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June's Program

Richard N. "Dick" Noonan is Manager of Railroad Operations for the Sacramento Southern Railroad, California State Railroad Museum. He joined the Museum as a Docent in November 1981, and was a member of the original railroad crew, which began operation in June 1984. He is a Steam Locomotive Fireman, Locomotive Engineer- Diesel Service, Brakeman, and Trainmaster.

Dick spent over 30 years in law enforcement serving in the San Diego Police Department from 1959 to 1964, and later in the California Highway Patrol from 1964 through 1993 where he was an Officer, Sergeant, Lieutenant, Captain, and Assistant Chief.

Dick holds a Bachelor of Science Degree in Business Management from California State University, San Diego, with graduate work in Public Administration from California State University, Sacramento.

Dick and his wife, Sara, live in Elk Grove. The title of his presentation is "American Attitudes about the Railroad" from the 1820's through 1890.



Cattlemens Meal Selections:

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

Next meeting

Friday, June 21, 2013, 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, June 19**, please call Carl Ahlberg at **(916) 624-3917** 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." Wives, guests and visiting compatriots are always encouraged and welcome.

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Don Littlefield

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Treasurer, and Webmaster

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Ron Carello

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President's Corner

Fellow Compatriots,

June has come in "hot and heavy" as they say. I hope you are all taking care of yourselves. As for me, I'm an example of what happens when you don't. I ended up back in the hospital with kidney stones for no reason other than I did not hydrate myself. According to the scanner technician, the hospital had a real run of stones over the weekend so please, remember your water.

This month's program promises to be fantastic. The speaker will be Dick Noonan from The California State Railroad Museum. This is the last meeting for a while so I look forward to seeing you all there before the summer break.

We had a great showing at the Memorial Day program. Vince Gantt, Tom Chilton, Ernie Garcia, Jim Faulkinbury, David Beach, and I were able to attend and represent the Sacramento Chapter and the Color Guard. There were quite a few in attendance. Thank you Color Guard, and especially Jim Faulkinbury, for keeping us all in line, so to speak.

We were pleasantly surprised to receive a check for \$500.00 from **Health Net Foundation** for their "**Heart & Soul Donation**". We would like to thank who ever made this possible. Please contact Don Littlefield or me, as we would like to learn more about how to apply for this program in the future.

Friday, June 14th, is Flag Day. Don't forget to fly your flag that day.

As many of you know, my wife Christie passed away in late May. She lost her fight with cancer and is now at peace. I would like to personally thank all of the folks who attended her services, and sent emails and cards. Your support is greatly appreciated. One of the things I value being a member of this organization, and especially the Sacramento group, is the comradery and support we all show for each other. Christie was quite fond of all of you as well. Thank you once again.

Russ Kaiser



Obituary - Christie Kaiser

Christie, wife of Sacramento Chapter's President Russ Kaiser, passed away peacefully on Wednesday, May 29, 2013, after a long struggle with colon cancer. Christie was a petite woman, full of life, who was always kind, fun-loving and spirited. She worked as a supervisor for the State of California for more than 36 years. She was involved with the development of West Sacramento, and served on several commissions. Christie loved boating and took many trips to the Delta and San Francisco Bay. She was a member of the Sacramento Yacht Club, Riverview Yacht Club, U.S. Power Squadrons, and Christmas Promise.

Christie was a giver her whole life. She respected and inspired those around her to be their best. She was a true role model in her efforts, and in her death through the reflection of her courage, her integrity, and her love.

Christie is survived by Russ Kaiser, her husband of 35 years, foster sons Sean and Jon Estle, mother Helen Korbmaker, sisters Cindy (Korbmaker) Connitt and Kelli (Korbmaker) Chairez, and brother Ted Korbmaker. She leaves behind many loving nieces and nephews. Christie is preceded in death by her brother Theodore Korbmaker, and her father Chris Korbmaker. A rosary was said for Christie on Sunday, June 2nd, and a Catholic Mass was served on Monday, June 3rd, followed by her internment at Saint Mary's Catholic Cemetery. A celebration of her life was held after her internment at the Sacramento Yacht Club. Donations may be made in her name to the Sacramento SPCA.



Christie M. (Korbmaker) KAISER
1952 - 2013

When Russ joined our chapter in 2010, he and Christie immediately started helping with chapter activities. They carried the majority of the responsibilities in both the 2011 and 2012 Community Awards Banquets. They made it possible to hold these banquets at the Sacramento Yacht Club. Christie arranged for at least one on the speakers, arranged the table seating, and many of the other details. When Russ took over as President, Christie stepped up as the President's wife, conducting the opportunity drawing, and helping elsewhere as needed. **We will miss you, Christie!**

Minutes - May 2013 Meeting

by Craig Anderson

Past President Jim Faulkinbury called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Jeff Goodwin gave the invocation. Neil Elvick led the membership in the Pledge of Allegiance, and Ron Carrello led the Pledge to the SAR.

Past President Faulkinbury recognized past and current presidents of the SAR and guests: Jeff Goodwin, CASSAR Chancellor and Sacramento Past President 2009, and his wife, Mary Ann; Tom Chilton, Sacramento Chapter Past President in 2000, 2001, 2002, 2004, and 2012, and his wife, Marilyn.

Past President Faulkinbury recognized and welcomed DAR members present: Medora Allen and Marilyn Chilton from the Sacramento Chapter, and Susan Brookings, Vice-Regent of the Gold Trail Chapter.

Other guests recognized were Al and Carol Howenstein, our guest speakers from the Governors Mansion Foundation, Evan Jonas, our newest member, prospective member Tal Norwood and his wife, Sue, and our Chapter Poster Contest winner, Amaan Mohammed with his parents Abid and Farida, and brother, Faizaan.

Amaan Mohammed was asked to come forward. Amaan was the winner of the Sacramento Chapter's 5th Grade Poster Contest, and his entry also won 2nd place in the CASSAR competition. On behalf of the Sacramento Chapter, Past President Tom Chilton presented Amaan with a certificate and a check for \$50.00, and on behalf of the CASSAR, Executive Vice President Jim Faulkinbury presented Amaan with a check for \$150.00.

Jim Faulkinbury presented a historical overview of the 1st Pennsylvania Rifles and Rhode Island Flags.

Our new member, Evan Jonas, was asked to come forward. Registrar Ron Carello introduced him and read his biography. Past President Faulkinbury administered the SAR oath and presented him with his membership certificate; Registrar Carello pinned the SAR Rosette on him. All members came forward to offer the customary welcoming handshake.

Past President Faulkinbury made some announcements regarding our membership: Christie Kaiser, wife of our Chapter President, Russ Kaiser, is seriously ill fighting cancer and is now receiving hospice care; Don Littlefield has undergone a major surgery this week; Jim Anderson had a motorcycle accident and broke 5 ribs, one puncturing a lung. He sounds good, but is sore. He thinks it is time to give up the motorcycle. Rudy Rodriguez fell off a ladder and has a badly broken foot which will probably take 3 to 6 months for full recovery.

He also announced that the CASSAR Secretary is taking the names of those who are planning on attending the National Congress in Kansas City, MO, to prepare their delegate cards. The National Congress will be held on July 5th – 10th. Based on the number of members in the California Society, we are authorized 33 delegates to the Congress and rarely have anywhere near that number, so if you are interested in attending and registering for the Congress, please let me [Craig] know so we can get you a delegate card before the deadline of June 1st. Delegates to the Congress may be able to write off their expenses (travel, hotel and registration) as charitable deductions since we are a 501c3 organization. Consult your tax advisor for more information. In addition to seeing how issues are addressed at the



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Minutes - April 2013 Meeting

by Craig Anderson

National level, there are several optional tours available during the Congress including the Truman Library. The host society reception will be held in the National World War I Museum.

Memorial Day is coming up on May 27th. Some members of the Sacramento Chapter Color Guard will be participating in a ceremony at the Sylvan Cemetery at 10:30 AM with members of American Legion Post 637 and the Sons of the Union Veterans. The cemetery is located in Citrus Heights at 7401 Auburn Blvd. Anyone interested in attending this ceremony is encouraged to attend. If you aren't able to attend any Memorial Day ceremonies, please take some time to remember our veterans whose sacrifices have maintained the freedoms we enjoy. Finally, due to the situation with Christie Kaiser, the Color Guard event at the Sacramento Yacht Club on May 18th has been cancelled.

After dinner, Past President Faulkinbury introduced the guest speakers for the evening, Al and Carol Howenstein. Al and Carol are docents from the California State Historic Governors' Mansion, and they presented a shortened version "Mansion Memories", a series of short soliloquies spoken by the historical occupants of the Governor's Mansion. Past President Faulkinbury thanked Al and Carol for a very interesting presentation and presented them with SAR Certificates of Appreciation and a Liberty Bell.

Past President Faulkinbury announced that the speaker for the October Law Enforcement Recognition Meeting on October 18th would be Igor Birman, Congressman Tom McClintock's Chief of Staff. Karen Faulkinbury conducted the drawing. Those donating gifts were Clair and Medora Allen, Craig and Sandy Anderson, Don and Donna Spradling, Marilyn and Tom Chilton, Neil and Helen Zinn, Alan and Susan Brooking, Doug and Wilma Cross, Helen and Ernest Garcia, and Jim and Karen Faulkinbury.

Past President Faulkinbury thanked Karen for her assistance with the raffle, Don Spradling for taking pictures and maintaining the flags, and Tom Chilton for editing the newsletter. A motion to adjourn was made and seconded.

Ernie Garcia led the Recessional; Jeff Goodwin gave the Benediction. The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 PM.

Respectfully Submitted

Craig Anderson, Chapter Secretary

New Member Evan Griffin Jonas

Evan Griffin Jonas was sworn in as a new member of the Sacramento Chapter on Friday, May 17, 2013. His application to join the Sons of the American Revolution was approved on March 21, 2013. His patriot ancestor, Matthew Jacqueline Eggleston, was a member of Call's Calvary.



2013 ROTC Program Final Report

The Sacramento Chapter's 2013 ROTC program is now complete. We have presented thirteen (13) Bronze Medals to qualified and deserving high school JROTC cadets, and two (2) Silver Medals to qualified and deserving college ROTC cadets. The selection as to who is to receive our medals is made by the commanding officer at each high school or college. Those receiving medals were:

<u>School:</u>	<u>Recipient:</u>	<u>Presenter:</u>
Armijo High School	Jonathan Herrera	Zach Amis
Burbank High School	James Singh	Tom Chilton
Casa Robles High School	Joshua Riehle	Ernie Garcia
Del Campo High School	Roderick Q. Nappier	Tom Chilton
Fairfield High School	Andres Castillo	Tom Chilton
Highlands High School	Devin Dodson	Don Clark
Hiram Johnson High School	Ricardo Gonzalez	Jim Faulkinbury
Kennedy High School	Maria Garcia	Russ Kaiser
McClatchy High School	Estevan Coronado	David Beach
Pacific High School	Matthew Algers	Tom Chilton
Rio Linda High School	Jeramiah Chadwick	Tom Chilton
Valley High School	Francisco J. Bizarron	Tom Chilton
Vanden High School	Michael Harris-Salinas	
Sacramento State University	Brian Robison	Ted Robinson
University of California at Davis	Grant Steven Strem	Tom Chilton

Each medal and the accompanying certificate were mailed to each school prior to the awards ceremony. Members of the Sacramento Chapter who represented our Chapter and made the presentations included: Zach Amis, David Beach, Don Clark, Jim Faulkinbury, Ernie Garcia, Russ Kaiser, Ted Robinson, and myself. I want to thank these members for helping with this very important program. We did something a little different this year. Every medal was engraved with the recipient's name and the date of the ceremony. I feel that this was \$75.00 well spent. I want to thank Robert at **Champion Awards** in Rancho Cordova for helping us to make this possible.

The costs for the 2013 ROTC Program are as follows:

13 bronze medals & certificates	\$182.00
2 silver medals & certificates	\$28.00
Engrave 15 medals	\$75.00
Postage to schools	\$38.72
15 Presentation folders	<u>\$15.00</u>

Total \$338.72

This is a very important program, and our chapter funds were well spent.

Tom Chilton
ROTC Chairman



Don Clark presented the ROTC Medal at the Highlands High School Awards ceremony.
Photo by Mary Ann Allen

Photos from the May 2013 Meeting

Photos by Don Spradling



CASSAR Exec-VP Jim Faulkinbury presents Al and Carol Howenstein with the NSSAR Certificate of Appreciation



CASSAR Exec-VP Jim Faulkinbury, Evan Jonas, and Sacramento Chapter Registrar Ron Carello.



Sheri and Ron Carello



Alan and Susan Brookings

2013 Americanism Poster Contest

Final Report

The Sacramento Chapter's 2013 Americanism Poster Contest is now complete. We presented the program to nine fifth grade classes in three elementary schools in the greater Sacramento area. We had 161 entries from these 9 classes. Our chapter winner, Aaman Mohammed, placed second in the CASSAR contest, and was awarded the second place ribbon and a check for \$150.00 during our May chapter meeting, in addition to a check for \$50 for winning the Sacramento Chapter's contest..

We did several things differently for this year's contest. Every child that participated that did not place first, second, or third in his or her class received a **Certificate of Merit**. Those placing first, second, or third in their class received a certificate, and a cash prize. First place was awarded \$25.00, second place was awarded \$15.00, and third place was awarded \$10.00. The overall winner was awarded an additional \$50.00. In our **School Guard** programs we tell the students how quickly paper money lost its value during the time of the American Revolution, and how everyone wanted coin instead of paper money. To emphasize this, we gave all of our winners one-dollar coins instead of checks or paper money. The coins were put in cloth bags, replicating how they might have kept their money at the time of the Revolution. As last year, we gave each teacher whose class participated a \$50.00 gift card from Office Depot to help him or her in supplementing their school supplies.

Those helping with this program included Don Littlefield, Russ Kaiser, and myself. I would also like to thank Jim Young and Tom Douglas from the Mother Lode Chapter for their assistance. The winners were:

Sandra Gallardo School

Mr. Brown's class

- 1st – Ben Dillard
- 2nd – Courtney Aitken
- 3rd – Audrey Salvador

Green Valley School

Mrs. Manley's class

- 1st – Bailey Day
- 2nd – Makayla Iden
- 3rd – Lea Thomas

Isador Cohen School

Mrs. Hubble's class

- 1st – Donovan Wells
- 2nd – Chris Chavez
- 3rd – Tae'Shanay Z. Wortman

Mr. Kobitz's class

- 1st – Annika Kinsey
- 2nd – Paiton Cain
- 3rd – Grace Chong

Mrs. Ray's class

- 1st – Heidi Hunter
- 2nd – Kendra Figgins
- 3rd – Madison Mueller

Mrs. Gilbert's class

- 1st – Amaan Mohammed
- 2nd – Hallie Eichner
- 3rd – Rebecca Nedwick

Mrs. Glaister's class

- 1st – Kira Hernandez
- 2nd – Emma Hanf
- 3rd – Brielle Harris

Mrs. Smith's & Mrs. Yost's class

- 1st – Praveen Gunndran
- 2nd – Allie Hakes

Mrs. Carpenter's class

- 1st – Devin Coan
- 2nd – Laura Carlson
- 3rd – Avalon Hoirup

The costs for the 2013 Americanism Poster Contest are as follows

Poster board (400 sheets)	\$175.96
Print certificates (161)	63.67
Student awards	490.00
Teacher Gift Cards	450.00
Cotton bags	29.19
Total -	\$1208.92



**This year's winning poster by
Amaan Mohammed.**

While this is a rather expensive program, the Sacramento Chapter's name is known in 161 new homes. The students were all very responsive, and the teachers were very appreciative of this modest financial help.

Tom Chilton, Americanism Poster Contest Chairman

American Poster Contest Winner

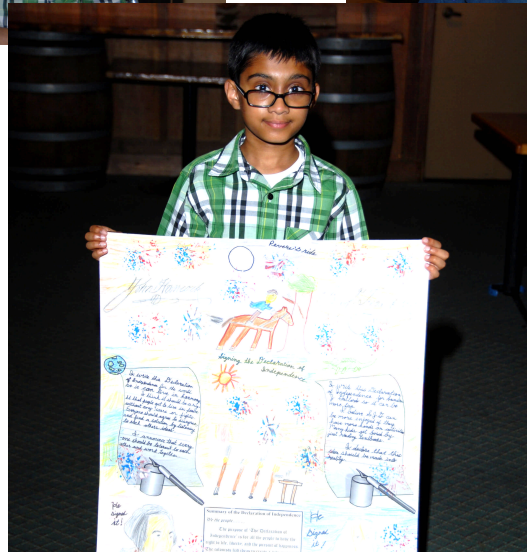
Photos by Don Spradling



Tom Chilton explains the program as Amaan Mohammed, in front of his winning poster, looks on.



L-R: Abid Mohammed holding Faizaan, Amaan, and Farida Mohammed.



Amaan Mohammed holds his winning poster. It finished 2nd in the CASSAR contest.



Farida Mohammed holding Faizaan, Abid, and Amaan Mohammed, and Jim Faulkinbury.



Tom Chilton, Amaan Mohammed, and Jim Faulkinbury. Amaan is holding his certificates for placing first in his class and first in his school. The ribbon on his poster is for placing second in the CASSAR contest.

More Photos from the May Meeting

Photos by Don Spradling



Neil and Helen Zinn



Joe and Susan Moorehead



Al and Carol Howenstein



Mary Ann and Jeff Goodwin

More Photos from the May Meeting

By Don Spradling



Sacramento Chapter Secretary Craig Anderson, Christopher Stephenson and Sandra Anderson. Christopher is the Anderson's grandson and a member of the Sacramento Chapter.



Sue and Tal Norwood

2013 Community Awards Banquet Friday, October 18, 2013

By Tom Chilton

This year's Community Service Awards Banquet will be held at the Cattlemen's Restaurant at 7:00 PM on Friday, October 18th. It will be in place of our regular October meeting. Ernie Garcia, our Law Enforcement Program Chairman, has been in contact with the various Law enforcement and Fire officials, requesting that they select members of their staff to receive our awards. He reports that the program is on schedule.

Our keynote speaker for this year's banquet is **Igor Birman**, Congressman Tom McClintock's Chief of Staff. I heard Mr. Birman speak at the UCD/Sac State ROTC Awards Banquet, and he was **excellent**. Mark your calendar as I anticipate that we will fill the room at the restaurant for this event.



Igor Birman, Congressman Tom McClintock's Chief of Staff

Coming Events

September 20, 2013 - Regular meeting
7:00 PM at the Cattlemens Restaurant
Program to be announced

October 18, 2013 - Community Awards Dinner
7:00 PM at the Cattlemens Restaurant
Igor Birman, Tom McClintock's Chief of Staff,
will be the Keynote speaker.

November 1-2, 2013 Fall Board of Manager's
Meeting at the Hacienda Hotel (LAX airport
in El Segundo, CA (all members are welcome)

November 15, 2013 - Regular Meeting
7:00 at the Cattlemens Restaurant
Maj. Brian Shul (USAF ret)

December 14, 2013 - Wreaths Across America
Sacramento Valley National Cemetery
Dixon, CA

December 20, 2013 - Regular Meeting
7:00 PM at the Cattlemens Restaurant
Program to be announced

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