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Doug Stone is the chairman and CEO of Rail Networks International. He is a 37-year veteran of the US Marine Corps Reserve and retired in 2010 at the rank of Major General. He held several command and staff positions, including Deputy Commanding General, Multi-National Force - Iraq, Commanding General, Task Force 134, Baghdad, Iraq, and Commanding General of Marine Air Ground Task Force Training Command and Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center, Twenty-nine Palms.



He has served as President/CEO of GammaLink, President/CEO of Decisive Technology, led business and strategic development at Qwest Communications, and was a Senior Vice President at Scientific Applications International Corporation (SAIC).
He is a graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy and holds Masters Degrees in Human Resource Management, Public Administration, and Business Management from Pepperdine, USC, and Stanford Universities, a Master's Degree in International Security from the Naval War College, and Ph.D. in Political Science from USC.

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Cattlemens Meal Selections:

Sirloin Steak	\$25.
Grilled Salmon	\$25.
Lemon Chicken	\$25.
Pesto Spinach/Cheese Ravioli	\$25.
(vegetarian)	

Friday, January 16, 2015, 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 14**, 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. Wives, guests and visiting compatriots are always welcome.

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

Current Officers**Russ Kaiser**

President & Color Guard
Commander

Don Littlefield

Executive Vice-President
Treasurer and Webmaster

Craig Anderson

Vice President & Secretary

Eric Sloan

Vice President & Registrar

Jim Faulkinbury

Genealogist

Jeff Goodwin

Chaplain

Don Spradling

Guardian of the Flags
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chairman

James Warrick

Program Committee

Tom Chilton

Americanism Poster Contest

Neil Zinn

Eagle Scout Program Chair-
man

Ernie Garcia

Chairman
Law Enforcement Program

Calling Committee**Carl Ahlberg, Chairman**

Tom Chilton
Ernie Garcia
Alan Brooking
Roy Adkins

President's Corner**January Presidents Message**

Happy New Year!

As 2015 comes into play, we have a busy year ahead. With new officers in place, its sure to be exciting and fast paced. We have lots of meetings and activities planned with activities for all. This is not the time to relax as we still have much work to do. Being a volunteer organization, your support is still requested.

This is my last article as president of the Sacramento Chapter. Upon reflection, this has been an interesting and fun journey. I've had the privilege of working with some great folks and it's been a pleasure to serve you as President.

As a Chapter, we should be proud of our many accomplishments and honoring our pledge to perpetuate the ideals of our forefathers. We have instructed numerous school children, presented scores of ROTC awards, marched in parades, sponsored a major conference and presented the colors in many functions. It has been my honor to represent the Sacramento Chapter in many of these functions. I hope that I have lived up to the ideals and traditions of the chapter and my predecessors and I am sure you will continue to support the officers in the generous way you have supported me over the last two years. And so with much fondness I bid you Adieu.

Yours in Patriotism,

Russ Kaiser



Russ Kaiser, President

November Election of Officers for 2015**The following officers were elected.**

President: Craig Anderson
Executive Vice President: Don Littlefield
Secretary: Carl Ahlberg
Registrar: Alan Brooking

Sons of the American Revolution—Sacramento Chapter

Meeting Minutes December 19, 2014

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

Jeff Goodwin gave the invocation. Dale Ross led the membership in the Pledge of Allegiance, and Tom Chilton led the Pledge to the SAR.

President Kaiser asked all members and guests to introduce themselves. Among those present were Past Presidents of the Sacramento Chapter and their guests: Jim Faulkinbury, CASSAR President and Sacramento Chapter Past President 2005 and 2006 and his wife Karen; Tom Chilton, Past President 2000, 2001, 2002, 2004, and 2012, and his wife Marilyn; Don Littlefield, Past President 2010 and 2011, current Executive Vice President, Treasurer, Webmaster, and CASSAR Chairman of the Wreaths Across America Program; Jeff Goodwin, CASSAR Chancellor, Sacramento Chapter Past President 2009, and Sacramento Chapter Chaplain and his wife Mary Ann and daughter Sara, and Eugene Melvin, a dual CASSAR member and former Pacific District Vice President General from the Portland Chapter SAR. Also present were Neil Zinn, Chairman of the Eagle Scout Program; Craig Anderson, Chapter Secretary; Carl Alhberg, SAR Calling Committee Chairman; and Don Spradling, SAR Photographer.



Craig Anderson

From the Mother Lode Chapter: Wayne Griswold, CASSAR Past President 2010-2011; Sam Bradley, President; Bob Conover, Past President; Tom Adams, 2nd VP; Tom Douglas, Secretary/ Treasurer; John Krahn, Historian; Gene Myers, Chaplain, and Jim Young, Registrar; Major General Douglas Stone (USMC Retired); Bob Leach; and Mike Mutz.

From the Gold Country Chapter: Dale Ross, President.

DAR members present were Marilyn Chilton and Medora Allen of the Sacramento Chapter; Susan Broderick, Regent of the General John A Sutter Chapter; Susan Brooking, Regent, and Karen Faulkinbury of the Gold Trail Chapter; Ann Taylor, Regent; Deborah Tasker-Brady, Recording Secretary, and Ruth Edmonson-Johnson, Past Regent and current Registrar of the Sierra Amador Chapter.

CASSAR Ladies Auxiliary members present from the Sacramento Chapter were Karen Faulkinbury 1st VP, Marilyn Chilton, Mary Ann Goodwin, Susan Brooking, and Donna Spradling.

Executive Vice President Littlefield introduced his guests Leslie Wade, President, Rolling Hills Blue Star Moms, Folsom, Ca. and her husband Major General William H. Wade II (USA Ret.). President Kaiser introduced other guests: Elicia Spencer and the Vista Del Lago Choral Ensemble, new members Jorden Hull, and Jeff Erskine, and prospective members Sam Smith and Kevin Tierney.

Jim Faulkinbury presented a historical overview of the Proctors Battalion Flag and the Bedford Flag.

President Kaiser asked New Members Jorden Hull and Jeff Erskine to come forward. Past President Tom Chilton introduced them and read their biographies. President Kaiser administered the SAR oath and presented them with their membership certificates. Tom Chilton pinned the SAR Rosettes on them. All members were invited to come forward to offer the customary welcoming handshake to our new members.

President Kaiser presented two supplemental ancestor certificates to Registrar Alan Brooking, and a Meritorious Service Medal and Certificate to Neil Zinn for his service as Eagle Scout Chairman.

The Mother Lode Chapter President Sam Bradley presented a SAR War Service Medal to Major General William H. Wade (USMC Retired).

Executive VP Don Littlefield came forward and presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Leslie Wade for work leading the Folsom Community Service Day effort to pack more than 500 care packages for US military.

President Kaiser announced that he had received a Certificate of Appreciation from the DAR Gold Trail Chapter for a Color Guard appearance at November meeting. He also announced that he had received a Certificate of Appreciation from the City of Sacramento for the Chapter's participation in the 2014 Veteran's Day Parade.

President Kaiser announced that Wreaths Across America was a success. Four members of the Sacramento Chapter participated in the Dixon ceremony.: Jim Faulkinbury, Vince Gantt, Alan Brooking, Russ Kaiser. Five members of the Gold Country Chapter also participated. George Taylor presented at the Wreaths Across America Ceremonies in Jackson, CA for the Sacramento Chapter.

President Kaiser announced that Compatriot Archie McPherran passed away on December 7th.

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November 21st Minutes Continued

President Kaiser asked Alan Brooking to come forward and conduct the raffle. Those donating gifts were: Russ Kaiser and Donna Baca, Alan and Susan Brooking, Jim and Karen Faulkinbury, Marilyn and Tom Chilton, and Don and Donna Spradling, Don and Mary Ann Littlefield, John and Aggie Vawter, Mary Ann and Jeff Goodwin, Neil and Helen Zinn, and Jim Warrick.

Ms Elica Spencer and the Vista Del Lago Choral group presented a medley of Christmas songs. President Kaiser presented Ms Spencer a Certificate of Appreciation and a NSSAR Challenge Coin. Treasurer Don Littlefield presented Ms. Spencer with a check for \$500 for the Vista Del Lago Music Boosters.

President Kaiser thanked Ms. Spencer and the Vista Del Lago Choral Ensemble for a great musical program, Susan Brooking for selling raffle tickets, Alan Brooking for conducting the raffle, Neil Elvick for editing the newsletter, and Don Spradling for taking the photos and caring for the flags.

A motion to adjourn was made and seconded. Don Littlefield led the Recessional and Jeff Goodwin gave the Benediction. The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM.

Respectfully Submitted

Craig Anderson, Chapter Secretary

Photos from the December Program

On the right is the Choral Music Ensemble from Vista del Lago High School in Folsom, California. This is the second consecutive year that this group has performed at our December meeting. It was led by the director Elicia Spencer, pictured on the lower right with President Russ Kaiser with Certificate of Appreciation.



Don Littlefield, Elicia Spencer and Russ Kaiser holding their check



Archie L. McPherran 2/25/1920 - 12/7/2014

Dr. Archie L. McPherran was born on February 15, 1920, in Dixon County, Nebraska. He died December 7, 2014. He spent his first years in Dixon County, and his latter years in Wayne County, Nebraska. He graduated from Wayne State College and attended Princeton University and the University of Southern California. Western Reserve University granted him a M. A. degree, and the University of Nebraska granted him a Ph.D. degree in Education Administration.

Archie has been married to Margaret P. Mann for 55 years. Margaret is a retired Navy nurse. Archie and Margaret have two adult children, Mark L. McPherran, and Bruce A. McPherran. Both are life members of the SAR.

Archie served as a Naval officer from 1942 until 1947. He served on an aircraft carrier during the invasion of the Philippines, Iwo Jima, and Okinawa. His carrier was seriously damaged off Okinawa by Japanese suicide planes.

Archie is retired from Chancellor's Office, California Community Colleges, where he was a Vice Chancellor for fifteen years. His hobbies include reading, writing, travel, computers, e-mail, and home repair and remodeling projects. His recently published book is entitled "Echos Of My Yesterdays." The McPherran family is sponsor of the "McPherran Endowed Scholarship", which recently made its 7th scholarship award at Wayne State College. In recent years Archie has been honored by the University of Nebraska, and received an Alumni Achievement Award from Wayne State College.

Archie's application to join the Sons of the American Revolution was approved on February 12, 1990. His patriot ancestor, Andrew McPherran, was a volunteer from Pennsylvania, fought in five battles, and survived the bad winter at Valley Forge. Andrew is buried in the Arch Springs Cemetery, Blair County, Pennsylvania.



Photos from December 19, 2014 Meeting—Photos by Don Spradling



General Douglas Stone (Ret.) receives the War Service Medal, awarded for service in the armed forces during armed conflict. He is flanked on the left by Sam Bradley, president of the Mother Lode Chapter, and by President Russ Kaiser.

Photos of new members from December 19 Meeting

Photos by Don Spradling



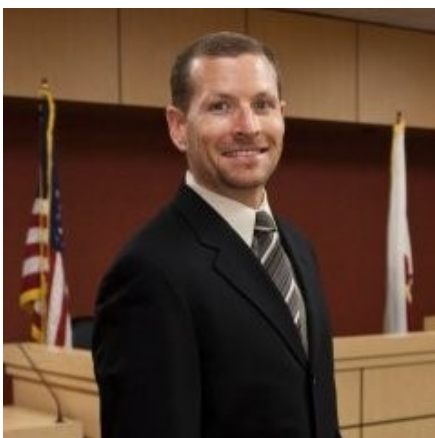
Alan Brooking, second from the left, receives Supplemental Ancestor Certificate for his Revolutionary War ancestor, William Hardin Sr. Also pictured (from left to right) Russ Kaiser, Alan Brooking, Jeffrey Allen Erskine and Jordan Cordell Hull.



Jordan Cordell Hull

Jordan Cordell Hull was born in Sacramento, CA, and spent his childhood in Sacramento, California . He attended/graduated from Sheldon High School in May 2014 with an overall grade point average of 3.83. Jordan is a student at Marion Military Institute , where he is enrolled in their Service Academy Prep Program for the United States Naval Academy and the United States Coast Guard Academy. His major is Mechanical Engineering . He earned a spot on the Dean's List with a first semester grade point average of 3.50. His hobbies include Wrestling and Olympic Weightlifting. Currently Jordan is ranked number TWO in the nation for his age and weight class for Olympic Weightlifting. He is a Three Time Youth National Qualifier, Three Time Junior National Qualifier, and a Two Time College National Qualifier.

Jordan's application to join the Sons of the American Revolution was approved on July 2014. His patriot ancestor, George Adam Koiner, was a Private in Capt. Andrew McKee's Company, 2nd Battalion, Cumberland County, Pennsylvania Militia.



Jeffrey Allen Erskine

Jeffrey Allen Erskine is a newly accepted SAR member. He is an attorney with a law practice in Roseville, California. He is a graduate of Western State College of Law in Orange County, California. A more complete biographical summary will follow on the Chapter's website or in the next edition of the Courier.

Photos from December 19, 2014 Meeting

Photos by Don Spradling



Russ Kaiser with Certificate of Appreciation from Sacramento Mayor and City Council for participation in Veterans Day Parade and from Gold Trail Chapter DAR for Color Guard Presentation



**Bob and Marcia Conover
Bob is president of Mother Lode Chapter**



**Tom Adams, 2nd VP
from Mother Lode Chapter**



**Jeff Goodwin and Wayne Griswold
Wayne is past CASSAR president**



**Don Littlefield, Leslie Wade, Russ Kaiser,
Major General William Wade; Leslie holding
Certificate of Appreciation for work leading the Folsom Community Service Day effort
packing Care packets for US military**



**Prospective Mother Lode new member,
Kevin Tierney, and his wife, Karen**



**John "Jack" Krahn, Historian from Mother Lode
Chapter, and his wife, Joy**

Photos from December 19, 2014 Meeting

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Judy and Mike Mutz



Coreena & Dale Ross from Gold Country Chapter



Alan and Susan Brooking



Bob Leach and past president Jim Young, from Mother Lode Chapter, and Tom Chilton



Neil Zinn receives Meritorious Service Medal from Russ Kaiser for service as Eagle Scout Chairman



Prospective member, Sam Smith and his wife Kaaren



**Standing, Ann Taylor, Michael & Deborah Tasker-Brady
Sitting, George Taylor and Ruth Edmondson-Johnson**

Wreaths Across America Ceremony

National Cemetery in Dixon California

Dec. 13, 2014



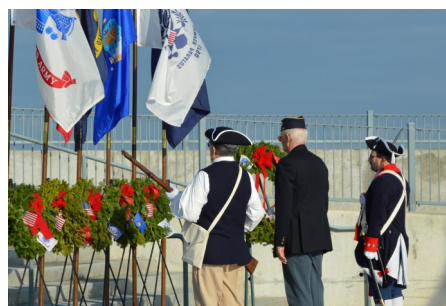
Jim Faulkinbury at the podium



Veterans graves decorated with wreaths

The Sacramento and Gold Country Chapter SAR participated at the Wreath's Across America ceremony at the Sacramento Valley National Cemetery in Dixon, serving as the Honor Guard escorting representatives of each branch of service to the flag stanchion for their service; the Army, Marine Corps, Navy, Air Force, Coast Guard, and Merchant Marine followed an escort for the Boy Scouts placing a wreath at the POW/MIA stanchion, and members of the Ann Loucks Chapter DAR representing our Patriot Ancestors placing a wreath at the main flag pole. Sacramento Chapter Members in the Honor Guard were Russ Kaiser (Honor Guard Commander), Vince Gantt, and Alan Brooking. Gold Country Chapter members were Dale Ross, Ron Barker, Keith Bigbee, and Gordon Clark. The CASSAR Proclamation was read by CASSAR President Jim Faulkinbury. This year there were about 1,500 people in the audience with many more trying to get in (there was limited parking due to the closure of the unpaved parking areas as a result of the recent rains).

Jim W. Faulkinbury, CG
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Photos from the ceremony as described above

Coming Events

January 16, 2015—Regular Meeting
7:00 PM at the Cattlemens Restaurant
Speaker: General Douglas Stone

February 20, 2015—Regular Meeting
7:00 PM at the Cattlemens Restaurant
Program to be announced

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