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## January Speaker

### Ch. Carl "CJ" Johnson

Law Enforcement Chaplain

The Reverend (Chaplain) Carl "CJ" Johnson is a retired US Army Lieutenant Colonel and has owned his own retirement planning company, Johnson Retirement Solutions, since 1968. On his mother's side of the family, he is a decendent of a Patriot of the American Revolution.



Father Carl is an ordained Anglican priest serving as the pastor of Holy Spirit Anglican church in Folsom where he celebrates Mass on Sundays at 10:30 AM. A formerly volunteer Chaplain at Folsom State prison, he continues to be a Law Enforcement Chaplain, initially serving in Sacramento County, then Placer County and now El Dorado County. For the last ten years he has been the Police Chaplain for the city of Folsom. He is a member of the Folsom Chamber of Commerce and is the President-elect and Chaplain for the Folsom Lake Rotary Club.

### Meal Selections:

Sirloin Steak	\$24.
Salmon	\$24.
Vegetarian Plate	\$24.

Next meeting

**January 20, 2012, 7:00 PM at  
The Buggy Whip Restaurant**

If the telephone committee has not taken your menu selection(s) by January 18, please call Don Littlefield at (916) 985-6544 for reservations.

Payments must be **guaranteed for each reservation made.**

Wives, guests and visiting compatriots are always welcome.

**Officers for 2011****Don Littlefield**

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**Ernie Garcia**

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Guardian of the Flags

**Committee Chairmen****Ted Robinson**

ROTC Program

**Sean Jones**

Knight Essay Contest

Valley Forge Program

**Chuck Highbaugh**

Chair—Flag Certificate Program

**Dennis Sperry**

Eagle Scout Chairman

**Calling Committee**

Tom Chilton

Ernie Garcia

Jim Faulkinbury

Don Littlefield

Bob Schroeder

Dennis Sperry

# President's Corner

Members, Spouses, and friends,

It has been my privilege and honor to serve the Sacramento Chapter as your president during 2010 and 2011. The time has passed rapidly and I am proud of what the Chapter has accomplished. I am especially pleased with the number of new members who have accepted the challenge and will be elected to leadership positions within the Sacramento Chapter for 2012 at our January meeting.



We have a lot to do in the years ahead. We need to build a wider, deeper and younger base of members within the greater Sacramento region. We need to continue to prove our relevance to the communities in which we live. That means we need to be Sons of the American Revolution every day of the year. We need to encourage, show, and teach our young people the meaning of patriotism, respect for our national symbols, the value of American citizenship, and the unifying force of "*e pluribus unum*".

For those of you were present at the December meeting you got to share the excitement when I surprised Tom and Marilyn Chilton with the Sacramento Chapter's first ever President's Award. During my five plus years Tom and Marilyn both have mentored, advised and been roles models to me. Tom and Marilyn both go beyond the call of duty to do the extras that make the Sacramento Chapter successful and special. And, to add an exclamation point, Tom has agreed to once again answer the call and be our next President in 2012. I know for certain there are others among our midst or in our past who are also deserving of such recognition. It is my hope that in the years ahead we can give them the special recognition they too deserve.

So, as the bumper sticker says, "get in, sit down, and hang on" it is going to be a terrific ride in 2012. Happy New Year!

*Don Littlefield*

## New Members

### Dennis Craig Anderson

Dennis Craig Anderson was born in Red Bluff, Tehama County, CA, and spent his childhood on a ranch in Gerber Township in Tehama County. He graduated from Red Bluff Union High School, and Solano Community College. Craig is married to Sandra Kaye Miller. They have two adult children, Wesley Craig Anderson, and Wanda Yvonne Anderson.

Craig served with the US Navy from 1961 through 1964 aboard the USS Magoffin APA-199 based in San Diego.

Craig is retired from Chevron Corp where he was a Marketing Terminal Manager in various assignments in northern CA. His hobbies include woodworking, bicycling, and family research.

Craig's application to join the Sons of the American Revolution was approved on August 26, 2011. His patriot ancestor, Patrick Anderson, was a Captain in the Pennsylvania Musketry Battalion, Chester County, PA.



**Dennis Craig Anderson**

### Wesley Craig Anderson

Wesley Craig Anderson was born in Vallejo, Solano County, CA, spent his childhood in Vallejo, and graduated from Vallejo High School. He served in the US Navy aboard the USS Enterprise CVN 65.

Wesley's application to join the Sons of the American Revolution was approved on August 26, 2011. His patriot ancestor, Patrick Anderson, was a Captain in the Pennsylvania Musketry Battalion, Chester County, PA.



**Wesley Craig Anderson**

## New Members

### Hunter Logan De Mey

Hunter Logan De Mey is a 4<sup>th</sup> generation Native Californian. Born in Sacramento, California, Hunter has lived in this area all of his life.

Hunter attends Capital Christian School, where he is in the 7<sup>th</sup> grade. In his free time, Hunter currently enjoys RPM Racing, AirSoft rifle target practice and playing racing video games with his friends. Hunter has a life-long interest in everything related to cars.

Hunter's application to join the Sons of the American Revolution as a Junior Member was approved on August 4, 2011. His patriot ancestor is his 5<sup>th</sup> great-grandfather, Samuel Pierce.



Hunter Logan De Mey

### David Scott Lawson

David "Scott" Lawson was born in Pomona, California, and spent his childhood in Pomona. He graduated from Garvey High School, San Antonio Community College (Texas), and California State Polytechnic University, Pomona, where he earned a B.S. Degree in Business. Scott is married to Diane Lee Kelton. He has one son, Michael Scott Lawson, by a previous marriage.

Scott is owner/operator of Residential Professionals. His hobbies include photography, golf, fishing, NASCAR, family, and travel.

Scott's application to join the Sons of the American Revolution was approved on September 8, 2011. His patriot ancestor, Elias Allred, Sr., was a Cavalryman and Minuteman in Capt. Hind's Co., Col. Littrell's Cavalry Reg., NC Militia, and was part of the force that protected Col. Morgan's troops when they crossed the Pee Dee River near Salisbury after their victory at Cowpens over Col. Banastre Tarleton.



David Scott Lawson



## New Members

### James Kenneth Nester

James Kenneth Nester was born in Hayward, California, and spent his childhood in Fremont, California. He attended Belarmine College Preparatory, and graduated from South Seattle Community College. Jim is married to Carol Owens.

Jim works for DynCorp, where he is the Maintenance Inspector for CAL FIRE firefighting helicopters (currently helicopters, previously fixed wing aircraft). His hobbies include collecting old vehicles (cars and motorcycles), and various forms of shooting sports.

Jim's application to join the Sons of the American Revolution was approved on October 4, 2011. His patriot ancestor, Frederick Nester, was a Private from North Carolina, serving under Captains Johnson, Jenkins, Pickerstaff, Connally, and Col. Greene.



James Kenneth Nester

### Christopher James Stephenson

Christopher James Stephenson was born in Sacramento, CA, and spent his early years in Waco, TX. He currently lives in Woodland, CA, where he is a student at Pioneer High School. His hobbies include building vehicle models and target shooting.

Christopher's application to join the Sons of the American Revolution as a Junior Member was approved on August 26, 2011. His patriot ancestor, Patrick Anderson, was a Captain in the Pennsylvania Musketry Battalion, Chester County, PA.



Christopher James Stephenson

## New Members

### Richard Dean Tolman

Richard Dean Tolman was born in Sacramento, and spent his childhood in the Carmichael area. He graduated from El Camino High School, and attended American River College and Sacramento City College. Rich is married to Jane Alace Roach, and they have three adult children, Natalie, Theresa, and Joshua Andrew.

Rich served in the United States Navy from 1968 – 1972. He was stationed at NAS Whidbey Island and attached to VA-52 A62A attack squadron, which deployed on the US Kitty Hawk for two tours of duty in Viet Nam. Rich is a retired sub-contractor for the Department of Defense, where he worked for the United States Air Force for 25 years. Rich likes to fish, shoot, and lounge during his spare time.

Rich's application to join the Sons of the American Revolution was approved on July 1, 2011. His patriot ancestor, Reuben Tolman, was a Private, serving in Capt. John Ames' Company, Col. Eliphalet Carey's Massachusetts Regiment. He also was in Capt. Luke Bicknell's Company, Col. Enoch Putnam's Regiment, where he served three months, eighteen days.



Richard Dean Tolman

## Announcing: SAR Premium Membership Medal

The National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution is pleased to announce the production of a high quality replica of the original 1890-1894 Tiffany Style Membership Medal. The new medal is struck in sterling silver and plated in gold.

Your donation of \$100.00 to the CASSAR Premium Medal Die Fund will be used to fund the creation of the dies and molds for the replica medal. All donations above the actual cost to create the dies will be given as donations to the Center for the Advancement of America's Heritage (CAAH). For orders after the introductory period, the donation will increase to \$250.

Once the dies are created, we will get the market price for the medal (quote good for 30 days), and you can send us a check payable to CityPride for the medal. Once the first 20 payments are received, we will place the order (which will take about 4-6 weeks to produce).

Information & Order form: <http://www.sarsac.org/docs/SARPremiumMedal.pdf>



## December Meeting Minutes

### December 16, 2011

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 PM by President Don Littlefield. Jeff Goodwin gave the Invocation and also concerns for our members Chuck Highbaugh and Christie Kaiser who are both undergoing chemo-therapy, and Richard Tolman who is in kidney dialysis. He also mentioned the birth of a baby girl to Compatriot Eric Hanson and his wife. He was followed by Ian Lawson who led the membership in the Pledge of Allegiance and Robert Lawson who led the Pledge to the SAR.

President Littlefield recognized Tom Chilton, Jim Faulkinbury, and Jeff Goodwin as the past presidents of the Sacramento Chapter. DAR members recognized included Marilyn Chilton, Cynthia Fine, and Lynn Robinson of the Sacramento Chapter, and Lee Lawson and Ann Taylor of the Sierra-Amador Chapter. Other guests recognized included our entertainment this evening, the Auburnaires, and prospective member Judd Strong and his wife Jo Strong. Hal Lawson introduced his cousin David Scott Lawson who will be inducted later this evening, his son Robert Lawson, and his grandsons Ian and Luke Lawson.

Jim Faulkinbury was then asked to describe the flags tonight; the Serapis and the Guilford Courthouse flags.

President Littlefield then asked Tom Chilton, Hal Lawson, and David Scott Lawson to come forward where Tom and Hal assisted in Scott Lawson's induction into the Chapter which was followed by the usual handshake by the membership. John Vawter was also presented with a supplemental patriot ancestor certificate.

Next President Littlefield made chapter awards. Richard Tolman was presented with the War Service Medal. Vince Gantt, Russ Kaiser, and Dennis Sperry were presented with the Meritorious Service Medal and Christie Kaiser was presented with the Martha Washington Medal.

President Littlefield then announced the nominees for 2012 Chapter offices and asked if there were any more nominations from the floor. The nominees are: President – Tom Chilton, VP Programs – Russ Kaiser, VP Activities – Ernie Garcia, VP Publicity – Robert Rectenwald, Secretary – Craig Anderson, Treasurer/Webmaster/Newsletter Editor – Don Littlefield, Registrar – Ron Carello, Chaplain – Jeff Goodwin, Vince Gantt – Cashier/Calling Committee/Youth Programs. The election will be held during the January meeting and the new slate of officers will be sworn in following the election. Don then asked Marilyn and Tom Chilton to come up and surprised them with a beautiful crystal "President's Award" for their ongoing service to the Chapter and especially for mentoring of Don during his term as Chapter President.

Next the drawing was conducted by Marilyn Chilton and Karen Faulkinbury. Those donating gifts were Craig & Sandy Anderson, Tom & Marilyn Chilton, Jim & Karen Faulkinbury, Vince & Jeni Gantt, Ernie & Helen Garcia, Don & Mary Ann Littlefield, Jack & Jerri Pefley, Don & Donna Spradling, Jeff & Ursula Sylvan, and Neil and Helen Zinn.

Following the dinner, the Auburnaires performed Christmas music included some standards and some comic classics. They were excellent and very entertaining. Following their performance, they were presented with Certificates of Appreciation. Don then thanked Marilyn and Karen for their assistance and Don Spradling for taking pictures, and then asked for a motion to adjourn. Craig Anderson led the Recessional followed by the Benediction by Jeff Goodwin. The members then sang "God Bless America" after which the meeting was adjourned at 9:47pm.

## NSSAR Commemorates the 225th Anniversary of the signing of the U.S. Constitution

The SAR is leading a national commemoration of the 225th Anniversary of the Signing of the U.S. Constitution and the SAR Foundation is joining in the celebration. The SAR Foundation will recognize contributions of \$100 or more with a commemorative lapel pin featuring James Madison and the preamble of the U.S. Constitution, "We the People." This is the third in SARF's coveted commemorative pin collection. Contributions of \$225 or more will receive not only the James Madison lapel pin but also a stunning 3-inch bronze medallion with presentation box and wood stand. The bronze medallion features James Madison and the Constitution on the front and the SAR seal on the reverse. Contributions of \$500 or more qualify for CAAH Awards and will receive the James Madison lapel pin and medallion. Make your checks payable to the **SAR Foundation**, 1000 S. Fourth Street, Louisville, KY 40203.



## Wreaths Across America

### Sacramento Valley National Cemetery

Dixon, California

December 10, 2011 0900 HRS



Don Littlefield reads the NSSAR Proclamation



Russ Kaiser salutes



The Governor's Color Guard



Commander Jim Faulkinbury





## December Meeting Photos



Tom & Marilyn Chilton receiving the President's Award



Christie Kaiser receiving the Martha Washington Medal & Russ Kaiser receiving the Meritorious Service Medal



Jeni & Vince Gantt



Robert Tolman receives War Service Medal



Jim Faulkinbury & Ron Carello



Helen & Neil Zinn



Ursula & Jeff Sylvan



Ian, Luke & Robert Lawson



Diane, Hal, Lee & Scott Lawson



Jim, Don, Tom



## December Meeting Photos



Dennis Sperry & Vince Gantt receive  
Meritorious Service medals



Sandy & Craig Anderson and Chris Stephenson



Scott & Diane Lawson



Cynthia & Glenn Fine



Donna & Don Spradling



The Auburnaires



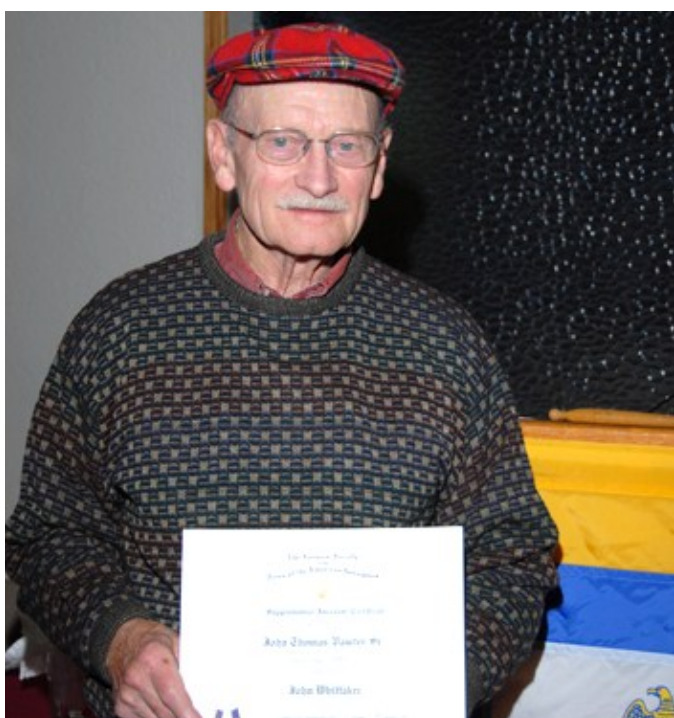
## December Meeting Photos



Tom Chilton holding the President's Award



Jeff Goodwin, Law Enforcement Chaplain



John Vawter Supplemental Ancestor Certificate



Ernie Garcia



## Coming Events

7:00 PM Friday, February 17, 2012 — Dinner Meeting @ Buggy Whip

Monday, February 20, 2012— Presidents' Day @ Mt. Vernon Memorial Park

7:00 PM Friday, March 16, 2012 — Dinner Meeting @ Buggy Whip

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