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June Presentation



Sacramento Chapter Color Guard Members

At the June meeting, members of the Sacramento Chapter Color Guard will wear period dress and demonstrate some of the activities in which they participate. It is hoped that more Chapter members will consider joining the Color Guard and actively participate in some of the community events in which they are involved such as President's Day, Memorial Day, 4th of July, Veterans Day, Wreaths Across America or some of the School Guard Classroom activities.

Color Guard members of from the Sacramento Chapter, the California State Society, and the National Color Guards seek to visibly promote the stated objectives of the SAR which are declared to be historical, patriotic and educational. Every time a SAR Color Guard member makes a public appearance, he is fulfilling all three objectives. In fact, the Color Guard is one of the most effective public relations tools available to the SAR.

It is hoped that by demonstrating some of the uniforms and the programs in which they participate, more members will consider joining the Sacramento Chapter Color Guard.

Cattlemens Meal Selections:

10 oz. Top Sirloin Steak	\$24.
Grilled Salmon	\$24.
Teriyaki Chicken	\$24.
Pesto Spinach/Cheese Ravioli	\$24.

Next meeting
June 15, 2012, 7:00 PM at

Cattlemens Restaurant

12409 Folsom Blvd., Rancho Cordova

If the telephone committee has not taken your menu selection(s) by **Monday evening, June 11**, please call Don Littlefield at **(916) 985-6544** with your reservations by noon on Tuesday.

Payments are guaranteed for each reservation made.

Wives, guests and visiting compatriots are always welcome.

Officers for 2012**Tom Chilton**
President**Russ Kaiser**
Vice President - Programs**Craig Anderson**
Secretary**Ron Carello**
Registrar**Jim Faulkinbury**
Color Guard Commander
Genealogist**Vince Gantt**
Youth Programs**Ernie Garcia**
Vice President - Activities
Law Enforcement Program**Jeff Goodwin**
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Tom Chilton
Ernie Garcia
Ed Heidig
Don Littlefield
Bob Schroeder
Dennis Sperry

President's Corner

Dear Compatriots and friends,

We recently learned that the Buggy Whip Restaurant had filed for bankruptcy, and has closed its doors. This is a sad time, as we have met at the Buggy Whip since June 2000. Prior to that date, we had been meeting at the Palomino Room. We learned on the Sunday before the June 2000 meeting that the Palomino Room was closing. I was President at that time, and I vividly remember trying to find a new venue on such short notice. Finding a venue as convenient as the Buggy Whip is going to be difficult.

We have selected the Cattlemens Restaurant, located east of Rancho Cordova at 12409 Folsom Blvd., for our June meeting. Will this be our permanent new home? We will ask our members how they feel about this venue when we meet on June 15th. Your officers are investigating other possible venues, and will report their findings at the meeting. Please plan to attend and share your thoughts as to where you would like to hold our meetings in the future. If you cannot attend this meeting, but have ideas about a different/better venue, please call or write to me with your ideas.

The program for this month will feature our Color Guard. Its members will be attending in uniform, and some will present the vignettes they perform during their living history programs for the local fifth grade students. There will be a discussion, and information on how you might create a uniform honoring your patriot ancestor, and/or a more generic uniform that you could wear for parades, etc. I encourage all of our Sacramento members to attend this meeting, and see how you might be able to participate in the Color Guard activities. And, by the way, we encourage our ladies to participate as well. Many of our ladies have joined us in parades, and other patriotic events. I remember my first parade as a member of the Sacramento Chapter. Chuck Highbaugh and I rented uniforms, and marched with the Butte County SAR Chapter in the 4th of July parade held in Chester (CA). We also rented a uniform for our grandson (Steven), who was nine years old at the time. We had a great time, and realized how important it was to demonstrate our patriotism on that special day. Shortly after, we met with other members of the chapter at Chuck and Dee's home, and agreed to form our present day Color Guard. Unfortunately age has taken its toll on the Color Guard, and we now need an infusion of new blood. Please come and join us.

Thursday, June 14th is Flag Day. Don't forget to fly your flag. And, Father's Day is Sunday, June 17th. Don't forget to tell your father how much you love him!

I look forward to seeing you at 7:00 PM, on June 15th, at the Cattlemens Restaurant.

Yours in patriotic service,
Tom



Change in June Meeting Venue



Cattlemens Restaurant

You can trust us 'cause here in the West, a cattleman is only as good as his word

Cattlemens is a casual, western-themed steakhouse chain. Founded in 1968 by a father-son team with decades of experience in the cattle business, eight locations now serve California. Still family-owned and operated, each location follows the "Cattlemens Code," offering the feel and flavor of the old west, aged and hand-cut beef, the finest ingredients, and old-fashioned Western hospitality. Serving generous portions and all-natural Harris Ranch beef, Cattlemens is always in good taste.



Directions to Cattlemens

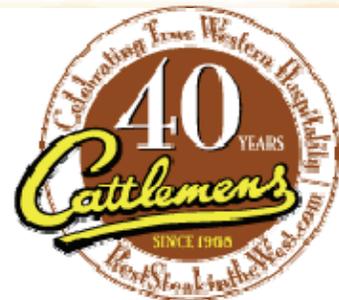
12409 Folsom Blvd., Rancho Cordova

Coming from Sacramento eastbound on Highway 50:

Follow eastbound Highway 50 to Hazel Avenue exit. Turn right onto Hazel Avenue and take an immediate left onto Folsom Boulevard. Take a left into the **Nimbus Winery complex**. Follow the signs in the Nimbus parking lot to the **Cattlemens Restaurant** and parking lot.

Coming from Folsom, El Dorado Hills on westbound Highway 50:

Westbound on 50 to the Hazel Avenue exit. Turn left onto Hazel Avenue and continue over the highway overpass. Turn left onto Folsom Boulevard and take the first or second entrance into the **Nimbus Winery Complex**. Follow the signs in the Nimbus parking lot to the Cattlemens Restaurant and parking lot.

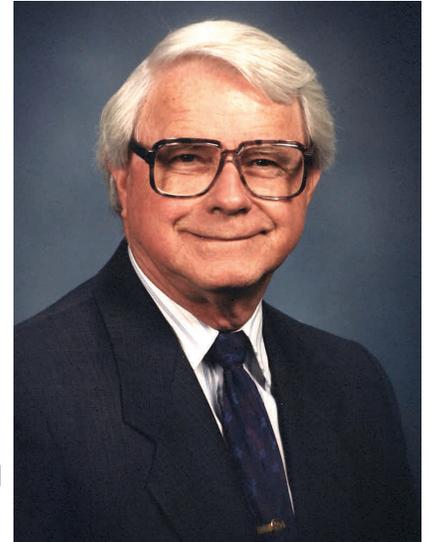


In Memoriam

ELTWEED GEORGE POMEROY

Eltweed George Pomeroy passed away on April 11, 2012. Born in Sacramento, California, Eltweed was an 80-year resident of Sacramento, graduating from Sacramento High School in 1941. He was an Eagle Scout, and spent his summers while in high school as a Boy Scout Camp Counselor.

Eltweed joined the United States Navy Reserve in October 1942, while attending Sacramento Junior College. He graduated from Sacramento City College in 1943, and was called to active duty as an Apprentice Seaman in the V12 College Program at the University of Texas, on July 1, 1943. After training at Davisville, R.I., he was commissioned an Ensign, Civil Engineer Corps, USNR in September 1944. He joined the 34th Special USNCB (Seabees) in January 1945, and went to Hawaii and later to Guam in May 1945. His unit was disbanded in November 1945, and he was transferred to Saipan. He returned to San Francisco in May 1946, where he was discharged from active duty. He retired from the USNR Civil Engineering Corps in June 1983, with the rank of Lieutenant Commander.



After discharge from the Navy, Eltweed enrolled at the University of Texas, and graduated in June 1947, with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Civil Engineering. He fondly remembered the summer of 1947, when he toured the National Parks of the US and Canada with his Navy buddies in a 1939 La Salle Convertible before settling down to a career and family. He was married to Carolyn Christian Pomeroy for 55 years, and they had two children, Kathrine and Douglas. After Carolyn was confined to a nursing home, he met his good friend Barbara Land, at a 55-year reunion of Sacramento High School and they often attended SAR meetings together.

After graduating from the University of Texas, Eltweed accepted a position with CALTRANS, where he worked for 41 years before retiring in August 1988. His was primarily responsible for designing bridges, which were built all over the state of California. He was also responsible for designing earthquake retrofits for many of California's bridges. His hobby was stamp collecting.

Eltweed's application to join the Sons of the American Revolution was approved on February 28, 1989. He served as the Chapter **Secretary** from March 1991 thru December 1995, and again from March 1998 thru September 1998. He was awarded the **Meritorious Service Medal** (both **Chapter** and **State**) in 1994, and the **Bronze Good Citizenship Medal** in 1996. He was an Eagle Scout, and was chairman of the **Eagle Scout Program** for several years. Eltweed's patriot ancestor, Nathaniel Pomeroy, was a Captain in General Spencer's Regiment, where he served in 1776, 1777, and 1778. Eltweed was named for his immigrant ancestor Eltweed Pomeroy of Beaminster County, Dorset, England, who immigrated to American on the ship Mary and John in 1630, settling in what was to become Dorchester, Massachusetts. Eltweed's patriot ancestor was already a fifth generation American.

His two children, Kathrine and Douglas, and grandson, Kevin, survive Eltweed. His wife, Carolyn Pomeroy, who passed away on July 17, 2007, predeceased him. Services were held at the First United Methodist Church on May 26, 2012.

Photos from Memorial Day Events



Russ Kaiser, Jim Faulkinbury, Vince Gantt at Sylvan Cemetery, Citrus Heights ,CA



Jim Faulkinbury, George Marks (WWII Veteran), Russ Kaiser



John Humphrey, Secretary and Jeff Sylvan, Delta Chapter President; at San Joaquin Valley National Cemetery with Don Littlefield (taking photo), Sacramento Chapter

New Member

James Leroy Anderson

Jim Anderson was born in Berkeley, CA and raised in Santa Rosa and Castro Valley. He attended Castro Valley High school where he met his future wife, Joni. He graduated from San Jose State University with a degree in criminal justice administration. Jim and Joni live in Shingle Springs, CA. They have two daughters, a son, and four grandchildren.

A professional law enforcement officer, Jim began his career in Santa Clara Police Department, moved to the California DOJ, and later returned to local law enforcement. He retired as a Chief of Police. Jim and Joni moved to Carson City, NV, where Jim was employed by the State of Nevada as the Bureau Chief of the state's basic law enforcement training academy.

Jim's served with the US Army. After active duty, he continued with the California Army National Guard and US Army Reserves. He retired as a Lieutenant Colonel after 32 years. Post retirement included deployments to Iraq and the Republic of Georgia as a law enforcement consultant to the US Department of Justice.

Jim's hobbies include aviation, SCUBA diving and genealogy. He is a mission pilot with the Nevada Wing of the Civil Air Patrol. He presently is the squadron commander of the Blackhawk Composite Squadron, with responsibilities that include search and rescue.

Jim's application to join the Sons of the American Revolution was approved on March 23, 2012. His patriot ancestor, Jesse Plummer, was a Patriot, signing the Association Test as reported to the Committee of Safety for New Hampshire on June 29, 1776.



Jim Anderson

CASSAR Meritorious Service Award

Keith Bigbee, President of the California Society, attended the May meeting and is seen here with Don Littlefield who was awarded the SAR Meritorious Service Oak Leaf Cluster at the CASSAR Spring Meeting for Don's efforts as chair of the CASSAR Wreaths Across America Program in 2010 and 2011. Don continues as the CASSAR WAA chairman for 2012.



CASSAR President Keith Bigbee and Don Littlefield

Meeting Minutes

May 18, 2012

President Tom Chilton called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Hal Lawson gave the invocation.

President Chilton called for a moment of silence in memory of the passing of Compatriot Eltweed Pomeroy, who passed away on April 11, 2012, and Anne Lampman, who passed away May 11, 2012.

Vice President Russ Kaiser sounded eight bells on the chapter bell, signifying "End of Watch" in honor of our departed compatriot.

Ron Hollis led the membership in the Pledge of Allegiance, and George Taylor led the Pledge to the SAR.

President Chilton recognized past and current presidents of the SAR: Keith Bigbee President of the CASSAR and Past President of the Gold Country Chapter, and his wife Cyndy; Jim Faulkinbury, CASSAR Vice President – North and Sacramento Chapter past president in 2005 and 2006 and his wife Karen; Don Littlefield, past president 2010 and 2011; Jeff Sylvan, president of the Delta Chapter, and his wife Ursula; and Jim Young, past president of the Mother Lode Chapter 2010 and 2011, and current registrar.

President Chilton recognized that the DAR has been a strong supporter of the SAR. DAR members present from the Sacramento Chapter included Medora Allen, Beth Hulse, Marilyn Chilton, and Ginger DeGregory, past Regent, and her husband Fred. DAR members present from the Sierra Amador Chapter included Lee Lawson, and Ann Taylor.

President Chilton welcomed the guests for the evening: speaker, Rex Ruth and his wife Janna, Carl Ahlberg, Mark Middleton, Sonny Stormes, Ramon Gomez and his wife Tammy, and Lee and Terese Ruth.

Past President Don Littlefield was asked to come forward. CASSAR President Keith Bigbee presented Don with the CASSAR Meritorious Service Oak Leaf Cluster for his service as Chairman of the Wreaths Across America Committee for the CASSAR.

CASSAR President Keith Bigbee was asked to say a few words: he announced that CASSAR Membership was up, and it is currently at 1500 members. He also announced that he was supporting the use of a new membership packet that has been developed to help welcome our new members. We should be hearing more about this soon.

Jim Faulkinbury presented a historical overview of the Taunton and Rhode Island flags.

Jim also announced that membership in the Sacramento Chapter's color guard has been decreasing over the years, and the color guard needs additional volunteers to strengthen its ranks to be able to maintain its presence in community patriotic events and school presentations. He asked members to consider volunteering for this worthy activity.

Jim announced that the Sacramento Chapter would be hosting the 2014 CASSAR Spring Meeting. He asked for volunteers to serve on the planning committee for this meeting. A sign-up sheet was circulated to gather names of interested members.

Our new member, Jim Anderson, was asked to come forward. Registrar Ron Carello introduced Jim and read his biography. President Chilton administered the SAR oath and presented Jim with his membership certificate; Ron Carello pinned on the SAR Rosette. Jim Anderson thanked the chapter members for helping him become a member of the SAR. All of the Chapter members came forward for the customary welcoming.

President Chilton also announced that Tom Tinney is quite ill and Ernie Garcia is recovering from surgery.

Vice President Russ Kaiser introduced the guest speaker for the evening, Rex Ruth. Mr. Ruth assumed the character of Samuel Adams in his presentation. He gave an excellent portrayal of Samuel Adams as a member of the Massachusetts State Assembly agreeing to ratify the United States Constitution but insisting on the inclusion of "The Bill of Rights" to protect the personal freedoms of all Americans. Following the presentation, President Chilton presented Rex Ruth with the SAR Certificate of Appreciation and the SAR Liberty Bell.

Vice President Russ Kaiser announced that there was no speaker scheduled during the June meeting; instead, the Sacramento Chapter Color Guard will appear in uniform to post the Colors for the meeting and perform some of the short historical presentations that they typically give at school appearances.

Vice President Russ Kaiser also reminded the membership about the Sacramento Chapter's Annual Award Luncheon on Saturday, October 13, 2012, at the Sacramento Yacht Club. During this event, the chapter will recognize outstanding people who serve our community.

Marilyn Chilton conducted the drawing. Those donating gifts were Tom and Marilyn Chilton, Don and Mary Ann Littlefield, Jim and Karen Faulkinbury, George and Ann Taylor, Jeff and Ursula Sylvan, Vince and Jeni Gantt, Don and Donna Spradling, Ginger and Fred DeGregory, Harlan and Sidney Ann Tougaw, Robert Schroeder, and Craig and Sandy Anderson.

President Chilton thanked Marilyn Chilton for her assistance with the raffle, Don Spradling for taking pictures, Vince and Jeni Gantt for handling the door collections, and Don Littlefield for editing the newsletter. He then asked for a motion to adjourn. The motion was made and seconded. Ron Proffer led the Recessional. Hal Lawson gave the Benediction.

The members then sang "God Bless America" after which the meeting was adjourned at 9:16 PM.

Craig, Anderson,
Secretary

Children of the American Revolution

Mother Lode and Sacramento SAR Chapters Give Musket Firing Demo for two Local C.A.R.

On Sunday, April 22, at the El Dorado Rod & Gun Club Range Tom Chilton, Sacramento Chapter SAR President, and Bob Conover, Mother Lode Chapter President put on a Musket Fire Demonstration for two Local C.A.R. Societies - the Sacramento C.A.R. Society, based in El Dorado County, and the Hiram C. Meek C.A.R. Society, based in Amador County. Over 30 people attended, including 20 children.



C.A.R. Sr. Officers attending were: Jeannette Barrett, President Sacramento C.A.R. Society/DAR; Laura Clark, Hiram C. Meeks C.A.R. Society/DAR. Other C.A.R./DAR guests were Ruth Johnson, DAR Sierra Amador Chapter, and Sabine Hall, DAR El Dorado Chapter. Besides Chilton, Conover and Douglas, other SAR members attending were: Jim Young, Jim Malinovsky, Sam Bradley, Tom Adams & Matt Adams.



As an adjunct to the black powder firing of muskets from the Revolutionary War period, Tommy Douglas of the Mother Lode Chapter, and Tom Chilton, of the Sacramento Chapter, gave enlightened presentations to the young people on the military uniforms of time. Both men were dressed in period uniforms.

Tom Chilton, in a Massachusetts Unit uniform explains in detail the items a Continental Soldier might have in his possession.

Once the basics were presented to the young people, the musket firing commenced!

In the end, the event was heralded as a great session, by the C.A.R. children, their attending parents and of course, the musket firing Compatriots!





Rex Ruth as Samuel Adams



CASSAR President Keith and First Lady Cyndy Bigbee



George and Anne Taylor and their 'dog in training'



Elizabeth Hulse, Medora and Clair Allen

May Meeting Photos



CASSAR President Keith Bigbee



Vince Gantt, Youth Programs Chairman

Plan now to attend the fourth annual

SAR
Sacramento Chapter
Community Awards
Banquet

Saturday, October 13, 2012

Sacramento
Yacht Club

3365 South River Road
 West Sacramento, CA
12:00 PM Cocktails
1:00 PM Dinner
 Black tie optional



Past President Don Littlefield

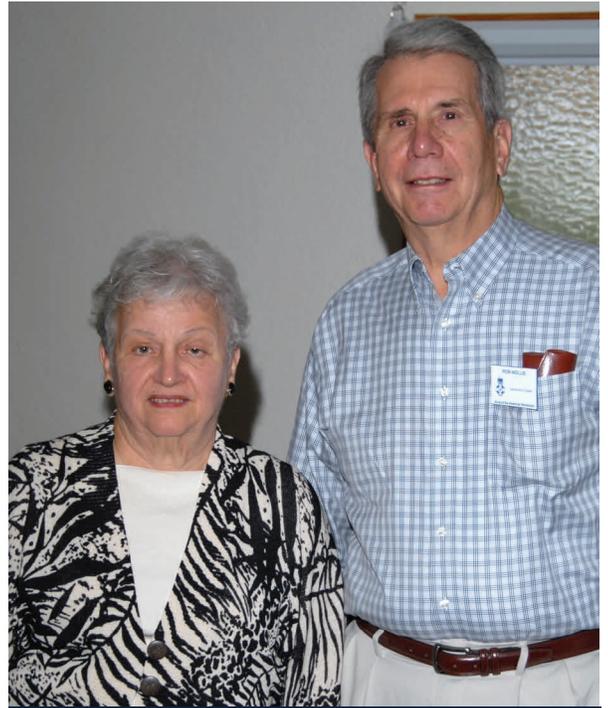


Janna and Rex Ruth (portraying Samuel Adams)

May Meeting Photos



Russ and Christie Kaiser



Luann and Ron Hollis



Sonny Stormes, Tammy and Ramon Gomez



President Tom Chilton, Jim Anderson, and Ron Carello



President Tom Chilton and Rex Ruth as Samuel Adams

Coming Events

10:00 AM, Wednesday, July 4, 2012

The Sacramento Chapter Color Guard will march in the Carmichael Elk's 4th of July Parade

Flag Day, Thursday, June 14, 2012

7:00 PM Friday, September 21, 2012 — Dinner Meeting

Speaker and venue to be announced

12:00 PM Saturday, October 13, 2012 — Annual Awards Banquet

Sacramento Yacht Club, 3365 South River Rd, West Sacramento

Veteran's Day Monday, November 12, 2012

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