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Presidents Corner

Compatriots;

This year, we will be celebrating 243 years of independence. Since the 13 colonies claimed their independence from England on July 4, 1776 to George Washington crossing the Delaware River on the night of Dec. 25-26, 1776 to the July 1st, 1814 writing of Francis Scott Key's the "Defense of Fort McHenry" (The Star-Spangled Banner), we, at the SAR, have been celebrating, since April 30, 1889, our ancestors who had the fortitude, courage, drive and bravery to fight for this, our great Nation. In 1870, almost 100 years after the Declaration was written, Congress first declared July 4th to be the National Holiday celebrating our Independence.



The Sacramento Chapter of the SAR will be participating in the Carmichael Elks Carmichael 4th of July parade starting at Marconi and Fair Oaks Blvd at 10:00 am on Thursday, July 4th. I will be pulling the trailer with Barney, the Purple FJ, for the Sacramento Chapter of the SAR. I will arrive at the California Fitness Center at 6314 Fair Oaks Blvd, the parade staging area, at 8:30 am in order to decorate the trailer. If you plan on joining in on the fun and would like to participate in the ride in the parade, you can also park at the Elks Lodge at 5631 Cypress Ave., Carmichael, Ca. 95608. Jim Warrick as assured me that he will be running a shuttle to the staging area. I do hope to see as many as possible at the staging area.

Cattlemens Meal Selections:

Ribeye Steak \$30.

Sirloin Steak \$25.

Grilled Salmon \$25.

Teriyaki Chicken \$25.

Pesto Spinach/Cheese Ravioli \$25. (Vegan)

Next Meeting

Friday, September 20, 2019, 7:00PM

Cattlemens Restaurant

12409 Folsom Blvd, Rancho Cordova

Make a reservation and meal choice when a member of the telephone committee calls. Or, contact Chair Phil Noble at email phil7476@aol.com by noon on Thursday before the meeting.

Payment accepted at the door. We accept cash or personal checks. We do not accept credit cards.

Wives, guests, and visiting compatriots are always welcome.

Come and socialize at 6:00PM. The meeting will start promptly at 7:00PM

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

Photos courtesy of Don Spradling

Presidents Corner (Cont)

As a lot of you know, I had to have surgery on June 18th. I had to have a triple A, Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm, repair. That part of the surgery went well, however, upon removal of the tube from the right Femoral Artery, the Dr. inadvertently sliced the artery open, which meant emergency repair of the Femoral Artery. To make a long story short, the repair resulted in a Hematoma 1 1/8 in. long, 1 1/4 in. wide and 2 3/4 in. tall. In case you are wondering... That's not good. I still hurt quite a lot. Have a problem moving around but can get to where I want to go in a very slow fashion. I am doing better with every day that passes and expect to get better over time. Not 100% yet but will get there. So that's the report on me.

I truly hope that everyone has a GREAT 4th. And, thank you all again for entrusting me with this job.

Will Gunter

Flag Certificates

SAR Flag Certificates are presented to individuals or organizations who properly fly the American Flag. This last month, flag certificates were presented to SAR Compatriots, Rudy Rodriguez and Roy Adkins.



Rudy Rodriguez



Roy Adkins

Valley Forge Teacher Scholarship Award Program

Each year, the California Society SAR sponsors two 5th Grade, 8th Grade or High School American History Teachers from either public, private or parochial schools to attend Summer Graduate Teacher Workshops at Valley Forge. These workshops are presented by the Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge and they are closely related to the American Revolution. This year's workshop topic is Revolution and Rebellion, 1756 – 1794, and will feature field studies and tours of:

- Independence Hall & The Liberty Bell
- The Museum of the American Revolution
- The papers of the American Philosophical Society
- Historic Waynesboro & Fort Loudon
- Flight 93 Crash Site, Shanksville
- Fort Necessity & Gen Braddock's Grave
- Jumonville Glen Battle
- Fort Leggier & History of Local Native Americans
- Braddock's Battlefield Museum
- Fort Pitt & Fort Duquesne

The Sacramento Chapter is pleased to announce that applications from two teachers in our area have been approved to attend this event: **Ms. Milissa Wolking** a 5th grade teacher at Oak Chan School in Folsom and **Mr. Scott Steffans** an 8th grade teacher at St. Patrick's Academy in Sacramento.

Meeting Minutes

Members Only Meeting June 1, 2019

The Sacramento Chapter will host the 145th annual CASSAR meeting in April 2020. A planning meeting was held between 10AM and 12PM at Cattlemens Restaurant in Rancho Cordova. Members present were Doug Drake, David Paulson, Carl Ahlberg, Mike Hull, Roy Adkins, Ron Hollis, Terrence Conklin, Russ Kaiser, Mike Smith, Del Hanson, Eric Hanson, Chris Hanson, Phil Noble, Ernie Garcia, Jim Faulkinbury, George Brinlee, Will Gunter, Craig Anderson, Don Littlefield, David Beach, Tom Chilton, Neil Elvick, and Scott Brooks.



Meeting venues were discussed and Don Littlefield reviewed the various hotels that he visited. After a group discussion and Q&A session it was agreed that the chapter would recommend the Murieta Inn and Spa in Rancho Murieta. Craig Anderson reviewed the various tasks that needed be performed to put on a successful meeting and members volunteered for the various tasks:

Meeting Minutes (Cont)

Registration Committee:

Chairman: Craig Anderson

Members: Mike Hull and wife, Scott Brooks, Craig Anderson, Neil Elvick

Publicity/Printing/Souvenir Packet Committee

Chairman: Will Gunter

Members: Ron Hollis, Craig Anderson, Will Gunter, Scott Brooks, David Paulson

NSSAR Officers & CASSAR Officers Dinner Committee (Thursday Evening)

NSSAR Officers & CASSAR Officers and Opt-in Compatriots (Friday Evening)

Chairman: Vacant

Protocol Committee

Chairman: Russ Kaiser

Color Guard Committee

Chairman: Russ Kaiser

Public Service Committee

Chairmen: Del Hanson and Mike Hull

Members: Ernie Garcia

A motion was made and approved to move the chapter community awards meeting to March of 2020 so that Public Service Candidates for the CASSAR annual meeting could also be selected at the same time.

Youth Programs Committee

Chairman: Vacant

Members: Carl Ahlberg, Don Littlefield, Craig Anderson, Roy Adkins.

Hospitality Committee

Chairman: George Brinlee

LAUX Committee

Chairman: LAUX President Darien Taylor and Mary Ann Littlefield.

The meeting was adjourned at 12PM.

Additional volunteers are needed to fill open positions for the 2020 CASSAR Spring Meeting. . Please contact me (craigandersonsar@gmail.com) or Will Gunter (wgunter54@att.net) if you can help.

ROTC/ JROTC Program

SAR supports all programs that encourage historical research, foster true patriotism, and maintain and extend the institutions of American freedom. It strongly supports the United States ROTC and JROTC as exemplary programs of these ideals.

The National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution (SAR) awards the ROTC Medal to foster the principle of the “citizen-soldier,” exemplified by the Minutemen of Revolutionary War days. Our Chapter presents this award to ROTC or JROTC cadets who are selected for having a high degree of merit with respect to leadership qualities, military bearing, and general excellence. The recipients are selected by the Commanding Officer of each ROTC or JROTC unit, who has full latitude in making the selection.



In addition, cadets in these school programs may be recommended by their program leadership as candidates in the SAR Enhanced JROTC Program and compete for the chance to be awarded the SAR Chapter Outstanding Cadet award and the opportunity to compete in the state and national competition. To qualify, a cadet must be on the third year of a four year JROTC Program, be a high school Junior, be in the top 10% of his/ her JROTC class, be in the top 25% of his/ her high school class, submit an original essay with the topic ***“How JROTC has prepared me to be a better citizen of the United States of America”***, obtain the school principal’s recommendation and endorsement of the students GPA and class standing, and the Senior Military Instructor’s recommendation and comments of the Cadet’s leadership potential and the cadet’s JROTC Class Standing.

The Sacramento Chapter’s 2019 Program:

The successful candidate for the chapter’s Outstanding Cadet Award was Cadet Lt. Savannah Argo, a junior at Casa Robles High School in Carmichael, CA. Cadet Lt. Argo subsequently won the Outstanding award from the California Society SAR and received her award at the California Societies 2019 spring meeting in Ventura, CA in April.

In addition to the enhanced JROTC program during 2019, the Sacramento Chapter presented 13 Bronze JROTC medals to outstanding cadets in local high schools and three silver ROTC medals to cadets at the University of California Davis (1 Army and 1 USAF), and Sacramento State University (1 USAF).

Our chairman, Roy Adkins, has done an outstanding job managing this program with the help of volunteer presenters. This year, John Chiles, Joseph Arledge, Joe Moorhead, Russ Kaiser, Will Gunter, and Craig Anderson assisted Roy in these school presentations. Aside from the award presentations, Roy, David Paulson and other chapter members represented the chapter in special ROTC and JROTC events: Sacramento State USAF Ball; Sacramento State USAF Fall Commissioning; Sacramento State USAF Summer Commissioning; UC Davis Summer Commissioning; UC Davis ARMY Personal achievement Ribbons; UC Davis ARMY Ball Spring; and the JROTC Drill Team Competition.

ROTC/ JROTC Program Success Stories

During June 2019, Cameron Hoover, the Sacramento Chapter winner in 2014 at the Chapter, State, and National levels, graduated from the USAF Academy in Colorado Springs, CO, and placing in the top ten percent of his class, he will be entering flight training. Another Sacramento Outstanding Cadet, Cameron Castillo is currently attending the Military academy at West Point; he is scheduled to graduate in 2020.



2nd Lt. Cameron Hoover USAF



2nd Lt. Cameron Hoover USAF with CA Society Past President Jim Fosdyck

ROTC/ JROTC Program Success Stories (Cont.):

On June 21st Roy and Martha Adkins and Craig Anderson were invited to attend the Spring ROTC Commissioning Ceremony at Sacramento State University, Sacramento. We were introduced to the audience and the SAR was publically recognized for our support of the ROTC program. It was an inspiring ceremony to witness 25 ROTC Cadets receiving their gold bars and commissions as 2nd Lieutenants in the United States Air Force.

One of the cadets receiving their commissions was, 2nd Lt. Jorden Villar-Cayabyab. As a student at Vanden High School, in Fairfield, CA., he received the Sacramento Chapter's outstanding Cadet Award in March 2013, and the California Society State Award in April 2013. Jorden was also the recipient of the SAR Heroism Medal.



President Russ Kaiser, Jorden Villar-Cayabyab, Jim Faulkinbury, and Don Littlefield - 2013 Chapter Award.



Jim Fosdyck, Jorden Villar-Cayabyab, Mother Judy, Jim Faulkinbury, President Keith Bigbee. - 2013 State Award



Jorden Villar-Cayabyab receiving his Lt's bars from family members and his commission from Lt Col Kenneth Morse, California State University Sacramento - June 2019.



VETERANS RECOGNITION



Our ROTC/ JROTC chairman, Roy Adkins, has on display a collection of family military memorabilia in his home to honor the twenty-nine members of his family who served in our country's armed forces during the American Revolution, The Civil War, World War I, World War II, the Korean War, and the Vietnam War; they served in the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, and Air Force.

He displays artifacts from many of these service men such as uniforms that they wore, photographs, medals and awards, and newspaper clippings. Roy has stories of each family member who served including an uncle who was killed on Omaha Beach during the invasion of Normandy in 1944. There are twenty-nine stories on these walls, too many to relate in a short newsletter article, but Roy would be honored to share them with those who are interested.



A wall, honoring the service of his family



Roy's uniform from his US Army Service



Roy's Father's Uniform



Honoring Our Patriot Ancestors

William Bingham Meade

William Meade was born on August 22, 1762 in Fredrick Co. Virginia. He was a veteran of the Revolutionary War, serving two enlistments. He first enlisted for six months when he was about 14 years old, and then enlisted again in September 1778 serving until 1781 under Captain George Baker, Colonel Howard and Colonel Cleveland out of Wilkes County, North Carolina.

When he enlisted in the Revolutionary war, he enlisted under the name William Mead, but later changed the spelling of his last name, adding an (e) to the end of Mead. He wrote a letter stating there was another William Mead living in the area that was of poor moral character so, he added the (e) to the end of his name so as not to be confused with him.

He took part in the Battle of Cowpens, which was one of the defining battles of the Revolutionary War. He told of how General Morgan came around the camp the night before the battle, telling the men of his plans for combat with the British. During the battle, William received several wounds including a rib broken by a bayonet thrust, a skull fractured by a sword, and a leg badly wounded by a British horseman's cutlass. His fellow soldiers, thinking he was dead, took his coat and boots. He was removed to Gilbert Town, 20 miles from the battlefield, and he was in the hospital until September when he received his discharge signed by George Baker. He received both land bounty warrants and a pension in Logan County Virginia (now West Virginia).

William married Mildred Esther Davis in Wilkes County North Carolina. In about 1792, he moved his wife and children to the old Vancouver Settlement at the blockhouse at the forks of the Sandy, but after receiving a land bounty, he again moved with his family to Marrowbone Creek in Logan Co, Virginia (now West Virginia) around 1801. He also served his country as in the War of 1812 in the Bluebeard Company.

William died February 11, 1841, and is buried at middle Honey Branch Cemetery on Gennies Creek.

William Bingham Meade is the patriot ancestor of Sacramento Chapter Compatriot Roy Robert Adkins.

Editors Note: Patriot biographies, such as the one above, can be submitted to the national organization. They will be published online. They provide information for potential SAR applicants to find the information they need to find potential ancestors and to complete their SAR applications. The biographies should be about 500 words and submitted to the NSSAR at this web site: <https://sarpatriots.sar.org>

Coming Events

Special Members Only Meeting

Saturday August 17, 2019 at 10:00AM

Cattlemens Restaurant

12409 Folsom Blvd., Rancho Cordova

Next Dinner Meeting

September 20, 2019 7:00PM

Cattlemen's Restaurant

12409 Folsom Blvd., Rancho Cordova

144th CASSAR FALL BOARD OF MANAGERS MEETING
NOVEMBER 1 & 2, 2019
WYNDHAM HOTEL, ORANGE COUNTY, CA.

Registration and hotel reservation links can be found on the CASSAR Web Site at:

<https://www.californiasar.org/events/144bom/>

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