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The speaker for our January 2014 meeting will be Col. James C. Crump, Jr. and his topic will be the Tuskegee Airmen, the African American Airmen who served with such distinction during World War II in North Africa and Europe. He will be accompanied by MSgt Judge Albert, Jr., one of few surviving Tuskegee Airmen.

Colonel Crump served on active duty in the Air Force with honor for more than 31 years. During his air force career he earned his Bachelor of Science in Mathematics from Alabama State University in 1962 and his Master in Business Administration from Golden Gate University of San Francisco in 1977. He served at numerous locations, both in the US and overseas. His last active duty assignment, from 1986-1988, was as the Inspector General for the Sacramento Air Logistics Center at McClellan Air Base.

Decorations and awards received include Legion of Merit, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal with 2 Oak Leaf Clusters, Joint Service Commendation Medal and Air Force Commendation Medal with 1 Oak Leaf Cluster.

After retiring from the Air Force, Colonel Crump served as the Chief of the Airport Firefighting and Airfield Operations Division for the Sacramento County Airport System retiring in February 2002. He is also a retired Sacramento County Reserve Lieutenant Deputy Sheriff. After serving ten years with the Sacramento County Sheriff Department, he retired in January 2004.

Colonel Crump has been affiliated with numerous professional and fraternal organizations. He is a life member of Tuskegee Airmen, Inc. and has served as Western Region president as well as Vice President (1999-2000) and President of the George S. "Spanky" Roberts Chapter here in Sacramento (2001-2009).



### Cattlemens Meal Selections:

10 oz. Rib Eye Steak	\$24.
Grilled Salmon	\$24.
Teriyaki Chicken	\$24.
Pesto Spinach/Cheese Ravioli	\$24.
(vegetarian)	

**Friday, January 17, 2014, 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 15**, please call Don Littlefield at (916) 985-6544 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."

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

**Officers for 2013**

**Russ Kaiser**  
President

**Don Littlefield**  
Executive Vice-President  
Treasurer and Web master

**Craig Anderson**  
Vice President & Secretary

**Ron Carello**  
Vice President & Registrar

**Jim Faulkinbury**  
Color Guard Coordinator  
Genealogist

**Jeff Goodwin**  
Chaplain

**Don Spradling**  
Registrar  
Guardian of the Flags

**Neil Elvick**  
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ROTC Program Chairman  
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**Neil Zinn**  
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**Ernie Garcia**  
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**Carl Ahlberg**, Chairman  
Tom Chilton  
Ernie Garcia  
Ed Heidig  
Russ Kaiser  
Don Littlefield

**President's Corner**

Welcome to 2014!

We certainly have a big year ahead of us with a few challenges. We have the Spring Conference coming up in April which I hope you can all attend. There is a big push on to make this the best ever and so we need lots of help.

Speaking of help and as I write this, we are still in dire need of officers and overall help with many of the things SARSAC does. It's no secret that we are all getting older and the chapter needs your help. We have some of the best programs and activities in the entire SAR. These great things don't just magically happen. The programs, newsletters, presentations and color guard all take time and effort and this effort is all by volunteers. As of this date, we still have key positions to fill and not

many folks stepping forward to help. If we don't get some help with these things, some of these programs might not happen. I am trying to call some folks for a one-one chat requesting help but that will take some time. How about stepping up and help the Sacramento Chapter continue its fine work? I can be reached by email or phone. Some of these functions require only a few hours a month but can really make a difference in how the chapter runs.

One example is the VP Programs position. It is mostly just calling or emailing a few folks and asking them to speak to us. You would be surprised how many folks are just waiting for the call and are eager to appear before us. The Color Guard is one of the most rewarding activities to participate in. I have always been given a warm reception whenever I lecture or appear in period attire. In fact people line up to talk to us and take our pictures. It is really the "face of the SAR" we present whenever we appear in uniform or period dress. If a uniform or outfit is a problem, just ask us and we may be able to help. Without such volunteer help, it is difficult to continue with the high level of quality we now enjoy so please, contact me asap.

We have lost another fine SARSAC member. Hal Lawson passed away peacefully just a few weeks ago. We thank him for his service to SARSAC and wish him and his family peace.

Russ Kaiser

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**Russ Kaiser, president**

## Sons of the American Revolution—Sacramento Chapter

### Meeting Minutes December 20, 2013

President Russ Kaiser called the meeting to order at 7: 00 PM.

Chaplain Jeff Goodwin gave the invocation. James Warrick led the membership in the Pledge of Allegiance, and Rowland Zinn led the Pledge to the SAR.

President Kaiser recognized Past Presidents of the Sacramento Chapter and guests: Jim Faulkinbury, CASSAR Executive Vice President and Sacramento Chapter Past President 2005 and 2006 and his wife Karen; Don Littlefield, Sacramento Past President 2010 and 2011, current Executive Vice President, Treasurer, Webmaster, and CASSAR Chairman of the Wreaths Across America Program and his wife Mary Ann; Jeff Goodwin, CASSAR Chancellor, Sacramento Chapter Past President 2009, and current Sacramento Chapter Chaplain and his wife Mary Ann. He also recognized Craig Anderson, Chapter Secretary, Carl Alhberg, SAR Calling Committee Chairman, and Don Spradling, SAR Photographer, and Ernie Garcia, Chairman of Activities. He also recognized Jeff Sylvan, President of the Delta Chapter and his wife Ursula.



Craig Anderson

President Kaiser recognized and welcomed DAR members present: Medora Allen from the Sacramento Chapter, and Susan Brooking, Vice Regent, of the Gold Trail Chapter.

President Kaiser also recognized Philip Goold, a new member of the Sacramento Chapter, and his guest Mary McKinnon. President Kaiser introduced his guest, Pam Lucas. Don Littlefield introduced his guests, Oscar and Jennifer Martinez and their sons, Nicholas and Brendan. Craig Anderson introduced his guests Alan and Wanda Annis and their son Christopher Stephenson who is currently serving with the US Army at Ft. Jackson, NC..

Jim Faulkinbury presented a historical overview of the New England flag and the Easton Flag.

Our new member, Philip Goold was asked to come forward. Jim Faulkinbury introduced him and read his biography. President Kaiser administered the SAR oath and presented him with his membership certificate; Jim Faulkinbury pinned the SAR Rosette on him. All members were invited to come forward to offer the customary welcoming handshake.

President Kaiser announced that Wreaths Across America on December 14<sup>th</sup> at the Sacramento was a huge success. Four members of the Sacramento Chapter and six members of the Gold Country Chapter participated in this event.

President Kaiser announced that there is a need for Chapter Officers for 2014 (VP Programs, Secretary, Registrar). There is also a need for members who would be willing to participate in the Color Guard. Anyone who would be interested in supporting the Chapter by helping with any of these positions should contact Russ Kaiser.

President Kaiser announced that Tom Chilton is recovering from hip surgery. Hal Lawson is currently in Hospice. Hal would love hearing from his friends in the Sacramento Chapter.

Don Littlefield conducted the raffle. President Kaiser thanked those who brought gifts: Clair and Medora Allen, Mary Ann and Don Littlefield, Donna and Don Spradling, Craig and Sandy Anderson, Jim and Karen Faulkinbury, Ernie and Helen Garcia, Ron and Patty Proffer, Ron and Luann Hollis, and Jack Pefley.

After dinner, President Kaiser introduced Ms. Elicia Spencer and the Vista del Lago High School Coral Music Ensemble. The students performed a selection of Christmas Music for the membership. President Kaiser thanked Ms. Spencer and the students for a wonderful performance and presented them with SAR Certificates of Appreciation.

Don Littlefield announced that the speaker for the January meeting would be Col James Crump USAF (Ret). The subject of Col Crump's presentation will be The Tuskegee Airmen.

President Kaiser thanked Don and Mary Ann Littlefield for their assistance selling the raffle tickets, Don Spradling for taking pictures and maintaining the flags, and Neil Elvick for editing the newsletter. A motion to adjourn was made and seconded. Ernie Garcia led the Recessional and Jeff Goodwin gave the Benediction. The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 PM.

Respectfully Submitted

Craig Anderson, Chapter Secretary



## **Wreaths Across America Sacramento Valley Nat'l. Cemetery Dixon, California, December 14, 2013**

Dixon, California 14 December 2013

Once again, the Sacramento Chapter and the Gold County Chapter of the California Society Sons of the American Revolution participated as the Honor Guard in the Sacramento Valley National Cemetery "Wreaths Across America" ceremony in Dixon. The Sacramento Chapter, represented this year by President Russ Kaiser and members Vince Gantt and Steve Rainville, has participated as the Honor Guard in this ceremony since the Cemetery was first opened in 2005. During the last few years, guardsmen from the Gold Country Chapter have joined with the Sacramento Chapter to provide the Honor Guard. This year the Gold Country Chapter was represented by CASSAR Past President Keith Bigbee, CASSAR VP North Ron Barker, Chapter President Dale Ross, and members Bill Graber, Gordon Clark, and Barry Hopkins. The Honor Guard's role in the ceremony is for two Honor Guardsmen to escort two representatives from each of the six branches of the service, and the boy scouts representing the POWs and MIAs, to place wreaths on their service flags and return them to their seats. Two Honor Guardsmen then escort ladies from the Anne Loucks Chapter of the DAR, who have organized this ceremony each year, to lay a wreath for our patriot ancestors at the base of the National flag. It was a video of the 2006 ceremony in Dixon that resulted in the decision to make "Wreaths Across America" a National SAR event in 2008. The attendance at the ceremony this year was estimated to be over 3,000. This is one of the very few ceremonies in the nation in which a wreath is placed at every gravesite; this year over 10,500 wreaths. The remarks by dignitaries included CASSAR Exec. VP, Jim Faulkinbury, who read President General Joseph Dooley's proclamation.

**Sacramento President Russ Kaiser and compatriot Vince Gantt escorting the US Army representatives, Sgt. Maj. Robert Windham, Ret. and 1st Sgt. Larry Clark, Ret. to pick up their wreath.**



**President of the Gold Country Chapter, Dale Ross, and President of the Sacramento Chapter, Russ Kaiser, escorting 1st Vice Regent Judith Onopchenco and 2nd Vice Regent Kay Ernst of the Ann Loucks Chapter NSDAR to pick up the wreath for our patriot ancestors.**

## Photos from the December 20th Regular Meeting

Photos by Don Spradling



**The program for the December regular meeting was provided by high school students in the Vista del Lago High School Choral Music Ensemble in Folsom, who sang songs of the Christmas season and then led the audience in a sing-along.**



**Ms. Elicia Spencer, pictured at left, is the leader of this group. She receives the Certificate of Appreciation in the photo above, flanked by Russ Kaiser and Don Littlefield.**



# Photos from the December 20th Regular Meeting

Photos by Don Spradling



Oath administered by Russ Kaiser to Philip R. Goold



Russ Kaiser, Philip R. Goold, Jim Faulkinbury

Philip R. Goold's application to join the Sons of the American Revolution was approved on November 7, 2013 and he was recognized as a new member at the December meeting. He is a veteran of the USAF, which included over a year in Vietnam, and is currently retired from his business of landscape maintenance. His patriot ancestor, Stephen Twitchell, was a Private under Cap;t. Smith, Capt. Mellen, and Col. Hale. He signed the Association Test in Dublin, NH, in 1776.



Mary McKinnon and Philip Goold on the right and their guests Jeff & Ursula Sylvan on the left



Philip Goold



Donna Spradling



Helen Garcia



Jim Warrick

# Hal Lawson Obituary

## William Harold Lawson

William Harold “Hal” Lawson passed away in the early morning hours on December 31, 2013. Hal was born on April 18, 1925, in Pomona, California, where he spent his childhood. As the son of a barber, he shined shoes as a youth to earn spending money. He graduated from the University of Redlands after WW II, majoring in Economics and Business Administration, and received his Masters in Political Science from UCLA in 1955.

He was a “dry land” sailor, Seaman 1<sup>st</sup> Class, and in 1945 was transferred to the NROTC-V-12 program at Oregon State as a Cadet-Midshipman before post-war demobilization. He worked at the U.S. Naval Ordnance Test Station at China Lake, CA, for Aerojet General, and for the State of California

The Lawson family moved to Lodi over 45 years ago, where he became an active member of Temple Baptist Church, and enjoyed serving Christ and watching Temple Baptist grow since then. As a member of this community, he was also very active in Gideons International. For seventeen years he led weekly Bible studies at the Amador County Jail until his declining health prevented him from doing so. Hal’s interests and activities included travel, the Gideons, church, a little golf, lots of family, genealogy, and serving as President of the River Oaks Home Owner’s Association. He retired in 1990.

Hal’s application to join the Sons of the American Revolution was approved on November 18, 2002. His patriot ancestor, Conrad Rightmyer, enlisted 23 July 1775, and served as a private in the Continental Line under Col. James Clinton in Elias Hasbrouck’s Company. Hal also has several approved supplemental applications. He served as the Chaplain for the Sacramento Chapter in 2005, 2006, and 2007. Over the years Hal has encouraged almost all of his male relatives to join the SAR. They include his sons Robert and Douglas, grandsons Ian and Luke, son-in-law George Taylor, uncle William Rightmyer, and nephew Scott Lawson.

Hal is survived by Ethel “Lee” Lawson, his wife of 63 years, four children: Ann Taylor of Pioneer, CA, Jeanne Lawson Mills of Portland, OR, Douglas Lawson of Lodi, and Robert Lawson of Lodi, sister Betty Lawson of Lodi (recently of Pomona, CA), and many grandchildren and great grandchildren.

A graveside service will held on Saturday, January 11, at 1 PM at Historic Lodi Memorial Cemetery on Pine St. in Lodi. A memorial service will be held on Saturday, January 11, at 2 PM at Temple Baptist Church in Lodi.

**Note:** Interment will occur 1:00 PM, prior to the memorial service that begins at 2:00 PM.



**Hal Lawson**

## Photos from the December 20th Regular Meeting

Photos by Don Spradling



**Sue and Tal Norwood**



**Martha Adkins, Roy Adkins and  
daughter Sharee Hendryks**



# Photos from the December 20th Regular Meeting

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**Ernie Garcia and Don Spradling**



**Ron and LuAnn Hollis**



**Craig & Sandy Anderson with their grandson  
Christopher Stephenson, and guests  
Wanda & Alan Annis**



**Karen and Jim Faulkinbury**



**Ron and Patti Proffer**

On the following page there is a form that contains information about the dates and location of the 139th annual meeting of the California Society which is this year hosted by the Sacramento Chapter.



**THE 139<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL MEETING OF THE MEMBERSHIP  
OF THE  
CALIFORNIA SOCIETY**

**April 10-13, 2014**

*Hosted by the Sacramento Chapter*

**Embassy Suites Sacramento – Riverfront Promenade**

**100 Capitol Mall, Sacramento, CA 95814**

**Reservations:** The special room rate is \$139 per night for single or double occupancy. Accommodations include a spacious two-room suite, complimentary cooked to order breakfast, managers reception, and complimentary airport shuttle. Hotel parking is \$20 per night. Room rates are good 3 days before and after the meeting. Reservations may be made by going to [www.sacramento.embassysuites.com](http://www.sacramento.embassysuites.com) and making a reservation using the group/convention code: “SCS” or by calling 1-800-498-5237 and asking for the SACTO SONS OF AMERICAN REVOLUTION discount rate. Hotel reservations must be made by March 21, 2014.

**MEETING RESERVATION FORM**

The meeting registrations postmarked by February 28, 2014 are \$130 per person or \$145 per person after that date. Registration includes all meetings, Friday and Saturday Luncheons, Saturday Banquet, tax and gratuity – Vegetarian meals are available with prior notice.

*Checks should be made payable to Sacramento Chapter, SAR and mailed with this registration form to:*

**Donald Littlefield, PO Box 6664, Folsom, CA 95763-6664**

**Questions? Contact Don Littlefield at (916) 985-6544 or [don.littlefield@sarsac.org](mailto:don.littlefield@sarsac.org)**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse/Guest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Chapter: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_  
City/ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**Are you staying at the Embassy Suites Hotel: (yes or no) \_\_\_\_\_**

**First time to a CASSAR Meeting \_\_\_\_\_**

**Arriving: Thursday, April 10<sup>th</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ Friday, April 11<sup>th</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ Saturday, April 12 \_\_\_\_\_**

**Number of Registrants: \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$130 Late Registrations \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$145 Total: \_\_\_\_\_**

**Non-registered Friday Luncheon: \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$35.00 each**

**Non-registered Saturday Luncheon \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$35.00 each**

**Non-registered Saturday Banquet \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$65.00 each**

**TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED: \_\_\_\_\_**

**Please mark your meal choices for the Saturday Dinner Banquet**

\_\_\_\_\_ Herb Crusted Prime Rib or \_\_\_\_\_ Seared Salmon or \_\_\_\_\_ vegetarian

## Coming Events

January 17, 2014—Regular Meeting  
7:00 PM at the Cattlemens Restaurant  
Speaker Col. James Crump Jr. USAF (Ret.)  
Topic "Tuskegee Airmen"

February 21, 2014—Regular Meeting  
7:00 PM at the Cattlemens Restaurant  
Speaker to be announced

March 21, 2014—Regular Meeting  
7:00 PM at the Cattlemens Restaurant  
Speaker to be announced

April 10-13, 2014 - Annual CASSAR Membership  
Meeting at the Embassy Suites in Sacramento  
Samuel Adams (aka Rex Ruth) will be the  
featured speaker. Jim Faulkinbury will be  
installed CASSAR President. All members and their  
guests are welcome. Mark your calendars now!

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