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February's Program

Dr. Wallace is a Research Scientist IV with the California Department of Public Health. He earned his Ph.D. in Chemistry from the University of Cincinnati and an M.B.A. from the University of Utah. Dr. Wallace went through the ROTC program at Purdue University and was commissioned an officer in the U.S. Air Force as a Weapons Controller. During his four years in the military, he spent one year in Thailand performing aerial refueling during the Vietnam War.

Dr. Wallace was appointed to the Carmichael Water District Board in 1999, elected to the Board in 2000, and has served as President and Vice-President. He was the District's representative on the Regional Water Forum Successor Effort for 12 years. In 2012, Dr. Wallace was appointed by Sacramento County to the Sacramento Groundwater Authority and is Chairman this year.

Dr. Wallace has spent a lifetime working with youth. He has been a Boy Scout leader since 1971 and a youth advisor for his church, Carmichael Presbyterian, since moving to California in 1991. He has been a part of twenty-three youth mission trips, eighteen of those trips were to Mexico and the Campo Indian Reservation building nineteen houses. He has also participated in thirteen 50-mile backpacking trips with Boy Scout Troop 386. Because of his dedication to Sacramento area youth, Dr. Wallace received the Sacramento County Sheriff Department's Heart Of A Hero award in 2005.



Dr. John A. Wallace

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Cattlemens Meal Selections:

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

Friday, February 20, 2015, 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 18**, 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

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Treasurer and Webmaster

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Vice President & Secretary

Alan Brooking
Vice President & Registrar

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chairman

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Americanism Poster Contest

Neil Zinn
Eagle Scout Program

Ernie Garcia
Law Enforcement
Program

Alan Brooking
Calling Committee

President's Corner

President's Message

I am honored to have been chosen to represent the members of the Sacramento Chapter during the coming year. I promise to do my best to continue the hard work of my predecessors: to maintain and grow the many youth programs that we have been involved in, to increase participation of our members in meetings and chapter activities, to grow the membership of our chapter, and to make the Sacramento Chapter of the California Society a stronger visible presence in the greater Sacramento community.

While we have accomplished a great deal in the past, our chapter still faces some challenges: namely, retaining existing membership, acquiring new members, and encouraging members to participate in the various chapter positions and activities that have made us successful.

We began 2014 with 181 members, and as we begin 2015, our membership stands at 177, a net loss of 4 members for the year. While the 2014 attrition rate for members leaving the chapter was about average, our new member total was down about 43% from previous years. To grow our membership, we must do a better job of enlisting new members. I encourage each one of you to talk to friends, neighbors, and acquaintances about the SAR and emphasize the charitable work that we do within our communities. Our great member support is our strength, and it permits us to sponsor many SAR youth programs. We have a new registrar this year, Alan Brooking, who along with Tom Chilton and Genealogist Jim Faulkinbury will be happy to give guidance and support to folks wishing to become members.

Our average monthly meeting attendance is around 50 people, and while we appreciate and value the outstanding support by guests from our local DAR chapters and others, usually only about 20 of our meeting attendees are members. I would like to build member participation this year in our monthly meetings. Your ideas on how to best to accomplish this would be welcome.

Lastly, I would like to call everyone's attention to one of NSSAR President General Lindsey Brock's goals: SAR Patriot Ancestors' Biographies. We, as members of the SAR, are united with a common bond; we each have ancestors who aided the cause of American freedom either by force of arms or by material support to the revolutionary cause. SAR members are encouraged to submit biographies of their patriot ancestors'; their stories will be preserved in the NSSAR database. Details follow in the Courier.

I'm looking forward to seeing everyone at our February meeting.

Craig Anderson

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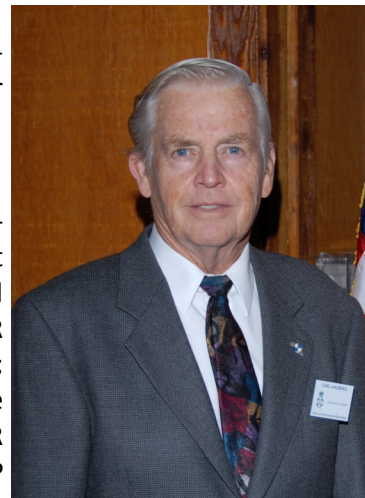
Sons of the American Revolution—Sacramento Chapter

Meeting Minutes January 16, 2015

President Russ Kaiser called the meeting to order at 7:04 PM and gave the invocation. Joe Moorhead led the membership in the Pledge of Allegiance and Ron Proffer led the Pledge to the SAR.

President Kaiser introduced the following:

CASSAR Officers and Past Presidents: Jim Faulkinbury, CASSAR President and Sacramento Chapter Past President 2005 and 2006; Tom Chilton, Past President 2000, 2001, 2002, 2004, and 2012; Don Littlefield, Past President 2010 and 2011, current Executive Vice President, Treasurer, Webmaster, and CASSAR Chairman of the Wreaths Across America Program; Jim Warrick VP Programs; Carl Ahlberg, Chapter Secretary; Alan Brooking Registrar, Calling Committee Chairman, and Cashier; Ernie Garcia, Chairman Activities; Don Spradling, SAR Photographer; Roy Adkins, Chairman JROTC/ ROTC Program; Tom Adams 2nd VP of the Mother Lode Chapter.



Carl Ahlberg

DAR members: Sacramento Chapter, Ginger DeGregory, Past Regent; Marilyn Chilton; Medora Allen. John A. Sutter Chapter, Susan Broderick, Regent and Chaplain CAADAR District II. Gold Trail Chapter, Susan Brooking, Regent; Karen Faulkinbury; Kathy Stovall. Sierra Amador Chapter, Ann Taylor, Regent; Sharon Murphy, First Vice Regent; Ruth Edmonson-Johnson, Past Regent.

CASSAR LAUX members: Karen Faulkinbury 1st VP; Marilyn Chilton; Susan Brooking; Donna Spradling.

Guests: Guest Speaker Major General Douglas M. Stone (USMC Ret.) and his wife Cathy; prospective members Larry Stoval, David Paulson and Samuel Smith.

President Kaiser called upon CASSAR President Jim Faulkinbury who installed the 2015 officers: Craig Anderson, President; Don Littlefield, Executive Vice President and Treasurer; Jim Warrick, Vice President Programs; Carl Ahlberg, Secretary; Alan Brooking, Registrar.

President Kaiser addressed the membership reviewing the last two years and the work the chapter has done such as hosting the CASSAR Conference, the chapter Color Guard's participation in many community events, the Wreaths Across America program and awarding certificates to members of our chapter. He also noted we have gained some new members and was saddened that we have lost some old friends.

Outgoing President Kaiser presented Certificates of Appreciation to: Eric Sloan, Registrar; Vincent Gantt, Color Guard; Don Spradling, Chapter Photographer; Donna Spradling, support at monthly meetings; Susan Brooking, running raffle; Jeff Goodwin, Chaplin; Roy Adkins, JROTC/ROTC.

Outgoing President Kaiser presented the Roger Sherman Medal to: Ernie Garcia – for his work as Chapter Law Enforcement Liaison; Carl Ahlberg, Calling Committee Chair; Craig Anderson, Chapter Secretary. The Meritorious Service Medal was presented to: Alan Brooking, for serving as Cashier. Neil Elvick, for editing the Courier

Outgoing President Kaiser made a special presentation to Tom Chilton, Jim Faulkinbury and Don Littlefield for extraordinary effort in helping him run the Sacramento Chapter for the past two years. Tom Chilton and Jim Faulkinbury received the Roger Sherman Medal and Don Littlefield received the Distinguished Service Medal – the highest award given by a SAR Chapter. All three also received a Bronze Challenge Coin and an engraved business card holder as a personal gift from President Kaiser.

President Craig Anderson officially took over and was presented the President's Neck Ribbon, President's Badge and Challenge Coin from outgoing President Kaiser. President Anderson presented to outgoing President Kaiser a Gavel Plaque and thanked him for his dedication to the Sacramento chapter of SAR. He then addressed the membership promising to continue the hard work of his predecessors, continue with the youth programs, grow the membership and increase member participation, pointing out while we have about 50 people attend our dinners, we are only getting about 20 members to each meeting. He will also encourage our members to work on SAR Patriot Ancestor' Biographies. He recognized member anniversaries: 5 Years: John Vawter, Jeffrey Herbert, Jeremy Herbert, Nikolas Herbert; 20 Years: Bruce Purcell.

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Don Littlefield reported that the Chapter is in excellent financial shape with \$20,174 in the bank.

Alan Brooking addressed the membership asking for help on the Calling Committee.

CASSAR President Jim Faulkinbury presented a historical overview of the 1st Pennsylvania Rifle Flag and the Green Mountain Boys Flag.

Dinner was served

After dinner President Anderson read deceased Compatriot Archie McPheran's biography and asked for a moment of silence in his honor and then struck 8 bells on the chapter bell.

President Anderson announced that Cameron Remington of Armijo High School was the Sacramento Chapter winner of the Knight Essay Contest.

Jim Warrick introduced the speaker, General Douglas Stone. General Stone gave a very well received firsthand account of terrorism, how terrorist are recruited and what is happening in the United States. He urged every member to be vigilant. He made a special point that the terrorists believe so strongly in their cause that they are willing to die, much like those who fought in the American Revolution. He questioned whether Americans today feel that strongly about the freedoms that they enjoy.

Last minute raffle tickets were sold and the raffle was conducted. President Anderson thanked the following for raffle donations: Alan and Susan Brooking, Craig and Sandy Anderson, Fred and Ginger DeGregory, Helen and Ernie Garcia, Tom and Marilyn Chilton, Clair and Medora Allen, George and Ann Taylor and Jim and Karen Faulkinbury.

President Anderson thanked Jim Warrick and General Stone for a great program; Alan Brooking for being Cashier, chairing the Calling Committee and conducting the raffle; Don Spradling for taking pictures and Neil Elvick for editing the newsletter. A motion to adjourn was made and seconded. Roy Adkins led the Recessional and Craig Anderson gave the Benediction. The meeting was adjourned at 9:12 PM.

Respectfully Submitted

Carl E Ahlberg, Chapter Secretary

NSSAR Patriot Ancestor Biographies

I would like to call everyone's attention to one of NSSAR President General Lindsey Brock's goals: SAR Patriot Ancestors' Biographies. We, as members of the SAR, are united with a common bond; we each have ancestors who aided the cause of American freedom either by force of arms or by material support to the revolutionary cause. We must tell and preserve their stories so that others may learn and understand the true cost of the freedoms that we enjoy today.

All SAR members are encouraged to submit biographies of their patriot ancestors' so that their stories will be preserved in the NSSAR database. This will provide us with a better understanding of their sacrifices and as well as provide our society with another tool for recruiting new members. Details on how to submit these biographies are outlined below:

There is no format for these submissions. The NSSAR asks that information be limited to approximately 500 words and be sent in a Microsoft Word compatible format. There is no need for the documentation of references. As noted on the database, it is the sole responsibility of the author to research the facts and data contained in the article. Citing sources is not required. The article cannot be used for proof of lineage. It can, however, serve as a guide for the continuation of research. Patriot biographies may be submitted to this email address: patriotbios@sar.org. The NSSAR Patriot Database can be accessed at the following URL: <http://patriot.sar.org/fmi/iwp/cgi?-db=Grave%20Registry&-loadframes>. Please reference Page 16 of Fall 2014 issue of *The SAR Magazine* for additional information and examples.

We ask those who submit biographies to the NSSAR to also share them with the Sacramento Chapter by sending them to Neil Elvick at neilel@aol.com.

Patriot Ancestor Biography

of Patrick Anderson

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The following is an example a Patriot Ancestor's Biography (Ancestor #P-103605) that I recently submitted to the NSSAR Database:

Biography of Patrick Anderson

Patrick Anderson was born in Charleston Twp., Chester County, Pennsylvania on July 24, 1719. He was the eldest son of James and Elizabeth Anderson. His farm was located on the banks of Pickering Creek, two miles north of Valley Forge.

He was an ardent supporter of the revolution. On July 15, 1775, he was appointed Major in Col Anthony Wayne's Battalion of Chester County Minute Men, and he was a member of the Chester County Committee of Safety.

On March 15, 1776, Patrick Anderson accepted a captain's commission as a company commander in the Pennsylvania Musketry Battalion commanded by Col Samuel Atlee. His company formed in Chester, Pa on June 13th, and on June 17th, they were ordered to Philadelphia Barracks. On July 4th, Patrick's company was in Philadelphia when a cannon was fired, celebrating Congress' adoption of the Declaration of Independence. The following day, the Musketry Battalion was ordered to New York. On August 27th they were on Long Island, and they were positioned on the extreme right of the Continental line facing the British attack. The action lasted through the morning, until the British flanked the Americans and attacked their rear. The Continental troops were forced to retreat to the Brooklyn fortifications. The following night, General Washington, under cover of darkness and fog, extracted all of the troops safely to New York.

The Musketry Battalion lost its principle officers on Long Island: Col Atlee was captured and his second in command, Lt Col Caleb Parry was killed. As senior company commander, Patrick Anderson was placed in command of the Musketry Battalion. On September 19th due to lack of pay, clothing, and food, many of the Pennsylvania soldiers mutinied, and some 200 troops deserted and returned to Pennsylvania. The remaining troops of the Musketry Battalion retreated with Washington's Army to Pennsylvania following the battle of White Plains. Early in 1777, the remnants of the Musketry Battalion were incorporated into the Pennsylvania State Regiment of Foot and then a few months later into the 13th Pennsylvania Regiment. As a company commander in this regiment, Patrick Anderson saw action at the battle of Brandywine on September 11, 1777 and again at Germantown October 4, 1777.

Following the American defeat at Brandywine Creek, Hessian forces under Lieutenant-General Wilhelm von Knyphausen advanced northeast through Chester County. On September 21nd, the Hessians forded Pickering Creek at Patrick Anderson's farm and camped along Nutts Road. Patrick's family, forewarned of the Hessian advance, hid their silver in the well, grain under the floorboards of the barn, and fled north to nearby French Creek. The Hessians plundered Patrick's farm of all its livestock and all of the family personal possessions.

Patrick continued to serve until his enlistment expired early in 1778, and he resigned because of ill health. Following his military service, he served two terms in the Pennsylvania Assembly in 1778 and 1779. Patrick died on March 21, 1793, and he is buried in the churchyard of St Peters in the Valley.

Those who would like assistance submitting ancestor biographies to the National Society may contact Neil Elvick (neilel@aol.com or 916-730-6345) or Craig Anderson (craiga@winfirst.com or 916-257-7892).

JROTC AWARD PRESENTATIONS: Each spring, the Sacramento Chapter presents numerous JROTC awards to various high schools in the greater Sacramento Area. Because of the number of awards that we give out each year, our JROTC program chairman, Roy Adkins, needs your help to make these presentations. If you can help us with this very worthwhile program, please contact Roy Adkins directly at (916) 687-6735 or email at lifeswindo@aol.com

Photos from January 16, 2015 Meeting

Photos by Don Spradling



General Douglas Stone receiving Certificate of Appreciation and Liberty Bell from President Craig Anderson



General Stone

General Stone spoke about his years of hands on experience with interrogation of terrorists and the methods those organizations and networks use to obtain new recruits and spread their ideology. Afterwards he took questions from the audience and engaged in further discussion.



General Stone and his wife, Cathy



Administering the oath of office for 2015 officers

From left to right: Jim Faulkinbury, Craig Anderson, Don Littlefield, Roy Adkins, Carl Ahlberg, Alan Brooking, James Warrick, Ernie Garcia

Photos from January 16, 2015 Meeting

Photos by Don Spradling



Changing of the Guard

Past President, Russ Kaiser and Incoming President, Craig Anderson



At left:

Jim Faulkinbury receives Bronze Roger Sherman Medal

Don Littlefield receives the Distinguished Service Medal

Tom Chilton receives Bronze Roger Sherman Medal



Susan Brooking receives Certificate of Appreciation from Russ Kaiser



Donna Spradling and Don Spradling receive Certificates of Appreciation from Russ Kaiser

Photos from January 16, 2015 Meeting

Photos by Don Spradling



President Russ Kaiser presents awards, clockwise from upper left:

Carl Ahlberg Bronze Roger Sherman Medal

Alan Brookin Meritorious Service Medal

Neil Elvick Meritorious Service Medal

Ernie Garcia Bronze Roger Sherman Medal

Roy Adkins Certificate of Appreciation



**Prospective Member David Paulsen
and his wife Cynthia**



Brian and Virginia Alexander

Photos from January 16th Meeting

Photos by Don Spradling



Martha and Roy Adkins



Jim Warrick, Ernie Garcia and Neil Elvick



Ruth Edmondson Johnson, Debra Tasker-Brady, Ann Taylor and seated, George Taylor



Don Littlefield, Clair Allen, Don Clark



Mary Ann and Don Littlefield



Donna Baca and Russ Kaiser

Coming Events

February 20, 2015—Regular Meeting
7:00 PM at the Cattlemens Restaurant
Speaker: Dr. John A. Wallace, research
scientist with the California Dept. of
Public Health

April 17-18 2015
CASSAR Spring Meeting
Irvine, CA

March 20, 2015—Regular Meeting
7:00 PM at the Cattlemens Restaurant
Program to be announced

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