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### Rebecca Beach

Rebecca H. Beach is a native of Placer and Sacramento Counties, but enjoys spending time in Virginia. After 10 years of teaching in a California public school, Rebecca resigned her position as a Math Department Chair to homeschool her two children. At that time, she began her re-education in America's historic Christian method of education, using the Principle Approach. She attended and then facilitated homeschool study groups, wrote curriculum, and taught homeschool classes guided by the many publications of The Foundation for American Christian Education (FACE). Recently, Rebecca has been researching the foundational principles that guided the Framers of our "Founding Documents", to create such sustaining documents for Liberty. She will be talking about William Ames, "America's Founding Theologian," who laid the theological foundation for the Framers.



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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, Feb. 17, 2017 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, January 18**, please call Alan Brooking at (916) 315-3799 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."

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**Current Officers**

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President

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Photographer  
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**Roy Adkins**  
ROTC/JROTC Program

**Neil Zinn**  
Eagle Scout Program

**Tom Chilton**  
Americanism Poster Contest

**Carl Ahlberg**  
Program Committee

**Ernie Garcia**  
Law Enforcement Program

**Michael Brady**  
Calling Committee  
Cashier

**President's Corner**

It is my privilege to serve as President of Sacramento Chapter SAR for the next two years. Thank you for this honor.

I would like to thank President Craig Anderson for the counsel and guidance he has offered me. I would also like to thank all the members who have welcomed me and mentored me since joining SAR in 2012.

Sacramento Chapter is planning a busy year of serving both our community and our organization. The success of this Chapter's projects depends on your participation. We look forward to your involvement in a committee or joining the Color Guard or possibly taking part in the School Guard.

Lets get to work and with your participation make Sacramento Chapter the best it can be.

The Chapter accomplished a great many projects in 2016, and we need more members to come forward, volunteer, and get involved. Even if it is only a couple of hours a month, to help an existing Committee Chairman and learn the process.

I would like to urge all members to come to our Monthly meetings and get involved. I can not begin to express the feelings of pride I have experienced from being part of the Color Guard and School Guard.

I would also like it start a mentor program where we have a member work with new members to help them get involved and better understand to workings of Sacramento Chapter SAR

Any ideas or comments on how to accomplish these goals would be appreciated. I look forward to the coming year and hope to see you at our February meeting.

Alan Brooking

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## Minutes of January 2017 Meeting

### Sons of the American Revolution – Sacramento Chapter

#### Meeting Minutes January 20, 2017

##### Minutes Sacramento Chapter Meeting, January 20, 2017

Sacramento President Craig Anderson called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. He then gave the Invocation and asked Don Spradling to lead the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by Carl Ahlberg who led the Pledge to the SAR.

President Anderson next introduced the National and State Officers and Sacramento Past Presidents who were present. They included NSSAR Vice President General for the Western District Jim Faulkinbury who was also CASSAR Past President 2015 and Sacramento Chapter Past President 2005-2006; CASSAR State President, Ron Barker and his wife Conni; CASSAR Executive Vice President, Jim Fosdyck with his wife Un Hui; Sacramento Chapter Past President 2010-2011, Don Littlefield who is the current Sacramento Chapter Executive Vice President, Treasurer, and Webmaster as well as CASSAR Wreaths Across America Chairman, with his wife Mary Ann; Sacramento Chapter Past President 2013-2014 and current chapter Color Guard Commander and CASSAR Color Guard Adjutant North, Russ Kaiser with his wife Donna; Sacramento Chapter Secretary and Chairman of the Middle School Brochure Program, Carl Ahlberg; Sacramento Chapter Registrar and Calling Committee Chairman and CASSAR DAR Liaison, Alan Brooking; Custodian of our historic flags, Michael Hull; Chairman of the chapter ROTC/JROTC Program, Roy Adkins; Chairman of the chapter Eagle Scout Recognition Committee, Neil Zinn, and chapter Photographer, Don Spradling.



**Jim Faulkinbury, Secretary**

The DAR members attending were, from the Sacramento Chapter DAR Emily Browne who is also Sr. President of the Capitol Society C.A.R. with her husband Christopher; from the General John Sutter Chapter, Past Regent Susan Broderick who is also the CSSDAR Treasurer; from the Gold Trail Chapter, Past Regent Susan Brooking and Karen Faulkinbury.

CASSAR LAUX members present were Conni Barker, Un Hui Fosdyck, Susan Brooking, Karen Faulkinbury and Donna Spradling

Other guests were Kenneth Brady with his wife Dorene and Weston Browne who is the President of the Capitol Society C.A.R., both of whom are new members to be inducted tonight.

Following introductions, Michael Hull was asked to come forward and discuss the two flags he brought tonight --- the Rhode Island Regiment and the Cowpens flags.

The next item on the agenda was the election of our 2017 chapter officers. The names presented by the Nominating Committee at the last meeting were read and a request was made for any additional nominations from the floor. Hearing none, the election was held and the following new officers were elected:

President – Alan Brooking  
Executive Vice President and Treasurer – Don Littlefield  
Vice President of Meetings – Carl Ahlberg  
Secretary – Jim Faulkinbury  
The position of Registrar remains vacant.

CASSAR State President, Ron Barker then swore in and installed the new Chapter officers and presented Alan Brooking with the President's gavel. Past President Anderson presented the President's neck ribbon to President Brooking. President Brooking made his President's remarks and then presented Past President Anderson the Past President's Pin. He then introduced his Committee Chairman as follow:

Calling Committee – Michael Brady  
Community Awards Committee (co-chair), Law Enforcement Liaison (co-chair), and Custodian of the  
Historic Flags – Michael Hull (continued on following page)

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Community Awards Committee (co-chair) and Law Enforcement Liaison (co-chair), – Del Hanson

ROTC/JROTC Program – Roy Adkins

Americanism Poster Contest – Tom Chilton

Middle School Brochure Contest – Carl Ahlberg

Eagle Scout Recognition Program – Neil Zinn

Chaplain – Jeff Goodwin

Newsletter Editor – Neil Elvick

The next item of business was the swearing in of our two newest members, Kenneth Brady and Weston Browne. We then recessed for the dinner meal.

Following dinner, Past President Anderson made award presentations for those members who have provided substantial support of the Chapter's activities.

- Don Littlefield – a Certificate of Appreciation and a Challenge Coin for his long-time support of the Sacramento Chapter, holding various offices and also for his financial support of \$46,750 donated to the Chapter by Intel Corporation as part of Intel's Volunteer Matching Grant Program.
- Alan Brooking – a Certificate of Appreciation and Challenge Coin for his long-time support of the Chapter as Chairman of the Calling Committee, Cashier, Color Guard and School Guard member, and for setting up the SAR table at various patriotic events such as Sacramento History Day and the Sierra College Constitution Day.
- Carl Ahlberg – the Distinguished Service Medal for his work as Chapter Secretary, member of the Calling Committee and the chapter Color Guard, his implementation of the Middle School Brochure Contest as a Sacramento Chapter program, and several other significant events such as our WW II Veterans Recognition program at last October's meeting.
- Russ Kaiser – a Certificate of Appreciation and Challenge Coin for his work as Past Chapter President and chapter Color Guard/School Guard Commander.
- Roy Adkins – the Roger Sherman Medal for his work as member of the Calling Committee and as Chairman of the ROTC/JROTC program.
- Michael Hull – a Certificate of Appreciation and Challenge Coin for his work as Custodian of our Historic Flags and the monthly flag presentations at Chapter meetings.
- Neil Zinn – a Certificate of Appreciation for his chairmanship of the Eagle Scout Recognition Program for the last four years.
- Neil Elvick – Certificate of Appreciation for his work as editor of our Chapter newsletter, *The Courier*.
- Don Spradling – Certificate of Appreciation for his service as Guardian of the Chapter Flags and work as our Chapter photographer.
- Susan Brooking – the Martha Washington Medal for her continued work with the Chapter raffle.
- Donna Spradling – the Martha Washington Medal for her long-time support of our chapter and active participation in the Color Guard.
- Donna Kaiser – a Certificate of Appreciation and Challenge Coin for her support of the Color Guard during our patriotic parades.
- Certificate of Appreciation to members of the Calling Committee, Mike Brady, Don Clark, Roy Adkins and Alan Brooking.

Russ Kaiser then asked to make a couple of presentations for the Color Guard. Bronze Color Guard Medals were presented to David Beach and Alan Brooking for their service as Color Guard members. Those members of the Color/School Guard present were asked to come forward and be recognized.

Alan Brooking then presented Sandra Anderson with the Martha Washington Medal for all of her efforts with raffle donations.

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## Installation of 2017 Officers

### Photos by Don Spradling

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Following these award presentations, President Brooking, with the help of Susan Brooking, held the raffle. Those donating gifts were Don and Donna Spradling, Craig and Sandy Anderson, Carl and Inga Ahlberg, Jim and Karen Faulkinbury, and Alan and Susan Brooking.

President Brooking then asked for a motion to adjourn which was followed by Craig Anderson leading us in the SAR Recessional after which we sang *God Bless America*. Then President Brooking gave the Benediction and adjourned the meeting at 9:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted

Jim Faulkinbury, Secretary



**New President Brooking and  
outgoing President Anderson**



**Jim Faulkinbury, Alan Brooking, Carl Ahlberg,  
Don Littlefield, & Ron Barker who then  
administered the Oath of Office**



**New President Alan Brooking presents  
the Past President's Pin to outgoing  
President Craig Anderson**



**CASSAR Executive Vice President, Jim Fosdyck, Jim  
Faulkinbury, Alan Brooking (new gavel in hand),  
CASSAR President Ron Barker, Carl Ahlberg &  
Don Littlefield**



**Taking the Oath of Office: Jim Faulkinbury, Alan  
Brooking, Carl Ahlberg, Don Littlefield**

## Visiting Dignitaries

Photos by Don Spradling



**Roy Adkins, ROTC/JROTC Program Chairman flanked by CASSAR President, Ron Barker on his right & CASSAR Vice President on his left.**



**CASSAR President, Ron Barker and his wife Conni**



**Jim Fosdyck with his wife Un Hui & Don Littlefield**



**CASSAR Executive Vice President, Jim Fosdyck shown with quilt for raffle**

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

The “Great Courses” organization has a 24 lecture course on the American Revolution available on DVD. The course is on 4 DVD’s each containing 6 lectures. Our Chapter has one set of these which can be made available to members to borrow. Contact either Neil Elvick or Carl Ahlberg.

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

**Photos of a variety of period uniforms and clothing are available at: <https://sar.smugmug.com/Color-Guard-Uniforms/> and enter password: **Patriot****



## New Members

Photos by Don Spradling



**Doreen Brady, Kenneth Brady and  
Michael Brady**



**Kenneth Brady, Weston Douglas, President  
Alan Brooking and Jim Faulkinbury**

Weston Douglas Browne was born in Sacramento, California on June 13<sup>th</sup>, 1999 and currently lives in Carmichael where he is a senior at Jesuit High School in Carmichael. He is waiting to hear where he will attend college this fall!

He is President of the Capitol Society Children of the American Revolution in the Sacramento area.

His hobbies include playing Varsity rugby for Jesuit High School, playing the piano and guitar, and painting historical scale models and miniature soldiers.

He also enjoys travelling. He walked the Freedom Trail in Boston last March, New York in April, and spent a week walking the monuments and museums in DC & Annapolis last June. This June he will tour Ireland and visit some of the sites of his Patriot ancestors' families. He is descended from seven Patriots on his maternal grandmother's lineage.

His application to join the Sons of the American Revolution was approved on July 15<sup>th</sup> 2016. His patriot ancestor, Archilaus Merritt, a pensioner under the Act of 1828 who served as a Private in the Virginia Line for 18 months under Captains Lovely and Abraham Kilpatrick, Maj. Poulsen, and Col. Gaskins.



**Weston Douglas Browne**



**Kenneth Brady**

Kenneth Brady was born in Sewell, Iowa and spent his childhood in Long Beach, CA. He graduated from high school in Englewood, CA and then got his AA degree from Community College in Redondo Beach, California. He is married to Doreen Brady.

He retired from the USMC after a 30 year career in 1978. He currently is retired after an additional 14 year career with Sierra Nevada Memorial Hospital, where he was a biomedical maintenance technician. His hobbies include collecting baseball cards and coins.

Kenneth's application to join the Sons of the American Revolution was approved on October 26, 2016. His patriot ancestor, Thomas Drake, served as a Lieutenant in the First Regiment Hunerdon Co, NJ Militia, where he was injured.

## Photos from January Meeting

Photos by Don Spradling



**Phil Noble**



**Roy Adkins, Craig Anderson, Don Littlefield**



**Michael Brady, Don Clark, Alan Brooking, Roy Adkins, receive Certificates of Appreciation for services rendered to Sacramento SAR in 2016 from Craig Anderson**



**Russ & Donna Kaiser**

## Instructions for Patriot Biographies

Patriot biographies are still being solicited by the national organization. SAR is still accepting new ones, so there is still an opportunity for you to submit a biography. To submit your patriot ancestor biography to the national organization submit about 500 words as a Microsoft email attachment to [patriotbios@sar.org](mailto:patriotbios@sar.org). Include your name, Chapter and SAR Member number. If you would like to have assistance putting yours into narrative form contact Neil Elvick ([neilel@aol.com](mailto:neilel@aol.com)) or Craig Anderson ([craiga@winfirst.com](mailto:craiga@winfirst.com)) These biographies are published by the national organization for the purpose of helping aspiring members in their quest to find their own patriot ancestor. We have been publishing biographies submitted by chapter members but the last one received was published in the previous newsletter. However, we can still receive new ones. We would be happy to assist.



## JROTC Enhanced Program

### Sacramento Chapter “JROTC Enhanced Program” Outstanding Cadet

Our winner this year for the JROTC “Enhanced Program” is Cadet 2nd Lt. Kelsey McWhirt from the AFROTC from Vanden High School in Fairfield Calif. This qualifies her for the State Competition.

I would like to take this time to thank the Judging committee for the great work in making this possible.

I would also like to invite our Chapter members to attend the March 17, 2017 SAR meeting to show your support for this very deserving young woman.

Judges for this year’s essay Outstanding Cadet Competition were :

- David Beach
- Ronald Hollis
- William Heavey
- Mike Brady

**Roy Adkins**

**Chairman ROTC/JROTC Program**



**2nd Lt. Kelsey McWhirt**

### Photos from January 20, 2017 Meeting



**Neil Zinn Chairman Eagle Scout Program**



**Dr. Matthew Bowdish**



**Susan Brooking Susan Broderick & David Broderick**



**Donna Spradling, Mary Ann Littlefield & Martha Adkins**



**Craig and Sandra Anderson**

## Coming Events

March 17, 2017—Regular Meeting  
7:00 PM at the Cattlemens Restaurant  
Speaker to be announced

February 17, 2017—Regular Meeting  
7:00 PM at the Cattlemens Restaurant  
Speaker Rebecca Beach, William Ames, "America's  
Founding Theologian,"

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