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## January 2018

### Thank you Chapter Volunteers

*The Sacramento Chapter extends our sincere thanks and gratitude to every member who helped us accomplish our mission during 2017. Attend this meeting and be honored.*

**The November 2017 meeting** was held at the Carmichael Elks Lodge and was a ceremony that honored the recipients of the Purple Heart Medal, which is a military decoration awarded to those killed or wounded by an instrument of war while serving in the United States Military after April 5, 1917, which was when the United States entered into the First World War. The recipients at this meeting were veterans of the wars from World War II to the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan. Each veteran was given a Certificate of Appreciation and a Challenge Coin. Photographs and other details of the ceremony can be found beginning on page 5 below.

Also at that meeting there were seven new members received. Their photos and biographies can be found in the December newsletter.

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### Cattlemens Meal Selections

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

**Friday, Jan. 19, 2018 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, Jan. 17, 2018**, please call Michael Brady at (916) 647-3716 directly and leave a message by noon on Thursday or [mlbrady@sbcglobal.net](mailto:mlbrady@sbcglobal.net). We strongly encourage reservations be made in advance. All reservations are guaranteed.

Don't be a "no show." Wives, guests and visiting compatriots are always encouraged and welcome.

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**President's Corner January 2018****President's Message**

Happy New Year! Can you believe it is 2018 and still not the 1990's? A new year and new opportunities. I am thrilled to have the privilege of once again being your President and I give you my commitment to work to keep the Sacramento Chapter strong, visible and vibrant in the coming months and years ahead.

**Don Littlefield**

On January 19 we kick-off the new year. I encourage each of you, and your significant others, to attend our January meeting where we will recognize those individuals who gave of their time and expertise to help the Sacramento Chapter execute our programs during the past year. It is through their efforts that we fulfill our mission to perpetuate a more profound reverence for the principles of government that was founded by our forefathers.

We are looking at change in 2018. One of the biggest items on the horizon is to secure General Liability, Directors & Officers, and Color Guard insurance. The California Society is recommending that Chapters throughout the state secure these policies to protect our Chapter officers and membership from potential litigation that might arise from the events we participate in. While not affecting our 2018 Annual Dues structure, which just concluded, it will affect our Chapter dues in 2019. Sacramento Chapter Dues have remained at \$10 per year for at least a decade. We expect that amount to double in 2019, to cover the cost of liability insurance and our community outreach programs.

During the coming year, we will benefit most from your involvement in the activities of the Sacramento Chapter. First and foremost is continuing to grow the ranks of our Sacramento Chapter Color Guard with its many public events and activities. We have youth programs ranging from the ROTC/JROTC, Eagle Scouts, the Knight Essay Contest, and the Americanism Poster Contest that need your participation. In addition, we can use a couple of active members to stay in touch with other members who are inactive, less mobile, or ill, just to let them know we care about their well being and to offer our help in whatever way it may be needed. We can always use members with good communication skills to join our monthly Calling Committee or to help us in other areas of the chapter activities. This is your invitation to stand up, step forward, and offer your services to make the Sacramento Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution, the best it can be.

If you have ideas or suggestions on what we can do to further strengthen the Sacramento Chapter, I am listening. Together we can make the Sacramento Chapter the jewel of the California SAR.

Yours in service,

Don Littlefield

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## Minutes from November 2017 Meeting

### Sons of the American Revolution – Sacramento Chapter Minutes Sacramento Chapter Meeting, Nov. 17, 2017

#### Meeting Minutes **November 17, 2017**

The regular meeting of the Sacramento Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution, was called to order at 1900 on November 17, 2017, in Carmichael (Carmichael Elks Lodge) by Donald Littlefield.

#### **Present**

Membership as recorded on the attendance roster.

This month's meeting is the SAR's Annual Recognition of Veterans.

Honorees Included Members of the Purple Heart Society representing the periods of service from WW II to Iraq & Afghanistan.

**Chris Archuleta Paul George**

**Jerry Bothello Ron Majarrez**

**Leonard Dobish Steve Matulich**

**Ernie Franco Stanford Ross**

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by Donald Littlefield at 7:00 pm.

**Pledge of Allegiance:** The Pledge was led by **Will Gunter**

The Colors were presented by the Sacramento Chapter SAR Color Guard (In Uniform) lead by **Russ Kaiser**.

**Invocation:** The invocation was delivered by **Chris Lambert**.

**SAR Pledge:** The SAR Pledge was led by **David Paulson**

**Opening Comments:** Introduction of the SAR to honored guests. Don Littlefield explained the history, purpose, and mission of the SAR to the various guests attending this meeting.

Guests in attendance included;

- ☐ Past Presidents of the Sacramento Chapter; **Tom Chilton, Craig Anderson, Russ Kaiser & Jim Faulkinbury**
- ☐ Chapter Committee Chairs and Committee Member's; **Carl Ahlburg, Michael Brady, Phil Noble, Joe Morehead, Neil Elvick & Don Spradling**
- ☐ Members of the Daughters of the American Revolution; **Deborah Brady, Marilyn Chilton, Donna Spradling, Karen Faulkinbury**
- ☐ New Members or Reinstated Members; **Marlon Allen, Stan Bransgrove, Zachary Bransgrove, Brian Charter, Chris, Jack & Maxx Neilson and David Sewell**
- ☐ Transfers and Visitors **Bryan Neeley (Transfer from Colorado), Rick Neely (Visiting from Mt Evan Chapter, CO)**
- ☐ CASSAAR LAUX members; **Marilyn Chilton, Karen Faulkinbury, and Donna Spradling**

Don Then asked all members of the various branches of the Armed Forces to stand and be recognized.

**Flag Presentation:** J Faulkinbury introduced this month's flags, the French Alliance and Commander in Chief's (G. Washington's Personal) Flags. A brief history of each was given to the members and guests

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**Michael Brady**  
**Chapter Secretary**

## November Minutes continued

**New Members – Induction:** Seven new members were introduced and inducted into the SAR and welcomed by all of the members present. They are: **Marlon Allen, Stan Bransgrove, Mark Davidson, Chris, Jack & Maxx Neilson and David Sewell**

### **General Chapter Business:**

**Don Littlefield** gave a brief report on the upcoming Wreath's Across America event to be held on December 16<sup>th</sup> at 0900 at the National Cemetery in Dixon, CA. All were invited to attend. It was noted that this is the 11<sup>th</sup> year of this event.

It was announced that the next chapter meeting will be the 19<sup>th</sup> of January, 2018

Don provided a brief update on the condition of A. Brooking, Past Chapter President (he has finished treatment and is doing well).

An announcement was made that all members participating in events that involved contact with youth (under 18) are required to certify/recertify with the Boy Scout Youth Program safety training. A copy of the certificate needs to be provided to the chapter Secretary and the original kept by the member. Training is good for two years.

The Chapter Executive Committee will be researching liability insurance for the chapter and will report back to the membership on their findings and costs at a future meeting. Members who are interested in purchasing period uniforms should visit the Chapter website as there are good resources on reliable and authentic sources available.

Don also reminded the members present that annual dues were due and encouraged all to address this early.

The Monthly Chapter Raffle was conducted: Gifts for this month's raffle were donated by; **Carl & Inga Ahlberg, Phil & Kathy Noble, Craig & Sandy Anderson, Jim & Karen Faulkinbury, Ernie & Helen Garcia, Ron & Luann Hollis, Michael & Deborah Brady, and Don & Donna Spradling**

**Dinner:** Dinner was served to the membership.

**Guest Speaker (@ 2030):** **Carl Ahlburg** provided a short introduction of the night's topic (A Salute to Veterans). This was followed by a short video tribute to Vietnam Veterans.

A short bio was read for each of the assembled guests, followed by the presentation of a Certificate and Challenge Coin (Victory or Death Coin).

The Guest Speaker, **Chris Lambert**, Chaplain for the Folsom Chapter 385 of the Military Order of the Purple Heart then gave a nice speech honoring the assembled veterans and their journeys in the service of their country and return to civilian life. Particular emphasis was given to the WW II generation of veterans.

At the conclusion of the presentation Don presented Chris with a Certificate of Appreciation and a Liberty Bell.

Don thanked the following for their efforts in making the meeting a success: **Carl Ahlberg** for managing the event and coordinating with the MOPH and the guests, the **Color Guard** for the evening, commanded by **Russ Kaiser, Joe Moorehead**, Cashier & Raffle, **Don Spradling**, Photographer, **Neil Elvick**, Editor of the Newsletter, and **Kathy Noble** for acting as Hostess.

**Recessional:** The recessional was led by **Tom Chilton**

**Benediction:** The benediction was led by **Chris Lambert**

The Color Guard then retired the Colors.

**Carl Ahlberg** then closed the meeting with a video presentation of Amazing Grace on Bagpipes.

### **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 2145 by **Donald Littlefield**. The next general meeting will be at 1900 on January 19, 2018, at Cattlemans in Racno Cordova, CA

Minutes submitted by: **Michael Brady, Chapter Secretary**



## November Meeting, Purple Heart Veterans

Photos by Don Spradling



The men in the picture above were the honorees at the November meeting. Their individual photos can be found below and on the following pages. The Purple Heart Medal is the oldest military award still given to U.S. military members. It's origin can be traced back to 1782 when General George Washington established it as the Badge of Military Merit. Although it was never discontinued it fell into disuse until after WWI. The medal was subsequently redesigned and renamed and today is awarded to those who were killed or wounded while serving in the United States military.



On the left: The speaker for the evening, Chris Lambert and his wife. Above: Russ Kaiser, Chris Lambert and Don Littlefield with Certificate of Appreciation



Russ Kaiser, Jerry Bothello, Don Littlefield



Jerry Bothello



Leonard Dobish

## November Program, Purple Heart Veterans

Photos by Don Spradling



**At Attention, Stanford Ross**



**Russ Kaiser, Stanford Ross, Don Littlefield**



**Ernie Franco**



**Ernie Franco & wife**



**Russ Kaiser, Steve Matulich, Don Littlefield**



**Steve Matulich & wife**



**Chris Achuleta & wife**



**Russ Kaiser, Chris Achuleta, Don Littlefield**



## November 2017 Program, Purple Heart Veterans

Photos by Don Spradling



**Russ Kaiser, Ken Thurmond, Don Littlefield**



**Roma & Ken Thurmond**



**Dennis Rae Wright**



**Russ Kaiser, Dennis Rae Wright, Don Littlefield**



**Russ Kaiser, Harvey Wilson, Don Littlefield**



**Sarah & Paul George**



**Russ Kaiser, Paul George, Don Littlefield**

## November Program, Purple Heart Veterans

Photos by Don Spradling



**Russ Kaiser, Jerry Bothello, Don Littlefield**



**Jerry Bothello & wife**

## Color Guard

Photos by Don Spradling



**Russ Kaiser, David Beach, Craig Anderson, Ernie Garcia, Phillip Noble**



**Phillip Noble**



**Russ Kaiser, Craig Anderson, Ernie Garcia**

The Color Guard, seen on this page, presented the colors at the beginning of the program and retired them at the end, lending a reverent and solemn tone to the evening.

These same members also serve as the School Guard. The School Guard presents educational programs to many schools in the area and is again going ahead with arrangements to visit about 17 schools this spring during the months of March, April and May. The program is presented to 5th graders and has always been very well received by the children as well as the staff at the schools. They are always looking to add new members, so anyone who is interested is asked to contact Commander Russ Kaiser.



## Photos from November 2017 Meeting

Photos by Don Spradling



**Craig and Sandra Anderson**



**Brian Charter**



**Neil Elvick, Tom Chilton, Marilyn Chilton**



**Dennis Rae Wright, Carl Ahlberg**

### Links

SAR Sacramento Chapter photos from our dinner meetings can be accessed and downloaded at  
<https://sar.smugmug.com/>  
& enter **Patriot**

Information for assembling a uniform or militia outfit is now online at:  
<http://www.sar-sacramento.org/uniforms.shtml>.

## Coming Events

February 16, 2018, Regular Meeting  
7:00 PM at the Cattlemens Restaurant  
Program to be announced

April 20, 2018, Regular Meeting  
7:00 PM at the Cattlemens Restaurant  
Program to be announced

January 19, 2018, Regular Meeting  
7:00 PM at the Cattlemens Restaurant  
Chapter Awards

March 16, 2018, Regular Meeting  
7:00 PM at the Cattlemens Restaurant  
Program to be announced

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