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## June Program

### Vince Gantt

Anyone who is a member of the SAR or DAR has an interest in the weapons that were used during our Revolutionary War. Without weapons, there could not been a revolution! The British, French, and American soldiers who fought during the Revolution used these muzzle-loading firearms.



Vince Gantt, Sacramento Chapter Member, shown at left as he appeared in the Memorial Day Parade at Sylvan Cemetery, has an extensive collection of muzzle loading firearms used prior to, during, and after the Revolutionary War. Vince plans to bring a few items from his collection of these guns to our January meeting, and will discuss their operation, and where they were made. Vince was born in West Virginia amid a rich family history dating back 250 years on American soil. As a young man, he grew up among many of these firearms that he is going to share with us.

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### Cattlemens Meal Selections

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

**Friday, June 19, 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 17** please call Alan Brooking at (916) 315-3799 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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**President's Corner****June 2015 President's Remarks**

June 2015 marks the 240th anniversary of the first major military engagement of the Revolutionary War, the Battle of Bunker Hill. The action actually took place on near by Breed's Hill on June 17, 1775 where the colonist held off seasoned British troops for more than two hours before being forced to abandon their position. The colonists inflicted terrible casualties attacking British Soldiers. Of the estimated 2200 attacking British, more than 1000 were killed or wounded. The following month George Washington assumed command of the continental forces, and in March the following year, the British withdrew their forces from Boston.

**Craig Anderson**

The Sacramento Chapter's 2015 JROTC/ ROTC program has wrapped up for this year. The committee presented awards at 14 area high schools and 2 colleges. Our Committee Chairman Roy Adkins along with compatriots Tom Chilton, Don Littlefield, Russ Kaiser, John Chiles, Don Clark, and Alan Brooking did an outstanding job representing our Chapter at these award presentations. Thank you all for your hard work!

I would like to offer my congratulations to Compatriot Jarrod Ryan Gould who celebrates 10 years with the Sacramento Chapter on June 23<sup>rd</sup>. Thank you for your support.

I am pleased to report that we have been getting great response from members sharing their patriot ancestor's biographies. We are seeing a lot of great stories. Keep them coming!

We have just learned that one of our local fifth grade teachers has been selected to participate in the 2015 CASSAR Valley Forge Teacher Recognition Program. She is Jenny Stocks of Newcastle Elementary School. Congratulations, Jenny!

I am looking forward to seeing you at our June meeting. Our June meeting is our last meeting before the summer break. I extend my best wishes to all of our members and their families for a safe enjoyable summer.

Craig Anderson,  
Sacramento Chapter President

## **Sons of the American Revolution—Sacramento Chapter**

### **Meeting Minutes May 15, 2015**

President Craig Anderson called the meeting to order at 7:01 PM and gave the invocation. Tal Norwood led the Pledge of Allegiance and Evan Jonas led the membership in the Pledge to the SAR.

President Anderson introduced the following:

CASSAR Officers and Past Presidents: Tom Chilton, Past President 2000, 2001, 2002, 2004, and 2012; Don Littlefield, Past President 2010 and 2011, current Executive Vice President, Treasurer, Webmaster, and CASSAR Chairman of the Wreaths Across America Program; Russ Kaiser, Past President 2013 and 2014 and current Color Guard Commander; Carl Ahlberg, Chapter Secretary; Alan Brooking, Registrar, Calling Committee Chairman, and Cashier; Ernie Garcia, Chairman Activities; Don Spradling, SAR Photographer; Roy Adkins, Chairman JROTC/ ROTC Program

DAR members:

Sacramento Chapter: Marilyn Chilton; Medora Allen.

Gold Trail Chapter: Susan Brooking, Regent

Sierra Amador Chapter: Ann Taylor, Regent; Deborah Tasker-Brady Recording Secretary

CASSAR LAUX members: Marilyn Chilton; Susan Brooking; Donna Spradling.

Guests: Guest speaker tonight, Major General William H Wade II, USA Ret; new member Philip Kerr and his wife Mary; Poster contest winner, Ryan Yi and his parents Rick and Elisa and their daughter Emily; David Reid's son Jackson; President Anderson's granddaughter, Michelle Anderson; prospective members Michael Brady, Woodrow Hinkle, David Paulson, Larry Stoval and Steve Moore.

Past President Tom Chilton presented a historical overview of the Bennington and Philadelphia Light Horse flags, assisted by guests Jackson Reid and Ryan Yi

President Anderson presented Alan Brooking his supplemental Ancestor Certificate and Evan Jonas the Lamp Lighter Award.

President Anderson asked Alan Brooking and new member Philip Kerr to come forward. Alan Brooking introduced Philip Kerr and read his biography. President Anderson administered the SAR oath and presented him with his membership certificate. Alan Brooking pinned the SAR Rosette on him. All members were invited to come forward to offer the customary welcoming handshake to our new member.

President Anderson asked Tom Chilton to talk about the Poster Contest winner. Tom asked Ryan Yi to come forward as he explained the Chapter has been involved with the Poster Contest for 4-5 years. This year we had 350 posters from 16 classes and one, Ryan Yi's poster, was voted best in state. Ryan received \$45 in coin, a \$50 check from the Sacramento Chapter and a \$300 check from CASSAR.

Past President Don Littlefield presented a check, from Intel Foundation, in the amount of \$5,715 to the Sacramento Chapter of SAR. Last year Intel Foundation gave out over \$8,400,000 to service organizations across the country. President Anderson thanked Don Littlefield for the check and his support of our Chapter. He pointed out that this represents over 570 hours of volunteer work by Don and his volunteer work over the years has brought over \$41,000 to our Chapter.

President Anderson announced that during the CASSAR spring meeting, the Sacramento Chapter Color Guard was awarded a flag streamer for their participation in the 2014 Wreaths Across America program. The Sacramento Chapter was also awarded a certificate for Outstanding Achievement in the Best Chapter Contest which is an annual award based on performance in eight categories: Meetings and Attendance, Publicity, New Members, Medals and Certificates Awarded, Chapter Activities, Community Service, CASSAR Programs, and Publications. The Sacramento Chapter has scored very high year after year because of the dedication and hard work of our members especially in the areas of meetings, acquiring new members, Chapter activities (color guard/ school guard), and CASSAR youth programs. Color Guard Commander Russ Kaiser was asked to come forward and accept the Streamer. Color Guard Commander Kaiser shared with the audience all the work that went into the Poster Contest from finding schools, meeting with teachers, talking to the classes about the theme, providing paper, picking up the finished posters, sorting them into categories, displaying them at the monthly meeting for the Chapter to vote on, then taking everything down and providing certificates to the students who participated. He thanked Tom Chilton for all the work he has put into the program and asked for a well deserved round of applause. He went on to talk about the School Guard program and how they performed at 15 schools this year. He thanked the members, Jim Faulkinbury, Tom Chilton, Ernie Garcia, Alan Brooking and DAR member Helena Hurst, and said the School Guard is looking for additional members to help out for next year.



**Carl Ahlberg**

## May 15 Minutes Continued

President Anderson thanked and acknowledged the outstanding work of the Chapter members who participated in the living history presentations put on at our local schools. Our presenters gave these young students close up, hands on experience of our country's early days and a sense of the sacrifices that our ancestors made for their freedoms. He thanked Color Guard Commander Russ Kaiser, DAR member Helena Hurst, Color Guard members Jim Faulkinbury, Tom Chilton, Ernie Garcia, and Alan Brooking for their hard work. He pointed out the Color Guard needs help and if you are interested please see Russ Kaiser.

President Anderson called on Russ Kaiser who shared that that the Color Guard presented the colors for the California Federation of Republican Women at their Spring Convention on April 20<sup>th</sup> and received a \$50 donation which he presented to President Anderson.

President Anderson shared information about our youth programs:

Our 2013 JROTC winner, Cameron Hoover, went on to win the National award. He has notified us that he will be attending the US Air Force Academy this fall. He thanked past-chairman Tom Chilton and current chairman Roy Adkins for their hard work in making this program a success. He shared correspondence he received from Richard J. Buesgen, Lt Col, USAF (Ret) SASI, Hiram Johnson High School,

*"Mr. Roy Adkins did an outstanding job of representing your chapter at our recent awards ceremony. Not only did he present your award with professionalism, he provided us with a multitude of pictures of the event for our archives. He also remained afterward to interact with our cadets and other guests. Thank you for sending a sincere, professional representative to our event. We look forward to his participation in next year's award ceremony."*

Our 2014 Knight Essay winner, Cameron Remington thanked us for his award and let us know that he has been accepted to UC Berkeley

Jordan Hull was accepted to Texas A&M NROTC program.

Past President and Color Guard Commander Russ Kaiser shared with the audience that he has been working with CASSAR on firing muskets at different events and the need for insurance. He is developing a Chapter Safety and Training Procedure in conjunction with CASSAR. Those interested in going through this training should contact Russ Kaiser.

Chairman of Activities Ernie Garcia shared that on June 27<sup>th</sup> it will have been 237 years since the Presidio of San Francisco was founded. There will be a celebration that will feature a Spanish Color Guard and the San Francisco SAR Chapter President will speak. This is a program some of you may wish to attend.

Dinner was served

After dinner President Anderson introduced our guest speaker. Major General William Wade's military service began in 1970 when he enlisted into the California Army National Guard as a private. After serving as a personnel specialist and unit clerk, he attended the California Military Academy and was commissioned a second lieutenant in 1973. During forty-one years of continuous service, he served in various positions of increasing responsibility at company, battalion, brigade, and division level. He was selected by Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger as the 44<sup>th</sup> Adjutant General of the California National Guard. Through four decades of military service he has worked diligently to ensure that National Guard Soldiers, Airmen and other units were prepared to provide the manpower necessary to participate in joint military operations in a seamless environment overseas and in the United States. He retired in 2011 following NATO service as the Deputy Chief of Staff, Operations, Joint Force Command, Naples, Italy. He asked the audience to welcome MAJOR GENERAL WILLIAM H. WADE II.

General Wade gave a history of the militia and how it started in ancient Greece. In 1181 English King Henry II made it an obligation of every adult male to arm and equip himself to defend the realm. Later the wealthy were required to arm the poor and provide a leader to train the men. When the first settlements in America occurred colonists were required to organize and defend themselves. Captain Miles Standish was elected as the first military commander. He started one of the first musters to demonstrate the exercise of arms. As more towns were settled each organized its own militia. As the colonies organized, this was the beginning of the National Guard in America. Over the years the National Guard grew and became more military like until all 13 colonies were represented. In 1775 when the First Continental Army was established the militia or National Guard became America's Army. It was best summed up by General John Logan who said, "A way off in the wilds of America, a soldier had been found totally different from any that had ever walked a battlefield. Upon one day, he was a citizen, quietly following the plow; upon the next he became a soldier, knowing no fear and carrying a whole destroying battery in his trusted rifle. He was a soldier – from conviction to principle, from loyalty to his country and from duty to his family." From the American Revolution to the War of 1812, the Civil War, WWI, WWII, Korea, Vietnam, Gulf War and now the Global War on Terrorism the National Guard has been there.

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President Anderson thanked Major General William Wade for a great program and presented him with a Liberty Bell and a Certificate of Appreciation.

After the guest speaker was finished President Anderson conducted the raffle. He explained raffle prizes are donated and any member can donate. Those donating raffle gifts were: Alan and Susan Brooking, Evan Jonas, Donna and Don Spradling, Tom and Marilyn Chilton, MaryAnn and Don Littlefield, Claire and Medora Allen, Sandy and Craig Anderson, Ernie and Helen Garcia, Vince and Jeni Gantt and George and Ann Taylor.

President Anderson thanked Don Spradling for taking pictures; Alan Brooking for chairing the Calling committee, acting as cashier, and conducting the raffle; and Neil Elvick for editing the newsletter.

A motion to adjourn was made and seconded. Mike Hull led the Recessional; President Craig Anderson gave the Benediction and led the Chapter in singing God Bless America. The meeting was adjourned at 8:41 PM.

Respectfully Submitted

Carl E Ahlberg, Chapter Secretary

## New Members



### Jimmy Lee Elvis Stephenson

Jimmy Stephenson was born in Vallejo, California, and spent his childhood in Waco, Texas and Woodland, CA. He attended and graduated from Pioneer High School in Woodland. He is married to Tiffany Andreason. Jim is currently a Sr. Airman with the US Air Force Special Operations Command and is stationed at Canon AFB, New Mexico where he is a crewmember on an AC—130H Spectre Gunship. He has served three tours of duty in Afghanistan, flown over 150 missions,

and has been awarded seven Air Medals. He is also a member of the Canon Air Force Base Honor Guard.

Jim's application to join the sons of the American Revolution was approved on February 26, 2014. His patriot ancestor, Patrick Anderson, was a Captain, in the Pennsylvania Musketry Battalion, Chester County, PA.



### Philip Alan Kerr

Philip Alan du Bouchet Kerr was born on February 10, 1948, in Paris, France, and spent his childhood in Paris, New York and Washington, D.C. He graduated from The Citadel in Charleston, S.C., and McGeorge School of Law in Sacramento, CA. He is married to Mary Driscoll. He served in the United States Marine Corps for three years on active duty and twenty-seven years in the Marine Corps Reserve, retiring with the rank of Colonel. He is a retired attorney. His hobbies include travel, gardening, the study of history and reading.

His application to join the Sons of the American Revolution was approved on April 13, 2015. His patriot ancestor was Daniel Buck who was born on February 28th, 1736/37 in Litchfield, Connecticut. Daniel served as 2nd Major in the 17th Reg. Albany Co., NY Militia and was also a member of the Albany Co., NY Committee of Correspondence for the Kings District.

## Photos from the May 15th Regular Meeting

Photos by Don Spradling



**Major General William Wade**



**General Wade, the evening's speaker  
receives Certificate of Appreciation  
and Liberty Bell from President Craig  
Anderson**



**Helen and Ernie Garcia**



**Harlan and Sidney Tougaw**



**Virginia and Brian Alexander**



**Cyndy and David Paulson**



**Sandra and Craig Anderson and  
their granddaughter, Michelle**



## Photos from the May 15th Regular Meeting

Photos by Don Spradling



**Color Guard Commander, Russ Kaiser, receives the streamer for Wreaths Across America participation**



**Alan Brookings receives Supplemental Ancestor Certificate**



**Ryan Yi, surrounded by his family and President Craig Anderson, holding the check he received for winning this year's poster contest.**



**Evan Jonas receives Lamp Lighter Award from President Craig Anderson**



**New member Philip Kerr and his wife, Mary**



**Poster contest winner, Ryan Yi, and Americanism Poster Chairman, Tom Chilton**



**Woodrow Hinkle**



**Donna Spradling and Don Clark**



## Photos from the May 15th Regular Meeting

Photos by Don Spradling



**President Craig Anderson and Don Littlefield showing off the \$5,715 check from the Intel Corporation. This is the latest installment of gifts that now total \$41,000 over the years and due to the volunteer work of Don Littlefield.**



**The photo above and the photo below were taken simultaneously from different angles by Don Spradling & Jim Faulkinbury. The salute was fired as part of the Memorial Day program at Sylvan Cemetery. Vince Gantt, John Beach and Russ Kaiser from the Sacramento Chapter are firing with their Revolutionary War era weapons.**



**The Color Guard on Memorial Day. Vince Gantt, Russ Kaiser, Jim Faulkinbury, Alan Brooking and John Beach**



**The School Guard; Jim Faulkinbury, Ernie Garcia, Tom Chilton, Helena Hurst, Alan Brooking at Mission Avenue School**



## Patriot Biographies

Below is one of the patriot biographies submitted to the national organization as part of their program to collect these articles from members as a resource for prospective members researching their family histories. These biographies may also be submitted for publication here in the Courier as described below.

**Patriot George Anderson Sr. P - 103468**  
**Submitted by Don Spradling, Member #151154**  
**Sacramento Chapter; California**

George Anderson Sr. was born about 1757 and died in 1837. He was a farmer in Edgecomb County, North Carolina when he enlisted as a private in Capt. Quinn's Company of the 10<sup>th</sup> Regiment. He was discharged after nine months in December 1779 according to muster rolls of the Continental Line of North Carolina. In early 1781 he was drafted into service again and served in the Company commanded by Captains Ethel, Philips and Amos Swint which was attached to the regiment of Col. Sinton and was organized at Halifax, North Carolina. This regiment was engaged in the Battle of Guilford Courthouse which was fought on March 15, 1781. After this battle he returned to Halifax but soon afterward he was returned to the Continental Line in which he served for the next twelve months under the direction of Captain Alex Pursard, whose Company belonged to the regiment of Col. Pinketham Eaton. This regiment was organized at Ramseys Mills, near Guilford Courthouse, North Carolina and moved south of the Santee River in South Carolina and then on to the area around Augusta, Georgia. The British and their Loyalist allies were defeated there, but Col. Eaton was killed during the battle.

From there they moved on to Savannah to effect exchange of prisoners and then on to Fort Ninety Six where he was put under the command of General Nathaniel Greene. He was with this command until he was returned to Ramseys Mills where he was discharged after 14 months of service.

Sometime before 1794 he was married to his wife, Jane. Sometime prior to the year 1837 they moved from North Carolina to Henderson County, Tennessee. They had six children; George Anderson, John Anderson, Nancy (Anderson) Stalions, Rebecca Anderson, Sally (Anderson) Taylor and Polly (Anderson) Lee. They were all living at the time of the supplemental pension application for George Anderson Sr. in 1853, which was made by his son, George Anderson Jr.

## Instructions for Submitting Patriot Biographies

Patriot biographies, such as the one above, are being solicited by the national organization. The purpose is to publish them online and so make it easier for potential SAR applicants to find the information they need in order to find potential ancestors and to complete their applications. The biographies should be about 500 words and should be submitted in Microsoft Word format to [patriotbios@sar.org](mailto:patriotbios@sar.org) as an email attachment. When you submit your entry, please include your name, Chapter and SAR Member number. If you have a patriot number assigned, include it with your submission. If not, one will be assigned. It would be appreciated if a copy could also be sent to [neilel@aol.com](mailto:neilel@aol.com) or to [craig@winfirst.com](mailto:craig@winfirst.com) so that the bios could also be presented in future Courier editions.

## Coming Events

September 21, 2015—Regular Meeting  
7:00 PM at the Cattlemens Restaurant  
Speaker: To be announced

June 27, 2015—Los Californianos  
Anniversary Celebration  
at Presidio in San Francisco

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