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Speaker: Russ Kaiser

Color Commander
Sacramento Chapter

The speaker for the January meeting will be Russ Kaiser and other members of the Sacramento Color Guard.

The Sacramento Chapter Color Guard was formed in 1998 when two members rented uniforms and marched with the Auburn and Butte Chapters at the July 4th parade held in Chester, California. These men, realizing the importance of honoring our forefathers and all of those men and women whom have served in our military, made the commitment to work to establish a Sacramento Chapter Color Guard.

Over the next nine months, several members of the Chapter worked tirelessly in deciding which Revolutionary War Regiment to represent. Finally it was decided that we would depict the Massachusetts 4th Regiment. Next came extensive research to determine the precise details of the uniform. We were fortunate since a good journal of regiment's activities, and exactly how the uniform looked, was kept by a woman named Deborah Sampson who served, disguised at a man in this regiment for over two years.

During our January 2016 meeting, Russ Kaiser, and his a compatriots will walk us through the many parts and pieces that go into creating your own uniform, the sources, and the costs.



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Cattlemens Meal Selections

Ribeye Steak	\$30.
Sirloin Steak	\$25.
Grilled Salmon	\$25.
Lemon Chicken	\$25.
Pesto Spinach/Cheese Ravioli	\$25.
(vegetarian)	

Friday, January 22, 2016 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 20**, please call Alan Brooking at (916) 315-3799 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."

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President's Corner

Happy New Year! I hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas and you are looking forward to the New Year.

I would like to offer my congratulations to five compatriots who celebrated their membership anniversaries in December and January. Thank you, for your support of the National Society, Sons of the American Revolution.

December 2015

Thomas Fredrick Gede, 40 years

Andrew Jackson tuffs, 5 years

Russell Charles Kaiser, 5 years

January 2016

Thomas Edison Boyer, 15 years

Douglas Eugene Cross, 15 years



Craig Anderson

Our dues collection period ended on December 31. We began 2015 with 177 members, added 18 new members during the year, and had 19 members resign, transfer, or drop for a year end membership count of 176.

I want to thank the many members who made voluntary contributions to the chapter during dues collection period. These compatriots collectively contributed over \$1500 to the chapter treasury which will make it possible for us to grow our Chapter's excellent educational outreach programs in our area schools during the coming year. This would not be possible without your generosity.

Thank You!

Carl Erik Ahlberg
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I would like to encourage all of those who are not currently actively involved in any of our various programs to give us your help. Any personal time that you can give us, is deeply appreciated and makes a difference in the lives of the young people in our community. If you can help or would like additional information on the various opportunities, please contact me, any of our officers, or any of our committee chairmen.

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Minutes of November 20, 2015 Meeting

Sons of the American Revolution – Sacramento Chapter

Meeting Minutes November 20, 2015 (Minutes taken by President Craig Anderson)

President Anderson called the meeting to order at 7:05PM. President Anderson gave the invocation, Evan Jonas led the Pledge of Allegiance, and George Taylor led the pledge to the SAR.

President Anderson introduced SAR Officers and guests:

SAR Officers included

Jim Faulkinbury, Past President of the CA Society 2014, Past President 2005 and 2006 of the Sacramento Chapter, and CA Society National Trustee.

Tom Chilton, Past President 2000, 2001, 2002, 2004, and 2012 and current youth activities chairman.

Don Littlefield, Past President 2010 and 2011, current Executive Vice President, Treasurer, Webmaster, and CA Society Chairman of the Wreaths Across America Program.

Alan Brooking Registrar, Calling Committee Chairman, and CA Society DAR Liaison

Ernie Garcia, Chairman Activities

Don Spradling, Sacramento Chapter Photographer

DAR members included

Sacramento Chapter: Marilyn Chilton; Medora Allen, and Sara Beach.

Gold Trail Chapter: Susan Brooking, Regent; Karen Faulkinbury, and Kathy Stovall.

Sierra Amador Chapter: Ann Taylor, Regent; Deborah Tasker-Brady, Ruth Edmondson-Johnson and Collette Ferguson and her husband Chris.

John A. Sutter Chapter: Susan Broderick, Treasurer.

California Society LAUX members included:

Marilyn Chilton, Susan Brooking, Karen Faulkinbury and Donna Spradling.

President Anderson introduced guest speaker, Jenny Stocks and her husband Jayson, son Benton and daughter Brooke; new member David Paulsen and his wife Cyndy; Dan Barnett, brother of compatriot Chuck Barnett; John Beach's son John and daughter Sara.

President Anderson announced that the Sacramento Chapter received a Partners in Patriotism Certificate from the National Society for their participation in local patriotic events.

President Anderson asked Tom Chilton to come forward. He presented Tom an Oak Leaf Cluster for his Patriot Medal.

Jim Faulkinbury came forward and presented a historical overview of the Gladstone and Serapis flags.

President Anderson asked Collette Ferguson and Alan Brooking to come forward and present Collette a Memorial Membership Certificate for her father George R. Clarke Jr.

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Carl Ahlberg, Secretary

Minutes from November Meeting Continued

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New member David Paulson was asked to come forward. Registrar Alan Brooking introduced him and read his biography. President Anderson administered the SAR oath and presented him with his membership certificate; Alan Brooking pinned the SAR Rosette on him. All members came forward to offer the customary welcoming handshake.

President Anderson conducted a short memorial for Compatriot Ted Robinson who passed away on October 12, 2015. He called for a moment of silence, struck 8 bells on the chapter bell, and offered a short prayer for Ted Robinson and George R. Clarke Jr.

President called for 2016 officer nominations from the floor 3 times with no response from the members. He announced that current sitting officers have agreed to serve during 2016. Voting and officer installation will be held during the January meeting.

President Anderson announced that Wreaths Across America ceremonies are being held December 12th at Sacramento Valley Veteran's Cemetery near Dixon, CA. He mentioned that it was a very moving experience and encouraged members to attend.

After dinner, President Anderson introduced guest speaker Jenny Stocks. She gave an excellent presentation on her tour of historical sites around Valley Forge. She conducted an interactive quiz with the meeting membership around historical revolutionary war facts.

President Anderson thanked Jenny Stocks for her presentation and presented her with a Certificate of Appreciation and Liberty Bell.

Alan Brooking and President Anderson conducted the raffle. Those donating raffle gifts were: Alan and Susan Brooking, Mary Ann and Don Littlefield, Don and Donna Spradling, Craig and Sandy Anderson, Evan Jonas, Clair and Medora Allen, George and Ann Taylor, Ruth Edmondson-Johnson, Jim and Karen Faulkinbury, Tom and Marilyn Chilton, Mike and Deb Brady, Doug and Wilma Cross.

President Anderson thanked Jenny Stocks for a great program; Susan Brooking selling the raffle tickets; Don Spradling for taking pictures and maintaining the flags; Alan Brooking for chairing the Calling committee, acting as cashier, and conducting the raffle; and Neil Elvick for editing the newsletter.

Don Littlefield announced that there would be no December meeting.

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn. President Anderson led the recessional and gave the benediction. He led the membership in singing God Bless America.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 PM

Craig Anderson,

President

President's Corner Continued

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Our Color Guard Commander, Russ Kaiser, is our featured guest speaker at the January 22nd meeting. If you have ever considered joining the color guard or participating in living history presentations in our local schools (*School Guard*), **don't miss this meeting**. Russ will be talking us through the process of building a period uniform.

See you all at our January 22nd meeting at Cattleman's Restaurant in Rancho Cordova.

Craig Anderson,
President

Color Guard Uniforms and Equipment

As you all have probably heard by now, the Color Guard is in need of infusion of some new members. Membership in either the Color Guard or School Guard brings with it the need for 18th century style clothing and in some instances some period utensils and military equipment. Commander Russ Kaiser has gathered together some sources where these items can be ordered.

The Basic uniform of the American soldier was usually made up of the following items:

- ◆ A hat usually turned up on one or three sides
- ◆ A shirt made of linen or cotton
- ◆ A black leather stock, worn around the neck
- ◆ A wool coat, usually with collar, cuffs, and lapels that were a different color
- ◆ A waistcoat or vest, usually made of linen or wool
- ◆ A pair of wool, linen, or cotton trousers, either breeches that were gathered just below the knee, or overalls
- ◆ Stockings and leather shoes

The following links can be used to find sources, not only to find items for uniforms, but also for period military pieces:

- ◆ **Jas. Townsend and Son, Inc.:** <http://jas-townsend.com/index.php> This is the site from which most of the items for the uniform worn by Russ Kaiser on the front page of this newsletter were obtained. If you google "video of outfitting a revolutionary war soldier" you will find several videos about how to do it.
- ◆ **GG Godwin INC.** PO Box 100 Valley Forge, PA 19481 www.gggodwin.com This site good for both uniforms and military equipment such as guns and swords.
- ◆ **American Revolutionary War Uniforms by Molly Kienel** 11 Grove Street, S. Dahlonga, GA 30533 (678)429-4181 email: taylor4SAR@gmail.com She makes uniforms for many local and state SAR Color Guards.
- ◆ Other links: These sites show and explain both uniforms and equipment
<http://www.nps.gov/mima/learn/education/upload/essentials.pdf>
<http://www.history-of-american-wars.com/Revolutionary-War-Uniforms.html>
<http://ncpedia.org/history/usrevolution/soldiers>

The following links are useful for finding period military equipment:

- ◆ **Dixie GunWorks, Inc.:** www.dixiegunworks.com email: info@dixiegunworks.com
- ◆ **Cabela's:** <http://www.cabelas.com>

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Uniforms and Equipment Vendors, continued

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- ♦ **Middlesex Village Trading:** <http://www.middlesexvillagetrading.com/>
guns, swords bayonets, supplies
- ♦ **LAR LTD,** 10 Brunt Road, Harrietsfield, NS, Canada, B3V 181 www.loyalistarms.ca
- ♦ **Ball Moulds:** jeff@ballmoulds.co.uk www.ballmoulds.com

From Russ Kaiser:

The above represents a list of vendors I have used to put my uniform together. Some items bought on EBay but a word of caution there, some items were not high quality—and some were. I can usually remember where I bought a particular item so if you are really interested, ask and I will try to track it. Uniform fit is important. I had mine hand-made and even with constant instruction and sending the patterns, it still came small and I had to have it tailored. My advice, go larger than your size. One caveat to that was the shirt. They are really night shirts as that's what they lived and slept in. The sleeves are long. REALLY long. That's the way they were. I had my shirt tailored with shorter sleeves as they would stick out of the uniform coat and interfere with my musket fire. You might want to consider that. Also, believe it or not, many Civil War items are the same as Revolutionary War items EXCEPT the Civil War items are almost half the price. That's why Dixie is listed. Bought several items for less there. Most of my items have been purchased 3 years ago so some of the vendors may have changed their offerings. Also some are from out of the country so check the dollar exchange rate and delivery times. Don't hesitate to contact me and it would be a good idea if we communicated **BEFORE** you order.

You should “plan out” your uniform such as what exactly you want to emulate. There is a lot to choose from and I have several books you can borrow. Some things work with all of the uniforms and some do not. A “universal” uniform would be the Continental Uniform. Anything else is unique to the regiment of choice. Research it first before buying.

Examples of clothing options from catalog

The following examples of 18th century clothing are a mixture of what would be worn by the common ordinary man, a new recruit or an officer. They are samples downloaded from the catalog of Jas. Townsend and Son, Inc. This was a catalog that was chosen at random. The items in the sites listed above have a wide range of selections. The January speaker will be discussing them in more detail. What is displayed here is but a small sample of what is available.

Knee breeches



Waistcoat

One of a wide variety of hats. The brim can be round or turned up



Stockings & Leather shoes with Buckles



Work Shirt

Sacramento Chapter Color Guard



From left to right: Ernie Garcia, Jim Faulkinbury, and Alan Brooking
Decked out in 18th century finery. Ernie as a *soldado* in early Spanish California (Spain was an ally of the Colonies). Jim as a highly ranking officer and Alan as a patriot spy.



Assembling before the 2014 Veteran's Day Parade

Wreaths Across America and Sacramento County History Day



Photo taken during the Wreaths Across America ceremony



This photo taken at a previous event shows the Color Guard fully decked out.

The above photo, on the left, is from the Wreaths Across America ceremony which took place at the Dixon National Cemetery near Dixon. The Color Guard has been a part of this tradition for the past several years. The tradition was started at Arlington National Cemetery in 1992 by the Worcester Wreath Company of Harrington, Maine. In 2008 Congress unanimously voted to declare December 13 as National “Wreaths Across America Day.”

Sacramento County History Day

The Center for Sacramento History, in partnership with the Sacramento County Office of Education, will host Sacramento County History Day (SCHD) on Saturday, March 5th at Inderkum High School in Natomas. This year, young scholars in 4th-12th grade from around the county will gather to present their original projects in one of six categories based on the theme, “Exploration, Encounter, Exchange in History.”

Friendly, service-oriented community members with an interest in history are invited to serve as judges at the competition. Judges evaluate student entries, providing positive feedback and constructive criticism to help them advance to the state competition in early May. Judge training takes place that morning, and breakfast and lunch are provided. It’s a fun day for all, and one that allows some of the best and brightest in our community to shine!

If you’re interested in being a judge, please visit www.sachistoryday.org/#!j-registration/c7t3 and select the “Complete a Judge Registration” tab on the right side of the screen. This will open a new registration page. Please make sure you select the link for “Volunteer for Sac County History” at the bottom of this page. You will receive a confirmation email within 24 hours of completing the registration process.

Patriot Ancestor

George Chilton [Chilten] - a Patriot of the American Revolution.

George Chilton, the son of Thomas and Katherine Chilton, was born in about 1748 in White Chapel, Lancaster County, Virginia. Thomas and Katherine had at least eight children, including George. George's third great-grandfather, John Chilton, migrated to this county in about 1660. The Chilton family lived in Christ's Church, Lancaster County, Virginia, and it was thought that George lived in Lancaster County as well.

In 1781, George Chilton served two tours of duty in the Virginia Militia, one in Capt. Richard Yancy's Company at Cheraw Hills, and the other in Capt. White's Company at Yorktown. In his pension application he states that he was with a company of militia that guarded General Cornwallis as he was marched back to New York. I like to fantasize that George was one of those soldiers that whistled "Yankee Doodle Dandy" as they marched him back to New York.

George married Mary before 1775, and they had at least eight children. Mary died before 1809, and he married Sally Archer on May 2, 1809, in Chesterfield County, Virginia. There were no children from this marriage.

After the war, George Chilton and his family moved to Culpeper County, Virginia, and before 1810 he and his son, George Chilton, Jr., and their families, moved to Woodford County, Kentucky. They probably traveled through the Cumberland Gap carrying most of their possessions on their backs, and the backs of their pack animals.

George Chilton and his son settled near the communities of Mortonsville and Nonesuch south of Versailles in Woodford, Kentucky. At one time Mortonsville was considered as the site for the capitol of Kentucky. Today both of these villages are little more than cross roads. In May, 1833, George Chilton applied for, and was granted, a pension for his Revolutionary War service (Pension #S.1188).

George Chilton was a farmer who grew corn, raised pigs, cows, and horses, and kept honey bees, as recorded in his last will and testament. George died about July 5, 1839. Sally Chilton died about December 10, 1840. George Chilton, Jr., in a codicil to his will, refers to the "family burying grounds". We found his grave in a family plot just west of Nonesuch, and I think it fair to assume that George Chilton, Sr. was buried there as well.

The Chiltons spelled their name several different ways from the mid 1700s to the late 1800s, including Chilton, Chilten, Chelton, Shelton, and Shelten, and probably others. Family lore has it that George Chilton, Sr.'s grandson and great-grandson rode by horseback to Virginia to learn the correct spelling of their name. This was shortly after the Civil War, and it is said that they were met with some hostility, as Kentucky was a border state and Virginia was a slave state. After 1870 the name has been spelled Chilton. DNA tests show that many of the Sheltons living in Woodford, Anderson, and Mercer Counties in Kentucky are actually Chiltons.

George Chilton, Sr., is the patriot ancestor of Thomas Hobert Chilton, Jr., Thomas Holly Chilton, Steven Charles Chilton, Trevor Thomas McCarthy, Forrest Chilton (Past-President KYSAR), and others.

Instructions for Submitting Patriot Biographies

Patriot biographies, such as the one above, are being solicited by the national organization. This current one, which appears above, is the one of the last ones which were received from this chapter. SAR is still accepting new ones, so there is still an opportunity for you to submit a biography. To submit your patriot ancestor biography to the national organization submit about 500 words as a Microsoft email attachment to patriotbios@sar.org. Include your name, Chapter and SAR Member number. If you have this type of information about your ancestor but have had difficulty in putting this in narrative form you can receive assistance with this by contacting me at neile@aol.com or to Craig Anderson (craig@winfirst.com). If you have a patriot number assigned, include it with your submission. If not one will be assigned. These biographies are published by the national organization for the purpose of helping aspiring members in their quest to find their own patriot ancestor.

Coming Events

January 22, 2016 — Regular Meeting
7:00 PM at the Cattlemens Restaurant
Russ Kaiser, Color Guard Commander

February 19, 2016 — Regular Meeting
7:00 PM at the Cattlemens Restaurant
Speaker to be announced

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