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Colonel Frasier Fortner

The September meeting will feature Colonel Frasier Fortner who has been a flight captain in the US Air Force. Fortner is a retired Air Force pilot with over 6,000 flying hours in ten different military aircraft. He has served many tours of duty in his career including the Strategic Air Command and the Pentagon. He is flight commander of the Order of Daedalians, America's premier fraternal organization of military pilots. He has served in many of America's wars, including WWII, Korea, Viet Nam, and beyond.



He is a well known speaker in the Sacramento area, and is known to emphasize the military's role in protecting our Constitution. In a recent address his message emphasized our country's need to honor and respect our veterans more than we have, to live up to the promise made by George Washington to his soldiers during the Revolutionary War, and the promises our government made to our men and women in the military when they enlisted. He went on to state that there is more of a disconnect now than ever in our history between our military and government as less of these men and women have had the unique training or experience gained by those who wear or have worn the uniform. Once a veteran always a veteran; that common core of values and brotherhood, and 'service before self' is what makes veterans an indispensable part of society long after they have left the service.

Cattlemens Meal Selections:

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

Friday, Sept. 19, 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, September 17**, 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."

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Roy Adkins**President's Corner****July Presidents message**

Compatriots,

I hope you are all having a great summer. Donna and I started things off with the 4th of July Parade. We were represented by David Beach, Kim and Karen Faulkinbury, Vince Gant, Ernie and Helen Garcia, Chris and Delany Hefler, Steve Rainville, Kara, Kai and Isaac Rex, Don and Donna Spradling. Thank you all for helping put a face on SARSAC. I would also like to thank Greenback Rentals who again provided a trailer at no cost. Special kudos to Ernie Garcia, David Beach and Donna Baca for joining me in walking the entire parade length. David Beach and I walked so that we could fire our muskets which were again, a real crowd pleaser. Donna Baca helped feed me ammo and water while Ernie Garcia brought up the rear. We could really use more participation in these activities. On that note, we will be having a special planning meeting August 9th

at the Cattleman's restaurant. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the Sacramento Chapter's direction next year. We have the need for greater participation in all areas especially officers, color guard and youth programs.

The Sacramento Chapter has reached a crossroads in regards to participation. It's no secret that we are all getting older and its getting difficult for a few to carry the work load for all. The Sacramento Chapter can boast that we have some of the best meeting programs, color guard and other programs compared to the other SAR Chapters in Northern California. But, while membership numbers remain constant, or increase slightly, our participation is dwindling to the point that we will have to start shutting down these programs if we cannot increase participation on some level. We currently have 22 confirmed attendees and 4 maybes. That's a good start but we have over 100 members so we need to increase that number somehow. As for those that are coming, please be prepared to help out on committees and with suggestions for the New Year. And please don't forget we are looking for officers too.

Hope to see you in August.

Russ Kaiser

President, SARSAC



Russ Kaiser, President

A big thank you to **Greenback Rentals** for providing the trailer for our participation in the Carmichael 4th of July Parade at no cost.

Sons of the American Revolution—Sacramento Chapter

Meeting Minutes June 20, 2014

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

President Kaiser gave the invocation. Ford Osborn led the membership in the Pledge of Allegiance, and Craig Anderson led the Pledge to the SAR.

President Kaiser recognized Past Presidents of the Sacramento Chapter and guests: Jim Faulkinbury, CASSAR President and Sacramento Chapter Past President 2005 and 2006 and his wife Karen; and 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. He recognized Ron Barker, CASSAR Vice President North and dual member of the Sacramento Chapter; Ford Osborn, past president of the Silicon Valley Chapter; Ernie Garcia, Chairman Activities; Craig Anderson, Chapter Secretary; Carl Alhberg, SAR Calling Committee Chairman; and Don Spradling, SAR Photographer.

President Kaiser recognized and welcomed DAR members present: Medora Allen from the Sacramento Chapter; Ann Taylor from the Sierra-Amador Chapter; Ruth Edmonson-Johnson, past Regent of the Sierra-Amador Chapter; and Susan Broderick, Regent of the Gen John Sutter Chapter.

President Kaiser introduced his guest, Donna Baca, as his fiancé. He introduced our guest speaker, Timothy Sandefur, Principal Attorney for the Pacific Legal Foundation, and prospective members Roger Kientz and William Randolph. He also introduced Courtney Mouser, granddaughter of Roy and Martha Adkins.

Evan Jonas was asked to come forward. CASSAR President Jim Faulkinbury presented him with the NSSAR Lamp-lighter Award for his contribution to the Center for American Heritage.

President Kaiser asked compatriot Roy Adkins to come forward. He presented Roy with the SAR Military Service Medal and certificate.

Don Littlefield and President Kaiser conducted the raffle. President Kaiser thanked those who brought gifts: Don and Donna Spradling, Don and Mary Ann Littlefield, Evan Jonas, Tal and Sue Norwood, Jim and Karen Faulkinbury, John and Aggie Vawter, Clair and Medora Allen, Craig and Sandy Anderson, Ruth Edmonson-Johnson, Doug and Wilma Cross.

President Kaiser thanked Mary Ann Littlefield for her assistance selling the raffle tickets, Don Littlefield for being the Cashier, Don Spradling for taking pictures and maintaining the flags, Carl Alhberg for chairing the Calling committee, and Neil Elvick for editing the newsletter. A motion to adjourn was made and seconded.

David Beach led the Recessional and President Kaiser gave the Benediction. The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 PM.



Craig Anderson

Respectfully Submitted

Craig Anderson, Chapter Secretary

Photos from the June 20th Regular Meeting

Photos by Don Spradling



Timothy Sandefur receives certificate of appreciation from President Russ Kaiser



**Evan Jonas receives
Lamplighter Award**



**Russ Kaiser, Evan Jonas and
Jim Faulkinbury**



Ellen and Ford Osborne



David Reid

Photos from the June 20th Regular Meeting

Photos by Don Spradling



Roy Adkins receives Military Service Medal from President Russ Kaiser



From left to right: granddaughter Courtney Mouser, Martha and Roy Adkins



David and Susan Broderick



Don Clark, Jim Faulkinbury, & Ernie Garcia



Harlan and Sidney Tougaw



Jim Faulkinbury, Jim Warrick & Russ Kaiser

Photos from the June 20th Regular Meeting

Photos by Don



Clair and Medora Allen



Tal and Sue Norwood



Vince Gantt



Ron Backer



Wanda and Don Cross

Los Californianos

The early Hispanic settlers of Alta California were called Californios or Californianos. The organization called Los Californianos was organized in 1968 by their descendants to preserve the Hispanic heritage of Alta California including history, music, culture and infrastructure and to help other descendants compile their Hispanic genealogy. The Spaniards began to settle in Alta California in the 1760's. By the 1770's Spain had begun to support the colonies in their struggle against Great Britain, so these members actively supported the American Revolution. Our member, Ernie Garcia, descends from these early settlers and is therefore a member of both Los Californianos and the SAR. On June 29 Los Californianos celebrated the 238th anniversary of the establishment of the Presidio in San Francisco by Captain Don Juan Bautista de Anza. The photos on this page are from that birthday celebration.



On the left Jim Faulkinbury is at the speakers podium addressing the group as a representative of the CASSAR.



William Islas as Captain Don Juan Bautista de Anza, who led the expedition that founded the Presidio and Mission Delores.



William Islas, Jim Faulkinbury & Ernie Garcia

Planning Meeting August 9



SAR 2015 Planning Meeting on August 9, 2014, from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm at Cattlemens, Rancho Cordova.



Mark your calendar now!

For the 140th Fall Board of Managers meeting
of the

California Society

Sons of the American Revolution

November 6th – 8th, 2014

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US 101 and next to the Petaluma River. Airline service is available via Alaska Airlines from
Los Angeles and San Diego to the Charles M. Schulz Airport in Santa Rosa.

Please Look for Your Registration form On-Line at www.CaliforniaSAR.org.

Coming Events

Sept. 19, 2014—Regular Meeting
7:00 PM at the Cattlemens Restaurant
Speaker Colonel Frasier Fortner USAF

August 9, 2014 - SAR 2015 Planning Meeting
10:00 AM to 12:00 PM
at Cattlemens, Rancho Cordova

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Managers meeting *of the* CASSAR.
Sheraton Sonoma County in Petaluma, CA

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