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Sacramento Chapter Sons of the American Revolution

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(L-R) Scott Brooks, Craig Anderson, Terrence Conklin, Mark Mozdy, Don Littlefield, Will Gunter, installing officer Jim Faulkinbury.

Cattlemens Meal Selections:

Ribeye Steak \$30.

Sirloin Steak \$25.

Grilled Salmon \$25.

Teriyaki Chicken \$25.

Pesto Spinach/Cheese Ravioli \$25. (Vegan)

Next Meeting

Friday, February 21, 2020,

7:00PM

Make a reservation and meal choice when a member of the telephone committee calls. Or, contact Chair Phil Noble at email phil7476@aol.com by noon on Thursday before the meeting.

Payment accepted at the door. We accept cash or personal checks. We do not accept credit cards.

Wives, guests, and visiting compatriots are always welcome.

Come and socialize at 6:00PM. The meeting will start promptly at 7:00PM

We are a 501(c)(3) non-profit charitable organization, EIN # 68-0004288

Photos courtesy of Don Spradling

DAR Recognition Awards

The Sacramento Chapter Color Guard was invited to post the colors at the January meeting of the Sacramento Chapter of the DAR. We presented awards to two DAR members who have contributed their time and resources to our School Guard program: **Susan Cecchettini** was awarded the Martha Washington Medal and Certificate for her work portraying Molly Rinker, a Philadelphia spy for George Washington; **Helena Hurst** was awarded SAR's highest medal, the Daughters of Liberty Medal and Certificate for her many years of portraying Mary Hayes, also known in history as Molly Pitcher. Both women are an important part of our program, and they add tremendously to our 5th Grade assemblies, **Thank you Susan and Helena!** Jim Faulkinbury was the guest speaker, and he gave an excellent presentation telling the story of the American Revolution through the flags of the period.



School Guard Book Donation Program

We are donating books to each classroom we visit this year. We believe that this program is an excellent way of contributing to the education of our students on the history of the American Revolution and the birth of our American freedoms. If you would like to make a donation to this cause, for each \$5 you donate, we will put a different bookplate in that says, "This book was donated by (your name). If you would like to help, **contact Carl Ahlberg:** icahlberg@sbcglobal.net

Carl would like to acknowledge recent personal donations to this program by Emily and Weston Browne, Jim Faulkinbury, Charles Karlsson, Craig Anderson and Helena Hurst. Thank you for your generosity!



Thank You, Sacramento Chapter Members

Gentlemen,

I can not express the honor I felt when I was presented the Daughters of Liberty medal at the DAR meeting this past week.

Carl's description of the School Guard program and how many fifth grade students it touches each year was something I had never given much thought, but it certainly reinforced the importance of this program.

I began my participation around 2008 because I thought it would be fun, and it is. I never dreamed that I would receive as much as I give. "Hanging out" with a great group of your members has been an extra bonus. They freely share their knowledge of the American Revolution and I have learn as much as the fifth graders.

I thank you for inviting me to continue to participate in such an important program and I will treasure my award. Sincerely,

Helena Hurst
aka Molly Pitcher

Presidents Corner

Hi all,

Hope this finds you all well. Our first meeting of the year, January 17th, was a good meeting. We gave out a lot of awards and there was a couple of surprises. And for those who were there, I think you all saw that I was having a good time.



I did talk a little about the Spring Convention coming up in April and did say that we are still in need of a few volunteers. Phil Nobel and I will need some help at the reception desk on Thursday afternoon/evening and Friday morning/afternoon. George is going to need help with the Hospitality Suite Thursday afternoon/evening and Friday/Saturday afternoons. We will also need some volunteers to take a run out to Roy Adkins house in Wilton to pick up flag stands needed at the convention. Pretty sure we will need a pick up or pick ups. Not to sure about that. Will also need to be available to pick up and return the equipment to Roy's house on Sunday. If any of you can help out, you can either get ahold of Craig Anderson, Don Littlefield or my self. MY email address is jwg195414@att.net

I also have plenty of Challenge Coins for sale and will continue to have them at all coming meetings. I will also have them at the Spring Convention in April. Just a reminder that the Coins are \$25.00 apiece.

As you all know, I was installed as President for the Sacramento Chapter of the SAR for my second year, as were Terrence Conklin, Executive Vice President, Scott Brooks as Registrar, Donald Littlefield as Treasurer (for how many years I don't know) and we added Mark Mozdy as Secretary and Craig Anderson as Vice President of Programs. I cannot talk about the others, however, I really enjoyed my first year, learned a lot with the help of Don Littlefield and Craig Anderson. I also had a lot of fun and met a lot of our membership and met and inducted new members. We had some really great speakers this past year and have really good ones coming. At our February meeting, Russ Kaiser will be our first speaker talking about the USCG in his new capacity of Full Commander in the USCG AUX. We will also be having a Docent of the Calif. Auto Museum, President, Sacto. County Historical Society, an SR-71 Pilot and we will be hearing from the National Pony Express Trail Society. This is going to be a good year for speakers.

I would like to thank everyone for giving me a second chance at getting this position right. So here's to having another great year. Will see all of you at our next meeting.

Respectfully,

Will Gunter

2020 Sacramento Chapter Appointed Positions and Committee Chairmen

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February Speaker

The speaker for our February meeting will be Russ Kaiser, a SAR member since 2011 and a past president and color guard commander of the Sacramento Chapter. He is currently serving as the Color Guard Adjutant North for the CASSAR. His Patriot Grandfather was John Wilklow who served in the American Revolution from 1778 through 1783 and saw major action in 3 engagements including the British surrender at Yorktown.

A member of the Sacramento Yacht Club for 23 years, Russ has served as Director, Port Captain, Safety officer, Treasurer, Rear, Vice and Commodore.



Russ joined the United States Coast Guard Aux. in 2013. He has served as: Flotilla Commander, Vice Division Commander, and Incident Commander. He has recently been promoted to commander. Russ is currently serving as the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Commander of Division-03, District 11-North.

He will be speaking to us on the role of the Coast Guard Auxiliary: " Why we do what we do" The Mission of the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary.

More information regarding the Coast Guard Auxiliary can be found at this web site:
<http://wow.uscgaux.info/content.php?unit=113-03> .

Welcome New Member

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Veterans Recognition



Michael Jordan recently joined our chapter, transferring from the Redding Chapter. He served in the US Army from 1968 to 1970 earning the National Defense Service Medal and Good Conduct Medal. As a military veteran he is authorized by the SAR to wear the Military Service Medal in grateful recognition for his service to his country in defense of America. Compatriot Jordan lives in McKinleyville, CA. and couldn't receive his certificate in person so it was mailed to him.

Dennis Deck joined our chapter transferring from Gold Country Chapter in July. He served in the US Navy's Submarine Service from 1959 to 1962 serving aboard the USS Theodore Roosevelt SSBN 600. As a military veteran he is authorized by the SAR to wear the Military Service Medal in grateful recognition for his service to his country in defense of America.



Sacramento Chapter Challenge Coins



The new Sacramento Challenge Coins in stock; President Gunter is handling the sales and distribution of them. We are relying on the profits of these coins to help defray chapter expenses of hosting the 2020 annual spring meeting of the California Society SAR. These were designed specifically for the Sacramento Chapter and are 2" coins. We are selling them for \$25.00 each. They will be available for sale at our monthly dinner meetings or they can be ordered from

Will Gunter at jwg195414@att.net or (916) 487-2318. For mail orders, there will be an additional \$5.00 fee for shipping.

Color Guard Events



Color Guard members, David Beach, Craig Anderson, Phil Noble, and Russ Kaiser posting colors at the January meeting of the Sacramento Chapter DAR. *Photos courtesy of Linda Winthers.*



(L-R) Russ Kaiser, Phil Noble, Emily Browne, Regent, Sacramento Chapter, Adele Lancaster, Regent, California Society, Susan Broderick, Vice Regent California Society, Craig Anderson, Susan Brooking, David Beach, Jim Faulkinbury.

January Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 7pm. The Invocation was led by Scott Brooks, the Pledge of Allegiance was led by George Brinlee, and the pledge to the SAR was led by Terrence Conklin

President Gunter introduced NSSAR, CASSAR Officers and Past Presidents: Jim Faulkinbury, NSSAR Genealogist General and Past President CASSAR and Chapter, Don Littlefield, CASSAR Executive V.P./Past President, Craig Anderson, Current CASSAR V.P. North/ Past President, Del Hanson, Past President Sacramento Chapter.



President Gunter introduced DAR and LAUX members: Karen Faulkinbury, Gold Trail Chapter DAR, Donna Spradling LAUX, and Mary Ann Littlefield LAUX.

President Gunter introduced Guests: New Member William Henderson and parents Dan and Jen. Jim Hollabaugh, a former member of the Silicon Valley Chapter was also recognized.

Members were updated on Luann Hollis' condition - passed around "get well" card for attendees to sign. President Gunter asked the flag chairman to come forward and present the historical flags: Bladen and Brunswick Counties NC Pine Tree and Rattlesnake and the An Appeal to Heaven Flag.

President Gunter gave an update on Michael Jordan who recently joined the Sacramento chapter, transferring from the Redding chapter. He announced that Michael Jordan has received the Certificate of Patriotism. Michael served in the US Army from 1968 to 1970. Earning the National Defense Service Medal and the Good Conduct Medal. As a military veteran he is authorized to wear the Military Service medal in grateful recognition for his service to his Country in defense of America. Compatriot Jordan lives in McKinleyville, CA. and could not receive his Certificate and Medal in person so it was mailed to him.

President Gunter presented a certificate of Patriotism to Dennis Deck. Dennis Deck joined our chapter transferring from Gold Country Chapter in July 2019. He served in the US Navy's Submarine Service from 1959 to 1962 and was stationed aboard the USS Theodore Roosevelt SSBN-600. As a military veteran he is authorized by the SAR to wear the Military Service Medal in grateful recognition for his service to his country in defense of America.

Phil Noble introduced and inducted his grandson, new member, William Henderson. As is the custom, all members were invited to come forward and welcome William to the Sacramento, Chapter.

President Gunter announced the names of the candidates for 2020 chapter officers and nominated Craig Anderson as V.P. of programs. He called for a vote. The officer slate of President Will Gunter, Exec VP Terrence Conklin, VP Programs, Craig Anderson, Secretary, Mark Mozdy,

January Meeting Minutes (Cont.)

Treasurer Don Littlefield, Registrar Scott Brooks were elected unanimously by the membership. Jim Faulkinbury inducted the new chapter officers.

Scott Brook's motion to require Chapter Presidents or Alternates to fund their own expenses to attend State or national meetings convention/Gala Dinners passed.

After dinner, President Gunter discussed the CASSAR Spring meeting and asked for volunteers. Recognition awards to chapter members for service during 2019 were presented by President Gunter Registrar Scott Brooks and Committee chairmen, Carl Ahlberg, David Beach, Phil Noble, and Roy Adkins.

The Distinguished Service Medal was presented to Michael Hull for his work as Flag Chairman and co-chair of the Law Enforcement Program; Meritorious Service Medals were presented to Phil Noble for his work as Calling committee chairman and Scott Brooks for his work as chapter registrar; a Roger Sherman Medal was presented to David Beach for his work as Color Guard Commander. Martha Adkins was presented with the Martha Washington Medal for her outstanding support of the ROTC/ JROTC Program.

Distinguished Service Certificates were presented to Don Littlefield - Americanism Poster Contest Chairman, Del Hanson - Law Enforcement Committee Co-Chairman, Don Spradling - Chapter Photographer, Roy Adkins - ROTC/ JROTC Program, and Carl Ahlberg - School Guard Coordinator, and School Guard Members Jim Faulkinbury, Ernie Garcia, Don Littlefield, and Craig Anderson.

Certificates of Appreciation were presented to Mike Smith for assisting the Registrar with genealogical research; Color Guard Members, Jim Faulkinbury, Ernie Garcia, Carl Ahlberg, Don Littlefield, Craig Anderson, Phil Noble, Kevin Allec, and Dennis Deck; calling committee members: Roy Adkins, David Beach, Scott Brooks, Terrence Conklin, Ernie Garcia, David Paulsen, and Will Gunter; ROTC/ JROTC Enhanced program Judges, Phillip Noble, David Paulsen, and David Beach; JROTC presenters David Paulsen, Will Gunter, Craig Anderson.

Craig Anderson was presented with the Sacramento Chapter's Presidents Award, as approved by all of the Chapter Past Presidents.

President Gunter thanked Phil Noble for being the Calling Committee Chairman/ Cashier and Don Spradling for doing the photography. A motion to adjourn was made and seconded

The Recessional was led by California Executive VP Don Littlefield, and the Benediction was led by Registrar Scott Brooks. President Gunter led the singing of "God Bless America". The meeting was adjourned at 9:02.

Proposed Amendments to Sacramento Chapter By Laws

Our chapter bylaws are used to communicate our chapter's organizational rules to our membership; they are also used as a tool by officers in the performance of their duties to avoid conflicts in the operation of our chapter.

Periodically, we review them for clarity to avoid misunderstandings that potentially may develop over procedures, responsibilities, and duties. The Executive Board recently reviewed our current bylaws, and they are recommending seven proposed amendments to them. Many of these amendments simply align our chapter bylaws with the California Society bylaws while Article VII pp. 10 defines reimbursable and non-reimbursable expenses. Changes and additions are shown in yellow highlighted text. **Amendments will be voted on during our February meeting.**

SUMMARY OF PROPOSED CHANGES

1. Article III Paragraph 1 Makes it clear that chapter officers serve without compensation.
 - *Officers shall all serve without compensation.*
2. Article III paragraph 3 Clarifies the presidents responsibilities.
 - The President shall preside over all meetings of the membership, *and shall enforce-observance of the Sacramento Chapter bylaws.*
3. Article IV Paragraph 3 expands who can call special meetings.
 - *Any member of the Executive Committee can call for a special meeting.*
4. Article V Paragraph 4 expands who can call chapter meetings.
 - *Special meetings of the Chapter may be called at any time by the President, or the Executive Committee, or in response to the written request of ten members, and with written notice of time and place mailed to all members in good standing at least seven days prior to such special meeting. The meeting shall be called for one specified purpose.*
5. Article VI Paragraphs 3 and 5 adds a nominations committee, its structure, and duties to the chapter organization.
 - (3) *The General Committees are: Nomination, Membership, Finance, and Program.*
 - (5) *The Nomination Committee shall be composed of the five most recent former chapter presidents who are able and active at the chapter level. If there are not enough past presidents who are able and willing to serve, then the president may fill such vacancy on the committee by appointment of other chapter members currently active at the chapter level. The chairman of the committee shall be the most recent past president on the committee after the immediate past president. (a) At least forty-five (45) days prior to each November Meeting, the chairman of the Nominating Committee shall provide the executive board with a list of proposed nominations for each elected chapter office.*
6. Article VII Paragraph 10 Defines what member expenses are not reimbursable and what expenses are reimbursable.
 - Expenses:
 - (a) *Individual officers, program chairmen, or members, are responsible for their own travel, lodging, registration, and meals expenses, incurred in representing or participating in SAR Chapter, State and National activities.*
 - (b) *Only out of pocket expenses, supported with receipts, will be reimbursed for SAR medals, certificates, awards, printing, postage, etc., consistent with the programs of the chapter and the role of the individual.*
7. Footnotes added for clarity Pages 5 and 8.
 - *"in writing" shall include postcard, letter, email, or text message delivery*
 - *"Mailed includes USPS, or email delivery.*

The Sacramento Chapter Presidents Award

The Sacramento Chapter “**Presidents Award**” is reserved for Sacramento Chapter members who have distinguished themselves by giving to the chapter a significant amount of their time and commitment.

It continues in the highest tradition of being the most significant and substantial award the Sacramento Chapter can bestow on one of its members. The Presidents Award is only given when an exemplary candidate merits the award. The recipient is selected, voted upon, and presented the award by the current and Past Presidents of the Sacramento Chapter.

Craig Anderson receives the Presidents Award



Craig's application to join the Sons of the American Revolution was approved on August 26, 2011. Craig has been a perennial donor to the Sacramento Chapter since becoming a member. Craig has served as Chapter Secretary in 2012; Vice President & Secretary 2013, 2014, 2018, 2019; and as Sacramento Chapter President 2015 & 2016. He was awarded the Chapter Distinguished Service Medal in 2014. He also served as Secretary for the California Society in 2017 and 2018 and was awarded the State Distinguished Service Medal and the State Patriot's Medal in 2018. Craig serves as a member of the School Guard, Color Guard, and Americanism Poster Contest committee. He chairs the Valley Forge Teacher Recognition program, Tom and Betty Lawrence American History Teacher Award Program, the Veterans Recognition Program, and the Knight Essay Contest. He is the current Editor of the Sacramento Chapter newsletter, *The Courier*.

SAR Recognition Awards

During our January meeting, the chapter presented awards to officers, Committee Chairmen and Committee members who contributed to the success of our chapter programs during 2019.



Michael Hull was awarded the Distinguished Service Medal for his work as co-chair of the Law Enforcement Committee and his work as guardian of the flags, giving presentations on the history of our historical flags during each chapter meeting.



David Beach was awarded the Roger Sherman Medal for his outstanding efforts as Color Guard Commander



Martha Adkins was awarded the Martha Washington Medal for her outstanding support of the ROTC/JROTC program. Throughout the year, she provided invaluable support to Roy and they both have continued to make this program a huge success.



Scott Brooks (left) was awarded the Meritorious Service Medal as chapter registrar for his innovative approach to processing new member applications by enlisting chapter members to help with genealogical research. Phil Noble (center) was awarded the Meritorious Service Medal for his work chairing the calling committee, manning our reception desk, and being an active member of the chapter color guard.

SAR Recognition Awards

Our committee chairman were awarded Distinguished Service Certificates for their outstanding work during the year: (L-R)



Don Spradling, our chapter photographer who consistently provided high quality photographs of our meeting events.

Roy Adkins who has chaired the ROTC/JROTC program for many years. During this time, he has enlisted numerous outstanding student candidates in the SAR Enhanced JROTC Program. Over the past six years 3 have won state awards, and one who has won at the national level.

Don Littlefield, Past President, who has chaired the Americanism Poster Contest. He has developed a working relationship with teachers in area schools and their students have produced award-winning entries at the state level.

Del Hanson, SAR past president and retired police chief of Woodland, CA has co-chaired our community recognition program. His law enforcement knowledge and experience has strengthened this program and provided quality candidates for this event.

Carl Ahlberg who has chaired and coordinated the School Guard Program. Under Carl's leadership, this program is flourishing and the group is in high demand from local schools. Last year, the Sacramento Chapter made presentations in 14 schools to over 1100 students, and was awarded the SAR President General's Educational Outreach Flag Streamer.

2020 Chapter Calendar

Community Events

Sacramento County History Day, Saturday, March 7, 2020 at Inderkum High School, 2500 New Market Dr. Sacramento, CA 95835. The Chapter will also be providing a special award for Sacramento County History Day. We will offer a \$100 award for the best historical paper based on an event, person, philosophy or ideal associated with the American Revolution, Declaration of Independence, or the framing of the United States Constitution. Chapter members are encouraged to serve as judges for this event. Judging is between 7:30AM and 1:00PM, breakfast and lunch is provide for the judges. This is a great event; if you can help, registration information can be found at the following link: <http://www.sachistoryday.org/j-registration>

Color Guard

March 6, 2020

The Sacramento Chapter Color Guard will post the colors at the California Society of the Colonial Dames 17th Century state conference at the Double Tree Hilton Hotel x on Point West Way. *"The first California organization meeting for Colonial Dames XVII Century was held in Los Angeles in 1948. In June 1949, 56 members met at the home of Mrs. George Kingman in Alhambra to elect officers and receive the charter. Mrs. French Harrington of Los Angeles was the Organizing State President. Two chapter Organizing Presidents were appointed at the state meeting on October 23, 1949. Williamsburg (Los Angeles), Plymouth (Alhambra) and Sleepy Hollow (San Diego) Chapters were organized in close succession, receiving charters in 1950 and 1951. Other chapters have been organized in various cities since then. California is a very large state and currently has 20 Chapters with approximately 575 members."*

April 18th and 19th 2020

The color guard will participate along with other chapter's color guard members in posting the colors at various events over two days at the California State Society meeting in Rancho Murieta, CA.

May 25th 2020

Memorial Day: Events to be announced.

July 4th 2020

Independence Day: Carmichael Elks Club 4th of July Parade. Details will be announced.

School Guard

SAR or DAR members interested in observing or participating in these scheduled presentations must contact Carl Alhberg icahlberg@sbcglobal.net in advance of the event.

February 28, 2020

Jackson Elementary School, 2561 Francisco Dr, El Dorado Hills, CA 95762. Our presentation will support school events based around the colonial period in America.

COMING SAR EVENTS

**Next Sacramento Chapter Dinner Meeting
February 21, 2020 7:00PM
Cattlemen's Restaurant, 12409 Folsom Blvd., Rancho Cordova**

2020 CASSAR Spring Meeting

The Sacramento Chapter is hosting the 2020 CASSAR Spring Meeting on April 17th and 18th. The meeting will be held at the Murieta Inn and Spa, 7337 Murieta Dr, Rancho Murieta, CA 95683. The registration form can be found at the following link:

<https://www.californiasar.org/wp-content/uploads/145th-Annual-Spring-Meeting-Registration-FORM.pdf>



I encourage chapter members to attend this event; this is a great opportunity to see what goes on at state meetings and meet compatriots from other chapters. There is no cost to attend the business meetings or Memorial Service. If you wish to attend one of the award luncheons or the Gala Banquet you must register and pay for that event in advance. Please be aware that only registered members may serve as voting delegates. - Editor

Spring NSSAR Leadership Meeting

Members are invited to attend the Spring Leadership Conference/Trustees Meeting at the Brown Hotel in Louisville, Kentucky on February 27-29, 2020. More information on the event can be found on the NSSAR web site at: <https://www.sar.org/leadership-meeting> The registration form can be found here: <https://www.sar.org/event/fab1ab9477e8343a9e9fe26ca14b625f/register>

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