



The Courier



PRESIDENTS CORNER



Compatriots & Friends

Greetings, as the new Sacramento Chapter President I hope this message finds you safe and well. In a small ceremony in a La Bou Restaurant parking lot Del Hanson passed the gavel to me and I was both humbled and proud to receive this assignment from our past president – Del Hanson. It goes without saying that 2020 was a tumultuous year for the Sacramento Chapter. We needed a very special person to lead us through the “troubled waters” and Del was the right man for the job. I am forever grateful to Del for his friendship and the example that he has set for us all.

I originally met Del three years ago when I volunteered to serve as co-chairman for our local law enforcement/first responders awards program. In our first year serving together we were privileged to honor a Sacramento County Sheriff's Deputy by the name of Adam Gibson. On March 16, 2018 he aided in the rescue of a man who threatened to jump off Elk Grove's pedestrian bridge over Highway 99. The pedestrian had scaled the tall protective fence that lines the bridge with the intent of taking his life.

Gibson happened to be driving on northbound Highway 99 when he saw the man and immediately alerted the Elk Grove police. The deputy reportedly saw a nearby tour bus that was stopped in traffic and he persuaded the driver to park under the bridge so that its roof could break the man's fall. Gibson then climbed on top of the bus and contacted the man who dangled from the bridge.

An Elk Grove police negotiator later arrived and convinced the man to climb back up the bridge's fence. However, he lost his grip and Gibson was able to catch him as he fell on to the bus. Ironically my daughter and I were eyewitnesses to the whole scene.

Unfortunately Officer Adam Gibson lost his life in the line of duty this past January 18, 2021 in a gun fight near Cal Expo. His K-9 partner, Riley, also lost his life attempting to protect his partner. Adam Gibson was a six year law enforcement veteran who also served as a U.S. Marine in Afghanistan. Deputy Gibson also earned a Bronze Star for Bravery and a Major Incident Ribbon. Please keep his wife and new born child in your thoughts and prayers.

Our next ZOOM meeting is scheduled for Monday, February 15th at 6:30pm the day AFTER Valentine's Day. How many of you know that when a holiday's primary color is “pink” it is NOT about you (LOL). Our guest speaker will be Charlie Frye from the Riverside SAR Chapter. I spent almost an hour on the phone speaking with Charlie and let me tell you that you are in for a treat.

Charlie is a geographer, cartographer, information scientist, and a U.S. Army veteran. His interests include genealogy, the history of the American Revolutionary War, and major league baseball. As he learned of his patriot ancestor, Isaac Frye's story, he applied his skills to design an approach to use geographic information systems to organize and document historical research projects. He is the author of two historical novels featuring his patriot ancestor and is working on the third in the series, Duty of in the Call of Liberty. The first two books are "The War has Begun" and "Honor and Valor". He lives, works, and writes in Redlands, California.

Charlie's presentation will be The Battle of Breed's Hill. You don't want to miss this!

I hope you will all join us on Monday, February 15th at 6:30pm for our next Zoom meeting. We look forward to these opportunities to socialize albeit on a computer screen. See you on the 15th!

MEETING MINUTES



Sacramento Chapter SAR January 18, 2021 Meeting Notes
By Secretary Mark Mozdy
Zoom Meeting Technology

President Del Hanson Called the meeting to order at 6:30pm
30 Online Participants

Invocation: George Taylor
Pledge of Allegiance: Jim Faulkinbury
Pledge to the SAR: Mike Hull

Del Hanson Introduced National and State Officers, Past

Presidents – Jim Faulkinbury Past President, Sacramento Chapter, Genealogist General, Natl. Society, Minuteman Class of 2019, Don

Littlefield, California Society President, Past President, Sacramento Chapter, Craig Anderson, Vice President North California Society, Past President Sacramento Chapter, Tom Chilton, Past President Sacramento Chapter, Former California Society Registrar for four years, Russ Kaiser, Past President Sacramento Chapter, Northern California Color Guard Adjutant.

Introduced Guests – Bill Nay, Redwood Chapter President SAR, John Hendon, President Yosemite Chapter, Marilyn Chilton, Sacramento Chapter DAR, California Society Ladies Aux Member and former Treasurer for the Ladies Aux.

Del Hanson started off the meeting with a prayer for the two deceased members (2020) of our Sacramento Chapter, Alan Brown Brooking and Archer Chapman Frey. Russ Kaiser did an 8 Bells Salute in honor of their passing.

Michael Hull read the obituary for Archer Frey. Del talked about Alan Brooking and how pleasant a person he was. Alan was in the Navy and served aboard the USS Aircraft Carrier Intrepid. He also worked for the Department of the Defense in the Pentagon.

RIP Archer and Alan.

Officer Nominations and Election--Del Hanson read the names of the new nominations for office for 2021.

Michael Hull – President
Vice President – Phil Noble
Vice President of Chapter Programs - Craig Anderson
Secretary – Mark Mozdy
Treasurer – Don Littlefield
Registrar – Dave Cofer

No other members were nominated. A vote was then taken and passed. The nominees were elected and sworn into office by Jim Faulkinbury.

The gavel was handed over to Michael Hull. A motion was made to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed.

Michael Hull said a few words about all the help he has received in the last few years.

Other Business

The meeting was then turned over to Don Littlefield.

Old Business:

Don Littlefield gave an update on all of the National meetings to be held this year and noted that the California State meeting to be held at the Mission Inn in Southern California will be moved from April to November.

Don Littlefield gave an update on the Treasurer report – we have \$48,846 in the bank.

Don Littlefield gave an update on the status of the Advertising Campaign. Per Don, Messenger Publishing Company (MPG) will start the advertising on 2-5-21. MPG has changed printers so the number of pages in color will be limited. Most of our ads will be in black and white and on the inside of their publications. If we receive any hate mail we will pull our ads.

Awards Ceremony

Del Hanson presented a number of awards;

David Cofer – Roger Sherman Medal

Mark Mozdy – Roger Sherman Medal

Scott Brooks – Distinguished Service Medal

David Beach – Meritorious Service Medal

Russ Kaiser – Chapter Distinguished Service Certificate

Roy Atkins – Bronze Good Citizenship Medal

Phil Noble – Distinguished Service Medal

Don Littlefield – Distinguished Service Certificate

Craig Anderson - Distinguished Service Certificate

Michael Hull – Distinguished Service Plaque

Jim Faulkinbury - Distinguished Service Certificate

Karl Ahlberg - Distinguished Service Certificate

Ernie Garcia - Distinguished Service Plaque

Terrence Conklin – Bronze Roger Sherman Medal

David Paulsen - Bronze Roger Sherman Medal

George Taylor – Chapter Certificate of Appreciation

Concludes Awards Ceremony

Tonight is Del Hansen's last meeting as our Chapter President. Thanks Del for all your hard work !!

The meeting was turned over to Craig Anderson. Craig thanked Del for providing support and stability to our chapter during the 2020 year. Craig presented Del with a plaque with a beautiful gavel attached along with a Past President's Certificate.

Marilyn Chilton also recognized Del for all the support and help he has given the Ladies DAR Auxiliary.

Recessional: Craig Anderson

Benediction: George Taylor led us in the Benediction

God Bless America: Tom Chilton

The Meeting was concluded 7:40pm

The Next Meeting will be held via Zoom on Monday February 15 th, 2021 at 6:30 pm.

In Memoriam



Alan Brown Brooking (87) died peacefully at home on December 1, 2020, after a three-year battle with throat cancer.

Alan joined the SAR in 2012 and immediately became active at the chapter, state, and national levels. He was a member of both the Sacramento and Gold Country chapters. He served the Sacramento Chapter as member of the Color Guard, Telephone Committee, Greeter and Cashier, and as President of the Sacramento Chapter in 2017.

Alan and his wife Susan, a DAR member, never missed an SAR or DAR meeting when they were in town. The Gold Trail Chapter DAR was also a beneficiary of his many kindnesses— if DAR chapters had mascots, Alan was Gold Trail's.

Alan was a native of Oklahoma City, born November 29, 1933, to Ludie (Pickett) and Levi Henry Brooking. He attended Oklahoma City University.

Alan was proud of his service in the U.S. Navy, particularly his Mediterranean Cruises aboard the USS Intrepid. His flight operations photos and cameras are part of the Intrepid, Sea, Air & Space Museum Complex in New York City.

He was a successful small business owner providing window coverings for most Silicon Valley tech companies, hospitals and schools. Alan met Steve Jobs when Apple Computer was just one small building in Cupertino. Apple and Alan's company continued their relationship through construction of the Infinite Loop Campus.

Alan's personal interests were varied: he created stunning stained-glass windows; crewed on Porsche race teams at Le Mans, Daytona, and Sebring; autocross'd his own Porsches and prepared them for show in club concours events. During the 1970's, Alan became an avid antique fountain pen collector and traveled to international pen shows throughout the US.

Those who knew Alan, know he welcomed an opportunity to share interesting conversation and a wee dram of good Scotch Whiskey.

He's survived by his wife of 57 years, Susan (Hill) Brooking. Donations in Alan's memory may be made to the Intrepid Sea, Air & Space Museum, Office of institutional Advancement, One Intrepid Square, West 46th Street and 12th Avenue, New York, NY 10109-1277

MEETING LINK, ID, AND PASSWORD

Our February meeting will be held via Zoom at 6:30PM February 15, 2021.

Copy and paste the link below into your browser or simply click on the link below to access the meeting

Sacramento Chapter Meeting

Feb,15, 2021 06:30 PM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

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MEET OUR GUEST SPEAKER

Our guest speaker for our February meeting is Charles E. Frye, Secretary of the Redlands Chapter, SAR. Charlie will speak to us on the Battle of Breeds Hill.

Charlie Frye is a geographer, cartographer, information scientist, and U.S. Army veteran. His interests include genealogy, the history of the American Revolutionary War, and major league baseball.

As he learned of his patriot ancestor, Isaac Frye's, story, he applied his skills to design an approach to use geographic information systems to organize and document historical research projects. He is the author of two historical novels featuring his patriot ancestor and is working on the third book in the series, Duty in the Call of Liberty. The first two books are "[The War has Begun](#)" and "[Honor and Valor](#)" He lives, works, and writes in Redlands California.

Color Guard Calendar



Color Guard Commander David Beach

No events are scheduled at this time.

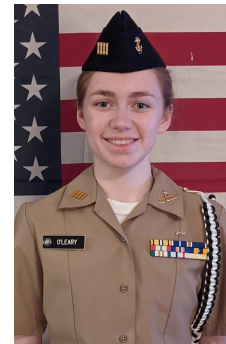
The JROTC ENHANCED 2020 PROGRAM RESULTS



AFJROTC Cadet 1st Lt. Cooper J. Ernst



AFJROTC Cadet 2nd Lt William L.
Kersey



NROTC Cadet LCDR Emma O'Leary

The JROTC Enhanced program committee has chosen a winner for their 2020 program. The winning Cadet is AFJROTC Cadet 2nd Lt William L. Kersey of Casa Robles Fundamental High School, 2nd place was NJROTC Cadet LCDR Emma O'Leary of Yuba City High School, and third place is AFJROTC Cadet 1st Lt. Cooper J. Ernst of Del Campo High School. The review committee was Committee Chairman Roy Adkins, Mike Arledge, and Chapter Registrar David Cofer. The Enhanced JROTC award will be presented to Cadet Kersey during our February zoom meeting on February 15th.,2021.

Essay by Air Force JROTC Cadet 2Lt William Kersey

“How JROTC has prepared me to be a better citizen of the United States of America.”

JROTC programs have existed in high schools for over 100 years. While the program in its early days was seen as a recruiting opportunity for young boys, it has developed into so much more. Cadets are more prepared for adult life and are aware of their civic duties as US citizens. JROTC has prepared me to be a better American citizen by enabling me to serve, lead, and improve my character. Why is service important and how has it made me a better citizen? Service is one of the most humbling activities to do. Serving is helping others, not in your own self-interest, but because you want to help. In JROTC, I have had the opportunity to serve both my community and my country. I have served my community by working; doing river cleanups, volunteering at a Veterans Hall, and even beautifying a lakefront. I have served my country by showing patriotism and respect; doing countless flag details, marching in Veterans Day parades, and building care packages for soldiers overseas. Service makes me a better citizen and

JROTC has given me opportunities to serve. Leadership is another aspect that JROTC has helped me develop. Most people in high school are not used to leading. They are used to a family or classroom structure and do not get the opportunity to be part of a team. The real world is made of teams being led towards goals and missions. JROTC uses the military as an example for their leadership style. I started my leadership journey in JROTC as an element leader in charge of a small team. I earned it by being as attentive and respectful as I could be and gained recognition from my Flight Commander. I became responsible for the basic duties of an element leader; the attendance and conduct of my element members and the appearance and uniform wear of my team. The position allowed me to gain confidence in leading a group of people. Later, I became the Athletics NCO. That stepped up my responsibilities. I was in charge of creating PT routines and leading an entire flight through them. I kept building my leadership confidence until I earned my current positions as Armed Drill Team Commander and Flight Commander. As Armed Team Commander, I train my team in drill routines, and we work together to make sure we are the sharpest and best drill team. As flight commander, I lead my cadets and ensure that we are the best in terms of academics, teamwork, and integrity. Only in JROTC do the adults step back and let cadets work together as a team with their leader to accomplish goals. It has definitely made me a more confident leader ready for future teams. JROTC has also enhanced my character. Before I became a cadet, I did not often do my best and did not enjoy being part of a team. After just one season of middle school baseball, I quit. I was a quitter. Joining JROTC taught me to be the best person I can be, not for my sake, but for the sake of others. Learning things like military drill and doing countless team oriented tasks for the sake of learning teamwork has trained me to always do my best and be a team player. I took this so well to heart that now I am the leader of many teams and I never quit when there is a challenge ahead. I attentively follow the Air Force Core Value, "Excellence in All We Do," and JROTC has made me a better person that works well in a team. The JROTC program has improved the lives of many cadets since its inception, including my own. It has made me a better American citizen by enabling me to serve, lead, and improve my character. I am confident that I am more prepared stepping forward into adulthood and am a better person overall because of JROTC.



MEET OUR NEW EDITOR

Please welcome Compatriot Ron Hollis as our new editor of the Sacramento Chapter *Courier*. Ron Hollis has been a member of the Sacramento Chapter since December 2, 2011, and his patriot ancestor was Captain James Hollis Sr. of the North Carolina Militia.

We are pleased to have him fill this important chapter position. Chapter members who wish to submit articles for the *Courier*, relating to the mission of our society, may email them directly to Ron at rhollis1@prodigy.net. Thanks everyone for your support while I filled in as editor last year; you made the job very enjoyable.

Craig Anderson

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COMING SAR EVENTS

Chapter

The next Chapter meeting will be held on
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Video Conference.

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State Society

146th Annual Meeting that was scheduled to be held at the Mission Inn in Riverside, CA. has been cancelled due to COVID 19 restrictions. The 146th annual meeting will be held via a Zoom video-conference on Saturday April 17, 2021 at 9AM. More information will follow.

National Society

The Spring Leadership Meeting will be held via Zoom video-conference.

July 10, 2021 131st Congress
Renton, WA.

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