



The Courier



January 2013

Sacramento Chapter – Sons of the American Revolution

Vol. 45, Edition 1

IN THIS ISSUE

This month's program	1
President-elect Corner	2
Minutes: Dec. 22, 2012	3
Distinguished Service Medal awarded to Tom Chilton	4
Wreaths Across America	5
Photos: December 22	6
Photos: December 22	7
Photos: December 22	8
Photos: December 22	9
Photos: December 22	10
Certificate of Appreciation awarded Greenback Rentals	11
Coming events	12

January Meeting

Dan Walters

Political Writer

Sacramento Bee

Dan Walters has been a journalist for more than 50 years, spending all but a few of those years working for California newspapers.

In 1981, Mr. Walters began writing the state's only daily newspaper column devoted to California political, economic and social events and in 1984, he and the column moved to The Sacramento Bee. He has written more than 7,500 articles and his column appears in more than 50 California newspapers.



Mr. Walters has written about California and its politics for a number of other publications, including The Wall Street Journal, and in 1986, his book, "The New California: Facing the 21st Century," was published in its first edition. He is also the founding editor of the "California Political Almanac" and the co-author of "The Third House: Lobbyists, Money and Power in Sacramento," published by the University of California. Mr. Walters frequently appears on CNN, Fox, and other networks, commenting about political developments in California.

Cattlemen's Meal Selections:

10 oz. Top Sirloin Steak	\$24.
Grilled Salmon	\$24.
Teriyaki Chicken	\$24.
Pesto Spinach/Cheese Ravioli	\$24.

Next meeting

Friday, January 18, 2013, 7:00 PM at

Cattlemen's Restaurant

12409 Folsom Blvd., Rancho Cordova

If the telephone committee has not taken your menu selection(s) by **Tuesday evening, January 15**, please call Don Littlefield at **(916) 985-6544** with your reservations by noon on Tuesday.

Payments are guaranteed for each reservation made.

Wives, guests and visiting compatriots are always welcome.

Officers for 2012

Russ Kaiser
President-elect

Don Littlefield
Vice President-elect
Treasurer, Webmaster and
Courier Newsletter Editor

Mike Wolf
2nd Vice President-elect

Craig Anderson
Secretary

Ron Carello
Registrar

Jim Faulkinbury
Color Guard Commander
Genealogist

Ernie Garcia
Vice President - Activities
Law Enforcement Program

Jeff Goodwin
Chaplain

Don Spradling
Photographer
Guardian of the Flags

Committee Chairmen

Ted Robinson
ROTC Program

Neil Zinn
Eagle Scout Chairman

Calling Committee

Russ Kaiser, Chairman
Tom Chilton
Ernie Garcia
Ed Heidig
Russ Kaiser
Don Littlefield

President's Corner

Fellow Compatriots and Friends, Welcome to 2013. I will have the honor and pleasure to be your president this year. I will be following some great people and they have promised to be my council as we move forward yet again to another year.

Our membership has maintained its position as the largest chapter in California. I am however issuing a "call to arms" regarding membership participation in several areas. I have been a member of SAR for only 2 years but folks with more time under their belts tell me that at one time we had many times more members active in our color guard. The color guard is one of our premier ways of putting a face to a name in the general public. We participate in many activities but most notably functions and parades that deal with honoring our Patriot ancestors and our veterans including: Wreaths Across America, Memorial Day, Veterans Day, and of course, July 4th. It is imperative that we find a way to shore up our waning participation and continue a noble tradition of supporting SAR and educating the public as to our mission. Past President Jim Falkenbury is the Color Guard Captain and the person to contact should you choose to help in this noble task.

We are also in need of support in several other important areas most notably this publication. Past President Don Little has graciously agreed to publish this last issue for us. After this issue and as of today, we are in need of a newsletter publisher. Please contact me if you can help and I'm sure that both Don and Tom would be available for guidance should you need it.

Another area we need help is the phone committee. One of the main reasons for the fantastic turnouts at our meetings is the phone committee. I have been in many organizations and they have each failed or succeeded depending on the efforts of their phone committees. We are in need of a chair and helpers to make a few phone calls. It's a great way to meet new people and learn a few new names.

I will be reaching out to each member this year to "come to the aid of your chapter". I am confident you will not let us down.

Tom Chilton has completed his fifth term as president of the Sacramento Chapter. It is hard for me to find the words to accurately express my personal gratitude for his assistance in qualifying me as a member in SAR and his never ending devotion to this chapter. He is truly a patriot and friend. I'm sure I speak for the entire membership when I say thanks again Tom for your continued service and contributions to Sacramento SAR. Let us not forget his wife Marilyn, who stands by his side and has fulfilled many duties including Historian.

I look forward to seeing you all at our next meeting this January 18th.
Yours in Service,
Russ



President-elect Russ Kaiser

December Meeting Minutes

December 22, 2012

Sacramento President Tom Chilton called the meeting to order at 1:10 PM. Tom then introduced Bob Conover, Mother Lode President, and his wife, Marcia. President Conover asked Gene Myers (ML Chaplain) to give the Invocation. President Chilton asked Dennis Sperry to lead the Pledge of Allegiance, and President Conover asked Bob Leach to lead the Pledge to the SAR.

President Chilton introduced the CASSAR Officers and Sacramento Past Presidents. They included: CASSAR President Keith Bigbee and his wife, Cyndy, CASSAR VP North and Sacramento Past President (05 & 06) Jim Faulkinbury and his wife, Karen, Don Littlefield Sacramento Past President (10 & 11), and his wife, Mary Ann. Don is Sacramento Chapter's current Treasurer and Newsletter Editor, and is the CASSAR Chairman of the Wreathes Across America Program, and Ford Osborn, Past President of the Silicone Valley Chapter.

President Conover introduced the Mother Lode Past Presidents. They included: Tom Douglas, Mother Lode Past President (2008-2009), and his wife, Joyce, and Jim Young Mother Lode Past President (2010-2011).

President Chilton introduced DAR and other Sacramento guests. They included, from the Sacramento Chapter DAR: Medora Allen, Sara Beach, Marilyn Chilton, and Lynn Robinson. From the Gold Trail Chapter DAR: Susan Brookings, Vice-Regent, and from the El Dorado Chapter DAR, Jeanie Myers. Other guests were: Alan and Susan Brooking, Gold Country Chapter, SAR, and Courtney Mouser, granddaughter of Roy and Martha Adkins.

President Conover asked CASSAR President Keith Bigbee to come forward. President Bigbee spoke briefly about the success the CASSAR was having in recruiting new members, and wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. President Bigbee presented Jack Pefley with the NSSAR Certificate of Patriotism for his service to our country during WW II.

President Chilton asked CASSAR Ladies Auxiliary (LAUX) President Cyndy Bigbee to say a few words about the activities of the LAUX. He asked Jim Faulkinbury to describe the flags for today's meeting. They were the Bedford Flag, the Philadelphia Light Horse Flag, and the Commander in Chief's Flag.

Sacramento Chapter President Chilton announced that Craig Anderson was to have by-pass surgery on January 7th; Hal Lawson is recovering from eye surgery; and Sam Howard called last night, saying that he has a serious kidney infection, and could not attend today's meeting. Mother Lode Chapter President Conover announced that Wayne Griswold is recovering from arthroscopy surgery to correct a knee injury he sustained from his auto accident last summer.

After the meal, President Chilton introduced Elicia Spencer, Vista del Lago Music Director. Ms. Spencer then introduced her Choral Ensemble and together they entertained us with a number of Christmas selections.

After the program, Mother Lode President Conover presented Vista del Lago Music Department with a SAR Certificate of Appreciation. Sacramento Chapter President Chilton also presented Ms. Spencer with the SAR Liberty Bell and the SAR Certificate of Appreciation. Sacramento Chapter Treasurer Don Littlefield presented Ms. Spencer with a check for \$250 from the Sacramento Chapter for the Vista Music Boosters.

Joy Krahn, wife of Mother Lode member John Krahn, assisted by Marilyn Chilton and Neil Zinn, conducted the raffle. Those bringing/donating gifts for the raffle include: The Thomas Kinkade Gallery in Placerville, Gorgis Leap Vineyards, the Cattlemen's Restaurant, Tom & Marilyn Chilton, Jack & Jerri Pefley, Bob & Marcia Conover, Clair & Medora Allen, Gene & Jeannie Myers, John & Joy Krahn, Tom & Ann Adams, Neil & Helen Zinn, Tom & Joyce Douglas, and Jim Young. Please accept our apologies if we missed anyone. Congratulations to Sacramento member Sean Jones for winning the Thomas Kinkade print. Since Mother Lode was instrumental in arranging for the gift of the Kinkade print, all raffle money went to their chapter.

President Chilton thanked Vista del Lago for their musical program, Joy Krahn and Marilyn Chilton for conducting the raffle, and Don Littlefield for editing the newsletter and taking the photos today. He asked Russ Kaiser to tell about next month's Sacramento Chapter's meeting. Russ announced that Dan Walters, political columnist for the Sacramento Bee, would be the speaker.

Both President Conover and President Chilton wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. A call was made for a motion to adjourn. It was made, seconded, and passed. Sacramento Chapter member David Beach led the SAR Recessional, and Mother Lode Chapter Chaplain Gene Myers gave the Benediction.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:20 PM, and Mother Lode Past President Tom Douglas led the singing of God Bless America.

CASSAR Distinguished Service Medal

Tom Chilton awarded the 2012 CASSAR Distinguished Service Medal

At the CASSAR's 137th Board of Managers Meeting, held in November, our own Tom Chilton was awarded the CASSAR Distinguished Service Medal in recognition of Outstanding Personal Service provided to the California Society.

This recognition deserves special mention. The State Medal of Distinguished Service, authorized in 1998, is the highest Medal that can be awarded by a State Society President during each year of his term of office. It is presented to a Compatriot for distinguished service rendered to the State Society on the state level during a State Society's President's term of office. The Medal should be presented at the State Society annual meeting at the conclusion of the President's term of office. The State Medal of Distinguished Service is presented by the incumbent State Society President and does not require other approval.

A State President may present only one Medal of Distinguished Service during each year of his tenure as State Society President. If a Compatriot while serving as President, steps down, and is later on elected to another term, that is considered two separate terms, and the President is allowed to award a State Medal of Distinguished Service medal during his second term.

A Compatriot may receive this medal only once from a State Society. Dual and transferred members may not receive this medal from more than one Society.

The Medal is diamond in shape. It has a blue SAR insignia surmounted on a white enameled background. The State Medal of Distinguished Service is trimmed in silver leaf. The ribbon is solid maroon.

Jim Faulkinbury was also awarded the Medal of Distinguished Service in April 2011 by the California State Society.



Sacramento President Tom Chilton wearing the Distinguished Service Medal

Wreaths Across America — December 15, 2012



CASSAR President Keith Bigbee, Barry Hopkins, Russ Kaiser, Donn Dancer, Dale Ross, Michael Howell, Ron Barker, VP North Jim Faulkinbury



SAR Honor Guard: (l-r) Jim Faulkinbury, Michael Howell, Ron Barker, David Beach



Keith Bigbee delivers the NSSAR Proclamation



SAR Honor Guard
Jim Faulkinbury, Michael Howell, Ron Barker, David Beach



A job well done — Wreaths Across America 2012 — Sacramento Valley National Cemetery

WAA Photos courtesy of Kathy Watson © 2012

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

December Meeting Photos



Neil and Helen Zinn in full Christmas gala attire



Jack Pefley and CASSAR President Keith Bigbee
Jack was awarded the NSSAR Certificate of Patriotism
for his service to our country during WW II



Joy Krahm and Sean Jones
Joy arranged the donation of the Thomas Kinkade print
Sean and Barbara Jones were the lucky drawing winners

Photos courtesy of Don Littlefield

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

December Meeting Photos



The Vista del Lago High School Choral Ensemble



Elicia Spencer, Director
Vista del Lago Choral Ensemble



Sacramento Treasurer Don Littlefield and Elicia Spencer
Sacramento Chapter gave \$250 to Vista Music Boosters



CASSAR President Keith and Cyndy Bigbee



Jerri and Jack Pefley

Photos courtesy of Don Littlefield

December Meeting Photos



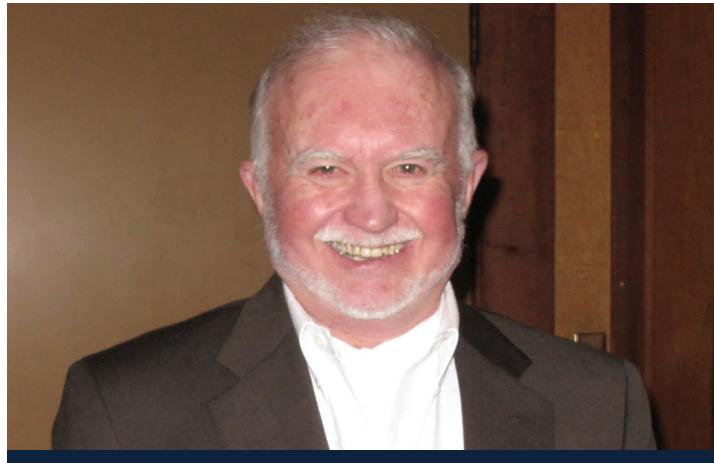
Ron and Patti Proffer



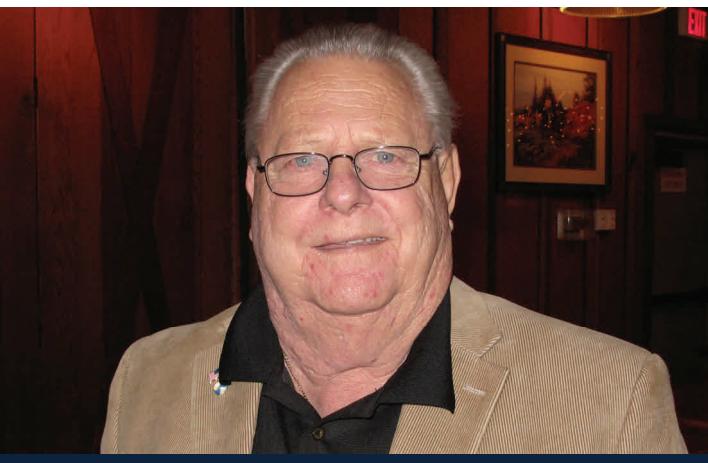
Mother Lode President Bob Conover and Sam Bradley



Ernie and Helen Garcia



Vince Gantt



Richard Tolman



Mother Lode President Bob Conover

Photos courtesy of Don Littlefield

December Meeting Photos



Courtney Mouser, Granddaughter, and Roy and Martha Adkins



Tom and Ann Adams

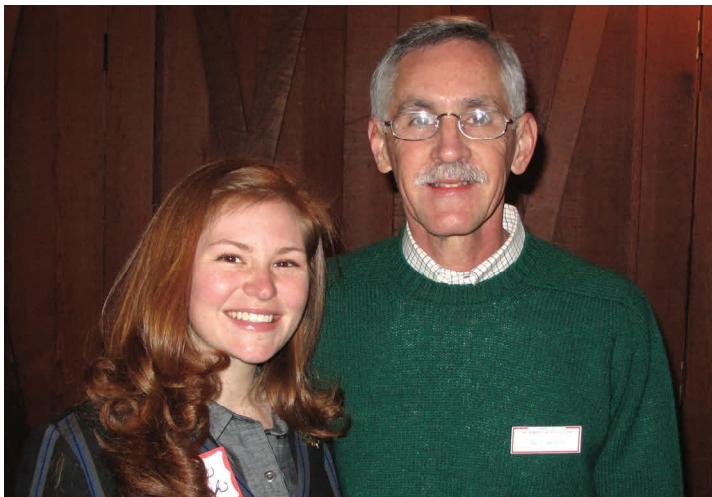


Linda and Dennis Sperry

Photos courtesy of Don Littlefield

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

December Meeting Photos



Sarah (David's daughter) and David Beach



Susan and Alan Brooking



Clair and Medora Allen



Jeanie and Gene Myers



A bountiful season for gifts and sharing



Photos courtesy of Don Littlefield

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

Certificate of Appreciation

Thank you, Greenback Equipment Rentals

The current Sacramento Chapter Color Guard has been marching in local parades, carrying our flags and firing our muskets and rifles for almost fifteen years. Several years ago it became evident that some of those firing their guns had difficulty loading and/or maintaining their guns while keeping up with the pace of the parade. At that time we started renting one large open trailer, pulled behind one of our member's SUV, for our gunners". Recently we started renting two open trailers so those carrying flags did not have to walk in the hot weather.

We have been renting these trailers from Greenback Equipment Rentals. While renting the trailers for the Veteran's Day parade, we mentioned to the owners how the trailers were to be used. After the parade, when we returned the trailers, the owners informed us that there would be no charge for the use of the trailers.

We want to take this opportunity to thank the owners of the Greenback Equipment Rentals for their generous contribution to our chapter. If you live in the Fair Oaks – Orangevale – Folsom area, and need to rent equipment, we hope that you will choose Greenback Equipment Rentals to provide your equipment rental needs.



Brian Culbertson, one of the owners of Greenback Equipment Rentals receives the SAR Certificate of Appreciation.

**GREENBACK
EQUIPMENT
RENTALS, INC.
(916) 989-3000**

9325 Greenback Lane
Orangevale, CA 95662

www.greenbackrentals.com

Mon - Fri: 7:30 - 5:00

Sat: 7:30 - 4:30

Sunday: 8:30 - 3:30

Coming Events

7:00 PM Friday, February 15, 2013 — Dinner Meeting

Bill Wells, Executive Director, California Delta and Visitors Bureau

Presidents Day

Monday, February 18, 2013

Ronald Reagan — February 6, 1911

William Henry Harrison — February 9, 1773

Abraham Lincoln — February 12, 1809

George Washington — February 22, 1732

A PUBLICATION BY THE
SACRAMENTO CHAPTER
SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

EDITOR:
DONALD B LITTLEFIELD
DON.LITTLEFIELD@SARSAC.ORG

On the Internet at:
HTTP://WWW.SARSAC.ORG

Sons of the American Revolution
P. O. Box 6664
Folsom, CA 95763-6664

**TO THE POSTMASTER
ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED**



**Sacramento Chapter
Sons of the American Revolution
a 501(c)(3) non-profit charitable organization
EIN No. 68-0004288**