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March Speaker

Professor Daniel DeFoe.

Daniel DeFoe is Professor of History and Communication Studies at Sierra College. A graduate of Fresno State, Dan has advanced degrees and training from CSU Sacramento (M.A. History) and U.C. Davis (Ph.D. program).



He has been at the Rocklin campus since 1990. DeFoe has been named Sierra College "Teacher of the Year" on nine occasions.

Prior to joining the faculty, Dan was employed for many years in the television and advertising industries and earned multiple awards for his work.

His topic will be on the War of 1812 .

Meal Selections:

Sirloin Steak	\$24.
Salmon	\$24.
Vegetarian Plate	\$24.

Next meeting

**March 16, 2012, 7:00 PM at
The Buggy Whip Restaurant**

If the telephone committee has not taken your menu selection(s) by March 14, please call Don Littlefield at (916) 985-6544 for reservations.

Payments must be **guaranteed for each reservation made.**
Wives, guests and visiting compatriots are always welcome.

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President's Corner

The Sacramento Chapter has been truly fortunate to have had Don Littlefield and Mike Wolf as officers for the last few years. Both were excellent officers, and both are employed by the Intel Corporation. Intel has a program that provides cash contributions to nonprofit organizations based on the number of volunteer hours their employees work for the nonprofit. Over the last four years the Intel Foundation has contributed over \$ 15,000 to our chapter. While Don continues as Treasurer and Webmaster, we anticipate a significant reduction in his and Mike's SAR volunteer hours, and therefore a corresponding reduction in the grant we receive from Intel. Also, this generous program is never guaranteed from year to year.



At a recent meeting of your officers we discussed how much money we take in from dues each year, and how that money is spent. Our chapter dues are \$15.00 per member (\$10.00 for CASSAR Life Members: that is another long story), for an average of about \$13.50 per member. It costs almost \$1.00 per issue to print and mail the Courier, and another \$0.85 to mail the Chapter Roster. One can see that the bulk of the money (\$10.85) goes to print and mail the Courier ten (10) times a year and to mail the roster. This leaves less than \$3.00 per member, or about \$480 to fund the various programs that we support. Of course, there are a number of voluntary contributions that also help to support these programs, but they cannot be counted on from year to year.

It was the decision of your officers that in the future we would deliver the Courier and Chapter Roster by email rather than regular mail. Those members who do not have email service will continue to receive their Courier and Chapter Roster by regular mail. Those of you who find this to be too great an inconvenience should contact me, and we will work something out for you.

I want to take this opportunity to recognize Scott Stiewig. For at least ten (10) years Scott and his employer have printed the Chapter Roster at no cost to the Chapter. I would conservatively estimate that Scott and his employer have saved our chapter well over \$1,500.00. Thank you, Scott, for your continued support.

Our speaker this month will be Daniel DeFoe. I heard Daniel speak at the Sacramento Chapter DAR's 90th anniversary celebration last fall. He is an excellent and exciting speaker. His topic will be the War of 1812. I read the book Union 1812 several years ago about this war, but learned more from Daniel in 30 minutes than I learned from reading the book. Don't miss this meeting!

See you on the 16th.

Tom

President's Day Celebration



Members of the Color Guard firing their muskets at Mount Vernon Memorial Park on President's Day 2012. (L-R) Tom Douglas, Russ Kaiser, Steve Rainville, David Beach, Vince Gantt, Tom Chilton, Jim Faulkinbury

New Members

Judd Brian Strong

Judd Brian Strong was born in Santa Cruz, California, and spent his childhood in Sacramento, where he graduated from Sacramento High School. He is married to Jo Yvonne McCann.

Judd graduated from the California Maritime Academy, and served in the United States Coast Guard from 1958 through 1962. He then joined the California Highway Patrol, retiring after 26 years of service. His hobbies include amateur radio, computers, and photography.

Judd's application to join the Sons of the American Revolution was approved on December 8, 2011. His patriot ancestor, John Willey, was a Captain in the Second Regiment, Connecticut Continental Troops, under General Spencer.



Judd Brian Strong

New Members

Ronald Joseph Hollis

Ronald Joseph Hollis was born in Panorama City, Los Angeles County, California, and spent his childhood in Encino and Carmichael California. He graduated from Loyola Marymount University with a bachelor degree in Communications and a Masters in Business.

He is married to Eva Patricia Soto. Ron and Eva have two sons, Daniel Joseph Hollis, and David Ronald Hollis. They also have one daughter, Diana Patricia Hollis.

Ron works for Aspen Marketing Services, as a Sr. Director overseeing the Toyota Motor Sales customer marketing communications. His hobbies include running, cycling and home improvement projects.

Ron's application to join the Sons of the American Revolution was approved on December 2, 2011. His patriot ancestor, James Hollis, Jr. was a Captain in the North Carolina Militia.

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Daniel Joseph Hollis

Daniel Joseph Hollis was born in Long Beach, Los Angeles County, California, and spent his childhood in Seal Beach California. He is currently Sophomore at Loyola Marymount University, studying Political Science and History.

Daniel works part time tutoring grammar school children and busing tables at a local sports bar. His hobbies include reading history books and impressing girls with his knowledge of the past.

Daniel's application to join the Sons of the American Revolution was approved on December 2, 2011. His patriot ancestor, James Hollis, Jr. was a Captain in the North Carolina Militia.



Daniel Hollis

David Ronald Hollis

David Ronald Hollis was born in Long Beach, Los Angeles County, California, and spent his childhood in Seal Beach California. He attends Servite High School in Anaheim California.

His hobbies include boogie boarding, and hanging out with his friends at the beach. He affords these luxuries by selling programs at USC home football games.

David's application to join the Sons of the American Revolution as a Junior Member was approved on December 2, 2011. His patriot ancestor, James Hollis, Jr. was a Captain in the North Carolina Militia.



David Hollis

Annual Community Awards Banquet

Plan now to attend the fourth annual

Sons of the American Revolution 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



Ana Ramirez-Palmer

The guest speaker will be **Ana Ramirez-Palmer**
Regional Administrator for Northern California
Department of Corrections
and former Warden, Vacaville State Prison

February Meeting Minutes

February 17, 2012

President Tom Chilton called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Hal Lawson gave the Invocation, Harlan Tougaw led the membership in the Pledge of Allegiance, and Glen Fine led the Pledge to the SAR.

President Chilton recognized the past president of the Sacramento Chapter, Jim Faulkinbury, who is also the CASSAR Vice President – North, and Jeff Sylvan, President of the Delta Chapter SAR.

DAR members recognized included Sarah Beach, Marilyn Chilton, Cynthia Fine of the Sacramento Chapter, Ginger Gregory, Past Regent of the Sacramento Chapter DAR and her husband Fred, Peg Wilson Past Regent of the General John Sutter Chapter DAR, Lee Lawson and Ann Taylor of the Sierra-Amador Chapter.

President Chilton also recognized and welcomed the special guests for the evening: speaker, Chris Kinsey PE, of the Bureau of Reclamation, Eagle Scout Contest Winner, Matthew Ramos and his parents Michael and Arlene Ramos, and JROTC Contest Winner, Jeremiah Taylor and his father Oliver Taylor. President Chilton recognized and welcomed prospective members Don Clark, Joseph Moorehead (whose application is in Louisville), and Jo Strong (wife of new member Judd Strong). Registrar Ron Carello introduced prospective member Ramon Gomez and his wife Tammy. Barbara and Sean Jones, Greg Iskra and the Lawson family were also recognized.

Member Concerns: Rich Tolman is hoping for a kidney replacement. Clair Allen has a broken blood vessel in one of his retinas.

Jim Faulkinbury described the Betsy Ross Flag and the French Royal Standard.

Dennis Sperry presented the Eagle Scout Award to Matthew Ramos, and Jim Faulkinbury presented the Outstanding JROTC Award to Jeremiah Taylor.

New member Judd Strong was asked to come forward. Registrar Ron Carello read his bio, President Chilton administered the SAR Oath and presented him with his membership certificate, and Ron pinned on the SAR Rosette. David Beach was asked to come forward, and he was presented with Supplemental Ancestor Certificates for Thomas Hubbard and James Knox. Bob Wilson was asked to come forward, and he was presented with the NSSAR Certificate of Patriotism for his meritorious service during World War II. All of the Chapter members then came forward for the customary welcoming handshake and to offer congratulations.

President Chilton announced that the chapter had a vacant position for Chapter Genealogist. He nominated Jim Faulkinbury and called for other nominations from the floor. There were no other nominations so Tom called for a motion from the floor to elect Jim Faulkinbury as Chapter Genealogist. Vince Gantt made the motion, it was seconded and Jim was elected unanimously as Sacramento Chapter Genealogist.

President Chilton announced that the Union Pacific Railroad is celebrating their 150th anniversary. They are conducting a contest for people to create a commercial for their company. Compatriot Chuck Highbaugh has created a commercial entry for the contest and asks for your vote. You can vote for his entry at the Union Pacific web site at www.up150.com.

President Chilton introduced the guest speaker for the evening, Chris Kinsey PE, of the Bureau of Reclamation. Chris gave the membership a detailed overview of the "Folsom Safety of Dam Project", a 1.5 billion dollar, 10 to 15 year project that is designed to improve the safety and efficiency of the Folsom Dam complex. President Chilton presented Chris Kinsey with the SAR Certificate of Appreciation and Liberty Bell.

Marilyn Chilton conducted the drawing. Those donating gifts were Harry Harlan, Tom and Marilyn Chilton, Vince and Jeni Gantt, Don and Donna Spradling, Jim and Karen Faulkinbury, Craig & Sandy Anderson, Hal and Lee Lawson, Harlan and Sidney Tougaw.

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. Sean Jones led the Recessional; and George Taylor gave the Benediction. The members then sang "God Bless America" after which the meeting was adjourned at 9:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Craig Anderson
Secretary, Sacramento Chapter

Children of the American Revolution

CAAH's Washington Crossing the Delaware Puzzle Teaches C.A.R. Children

How did SAR's Center for Advancing America's Heritage (CAAH) reach out to teach American history to a small group of children in the Sierra foothills of Northern California? It is a winding path but here is how it began.

Colleen Wilson, Director of CAAH, created a fascinating teaching aid. It is a large magnetic backed puzzle of German painter Emanuel Leutze's "George Washington Crossing the Delaware." The original 1851 painting is huge, over 12 feet high and 22 feet long. The puzzle is 1/7th scale, but is still large at 22 ½ " x 39". The theme of the puzzle is a well known poser for history buffs: "What is wrong with George Washington Crossing the Delaware?" Visit a popular web site on the painting, such as www.ushistory.org, and you will find the painting a treasure trove of opportunities to teach a history lesson. <http://www.ushistory.org/washingtoncrossing/history/whatswrong.htm>



Would there be the light in the background surrounding Washington during the crossing?" (The crossing took place on a storming winter night at 2 o'clock in the morning); *Would Washington and others be standing up in the boat?* (It turns out they probably would!); *Would the flag they are carrying be the Betsey Ross flag?* (Probably not, the first "Stars & Stripes" (Betsy Ross) flag was not adopted as the national flag until six months later.) ... And on, and on, as more history unfolds.

Here is what Colleen did. She created the painting as an eleven piece puzzle. The puzzle is used to capture the attention of the children as the teacher opens up the questioning. Colleen prepared an excellent handbook to accompany the puzzle for teacher preparation. The puzzle and the handbook come in a convenient carrying bag. The obvious intended use is as an enrichment program in an elementary or middle school curriculum.

One copy found its way to Northern California when Wayne Griswold, California Society President at the time, personally purchased a copy from CAAH and then donated it to the Mother Lode Chapter in El Dorado Country. The puzzle first went to a local middle school where it was an immediate success.

Then a connection to the Children of the American Revolution (C.A.R.) was made. California has begun to treat C.A.R. Local Societies as if they are a 'One-Room Schoolhouse' when it comes to presenting SAR contests, like the SAR elementary school poster contest and the new middle school brochure contest. Why couldn't SAR attend a C.A.R. meeting and deliver an entertaining and valuable history lesson – one that is probably not taking place in the children's regular classroom.

Enter Tom Adams, California Society SAR C.A.R. Liaison. Tom took the CAAH Puzzle into the C.A.R. Society which his grandchildren belong to and made the presentation. Tom provided the CAAH Puzzle handbook to two other SAR members attending with their C.A.R. Children, Jim Young of the Mother Lode Chapter and Jim Malinovsky of the Sacramento Chapter. The two SAR men, using the book, along with their own knowledge of the historical events, offered 'seed' questions from the back of the group to propel the exercise. It was surprising and gratifying how quickly the children grasped the idea and participated. It was a highly successful learning experience for the children and extremely rewarding for the men of SAR – and moreover, greatly appreciated by the C.A.R. Local Society Senior President, Jeannette Barrett.

Hopefully, more men from SAR Chapters will attend local C.A.R. Society meetings to share their interest in our heritage, using CAAH teaching aids, artifacts of their own, or just give a talk on their favorite patriotic subject. ... If we don't tell our story to our young, who will?



February Meeting Photos



Chris Kinsey, Guest Speaker



Bob Wilson holding his Certificate of Patriotism



Matthew Ramos, Eagle Scout Award



Jeremiah Taylor, Outstanding JROTC Award and father Oliver Taylor

February Meeting Photos



Barbara and Sean Jones



Jo and Judd Strong



David and Sarah Beach



Fred and Ginger DeGregory

February Meeting Photos



Ernie Garcia and Jim Faulkinbury



Ron Carello



Tom Chilton and Chris Kinsey



Robert, Ian and Hal Lawson



Jeff and Ursula Sylvan, Marilyn and Tom Chilton

February Meeting Photos



Dennis and Linda Sperry



Craig and Sandy Anderson, Chris Stephenson



Michael, Matthew, Arlene Ramos



Don Clark



Peg and Robert Wilson

Coming Events

April 14 & 15 — CASSAR Spring Meeting, Embassy Suites, West Sacramento

7:00 PM Friday, April 20, 2012 — Dinner Meeting @ Buggy Whip

The April speaker will be Special Agent In Charge, Herbert Brown, Sacramento Division, FBI

7:00 PM Friday, May 18, 2012 — Dinner Meeting @ Buggy Whip

The April speaker will be Rex Ruth speaking as Samuel Adams

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