the Post Office, has updated the Election Official Guide, created a web-site for Election Officials and new mail tray tags specifically for mailing ballots.

Jill is also a member of the Postmaster General's Mailers' Technical Advisory Committee representing the interest of election officials nationally. Jill has testified before Congress on the paper audit trail and at a public meeting of the Election Assistance Commission regarding the accessibility standards for voting systems.

Jill LaVine received her CERA (Certified Election and Registration Administrator) from the Election Center in 1996 and her Cal-PEAC (California Professional Election administration Credential Program) in 2006. She also has a Total Quality Management Certificate (TQM).



### Cattlemens Meal Selections:

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

**Friday, February 21, 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, February 19** 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 2014****Russ Kaiser**

President

**Don Littlefield**Executive Vice-President  
Treasurer and Web master**Craig Anderson**

Vice President &amp; Secretary

**Ron Carello**

Vice President &amp; 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 Chairman

**Ernie Garcia**Chairman  
Law Enforcement Program**Calling Committee****Carl Ahlberg, Chairman**Tom Chilton  
Ernie Garcia  
Ed Heidig  
Russ Kaiser  
Don Littlefield**President's Corner**

Now is the time for all good men.....

All of us that have taken a typing class recognize these words. A noble sentiment to be sure. We enter March missing key people in key positions namely Secretary for one. I would like to thank Joe Mohammad and Eric Slone for stepping up as VP programs and Registrar respectively. Still, there is much to do and positions to fill. To make everything formal, elections and a swearing in will be held at this month's meeting along with participation awards so please join us.

In April will be the CASSAR Spring Conference. SARSAC is sponsoring this event. If you have not had a chance to attend one of these conferences, here is a great opportunity to do so. Not only is it in our own backyard, but our own Jim Faulkenbury is to be sworn in as president. Let's all attend and support his great achievements. There is much involved putting on an event such as this. We can use your help and support. Please call Jim to see how you can help.

**Russ Kaiser, President**

Russ Kaiser

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## Sons of the American Revolution—Sacramento Chapter

### Meeting Minutes December 20, 2013

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

Past President Tom Chilton gave the invocation. Bill LaPlante led the membership in the Pledge of Allegiance, and Alan Brookings 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; Don Littlefield, Sacramento Past President 2010 and 2011, current Executive Vice President, Treasurer, Webmaster, and CASSAR Chairman of the Wreaths Across America Program; and Sam Bradley, President Elect of the Mother Lode Chapter. He also recognized Craig Anderson, Chapter Secretary, Carl Alhberg, SAR Calling Committee Chairman, Don Spradling, SAR Photographer, and Ernie Garcia, Chairman of Activities.

President Kaiser recognized and welcomed DAR members present: Medora Allen and Marilyn Chilton from the Sacramento Chapter, and Susan Brookings, Vice Regent, of the Gold Trail Chapter.

President Kaiser recognized Eric Sloan, a new member who will be inducted this evening and Jim Dawson, a prospective member whose application is pending. He also recognized his guests, Jerry Schmitt and Donna Bacca.

Our new member, Eric Sloan was asked to come forward. Jim Faulkinbury introduced him and read his biography. President Kaiser administered the SAR oath and presented him with his membership certificate. Jim Faulkinbury pinned the SAR Rosette on him. All members were invited to come forward to offer the customary welcoming handshake.

Joe Mohamed Sr. was asked to come forward. President Kaiser presented him with a NSSAR Lamplighter Award for his contribution to the Center for Advancing America's Heritage.

Jim Faulkinbury came forward and announced that the C.A.R. State meeting is scheduled for February 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> at the Embassy Suites in Sacramento. The Sacramento Chapter has been asked to post the Colors and Color Guard Members will be needed for this function. Also, he announced that the CASSAR Spring Conference is approaching and volunteers are needed to fill various committees and committee chairmanships. He announced that the Friday night dinner at the CASSAR Conference would be held at the Towe Ford Museum. Price for the dinner will be \$30.00 each.

President Kaiser announced that the Chapter still has officer vacancies that need to be filled. He stressed that the Sacramento Chapter cannot succeed without the commitment and participation from all of its members. He announced that the chapter has immediate need for a Registrar, Secretary, VP Programs, and Cashier to man the reception table at meetings, and sell raffle tickets.

Craig Anderson described the Secretary's duties and volunteered to mentor anyone who would step forward to accept this post. Jim Faulkinbury also pointed out that there is a written manual that describes all of the Secretary's duties.

Joe Mohamed volunteered to be VP Programs. Eric Sloan volunteered to be Registrar, and Evan Jonas and Rich Tolman volunteered to help with the raffle and assist at the cashier's table at the monthly meetings.

President Kaiser acknowledged Tom Chilton's return from hip surgery.

President Kaiser announced that CASSAR Life Member, William Harold "Hal" Lawson passed away in the early morning hours on December 31, 2013. Eight bells were struck on the Chapter Bell to honor his passing.

Don Littlefield conducted the raffle. President Kaiser thanked those who brought gifts: Clair and Medora Allen, Donna and Don Spradling, Jim and Karen Faulkinbury, Ron and Patty Proffer, Marilyn and Tom Chilton, John Vawter, Susan and Alan Brookings and Jack Pefley.

Following dinner, President Kaiser introduced our guest speakers for the evening, Col. James Crump Jr. and MSgt Judge Albert. Col. Crump and MSgt. Albert gave a very interesting talk accompanied by a film presentation on the history of the Tuskegee Airman. They described the experiences of black servicemen serving their country in a segregated society and the challenges that faced them. Following the presentation, President Kaiser thanked them for a great program and presented Col. Crump and MSgt Albert with Certificates of Appreciation, Liberty Bells, and SAR Challenge Coins.

President Kaiser thanked Don Littlefield and Rich Tolman 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.

Ron Proffer led the Recessional and Jeff Tom Chilton gave the Benediction. The meeting was adjourned at 9:45 PM.



Craig Anderson

Respectfully Submitted

Craig Anderson, Chapter Secretary



# Photos from the January 17th 2014 Regular Meeting

Photos by Don Spradling



From left to right: Col. James C. Crump, Jr., President Russ Kaiser and MSgt. Judge Albert, Jr. The topic for the program was the history of the Tuskegee Airmen, the African American fighter group that served during and after WW II. Judge Albert was one of the original Tuskegee Airmen from that era.



Col. Crump and MSgt. Albert



From left to right: Russ Kaiser, Jim Faulkinbury, Ernie Garcia, MSgt. Judge Albert, Jr. and Col. James C. Crump, Jr.

# Photos from the January 17th Regular Meeting

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**New Member, Eric Brandon Sloan,  
flanked by Russ Kaiser and Jim Faulkinbury**



**With Membership Certificate**



**Taking the oath**

Eric Brandon Sloan was born in Carmichael, CA and spent his childhood in South Lake Tahoe, CA. He graduated from South Tahoe High School in 1988 and CSU, Sacramento in 1994 with a BS in Business Administration.

Eric has held several different management roles during the past 16 years for AT&T and currently manages Healthcare clients in Northern CA and Nevada. His hobbies include genealogy, fantasy football, and golfing.

## Photos from the December 20th Regular Meeting

Photos by Don Spradling



**Joe Mohamed and Russ Kaiser**  
Joe is receiving the Lamplighter Award



**Shirley and Joe Mohamed, Jr.**

The Lamplighter Award covers a broad range of donations to the SAR Center for Advancing America's heritage.



**Above is the Anderson family. From left to right, Craig, Wes, Susie and Sandra.**



**Craig Anderson**  
Retiring Chapter Secretary





**Bill LaPlante, Russ Kaiser, Carl Ahlberg**



**Susan and Joe Moorehead**



**Neil Elvick, Newsletter Editor**

**On the right, Evan Jonas is selling raffle tickets. Donating the gifts as well as buying the raffle tickets directly benefits the Chapter, proceeds going directly to the Chapter.**





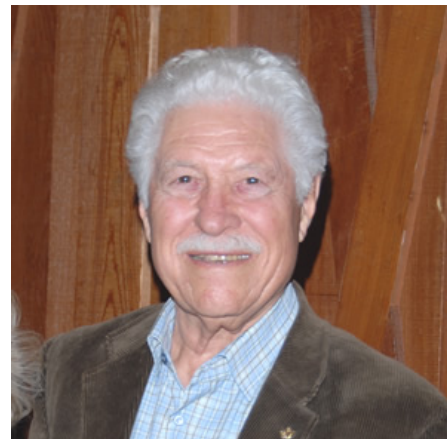
**Sam Bradley, Ernie Garcia, Don Clark**



**Sam Bradley  
President elect of the  
Mother Lode Chapter**



**Shirley Mohamed**



**Joe Mohamed**

### **Help Wanted**

At the January meeting, President Russ Kaiser issued a plea for members to come forward and assume some of the duties that need to be done for any organization to function as it should. At this time the office of secretary is still unfilled and there are other needs as well. Other things that come to mind are Color Guard and School Presentations, which are both meaningful and fun activities to be a part of. Perhaps now after having had time to think this over and discuss it with your families it is time to come forward.

In addition there is the CASSAR Spring Conference in April. This chapter is the sponsoring organization and volunteers are needed to make sure this event comes off smoothly. This would be a one time commitment and a chance to be a part of what promises to be a milestone event for us all. On the following page is a flyer that is a description of the event. The bottom half is a registration form which can be clipped or downloaded and used to register for the meeting.



**THE 139<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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](mailto: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 10<sup>th</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ Friday, April 11<sup>th</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ 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

## Coming Events

February 21, 2014—Regular Meeting  
7:00 PM at the Cattlemens Restaurant  
Speaker Ms. Jill Levine, Sacramento County  
Registrar of Voters

March 21, 2014—Regular Meeting  
7:00 PM at the Cattlemens Restaurant  
Speaker Monica M. Miller, Special Agent in  
Charge of Sacramento Field Office

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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