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The speaker for the March meeting will be one from our own ranks. Theodore (Ted) Robinson is best known as the naval officer who rescued future president John F. Kennedy from PT 109 in the Pacific during World War II. He has addressed our group on this in the past. This time he will talk about his experiences later in the war during the battle for Okinawa.

Okinawa is an island only about 340 miles from mainland Japan and was the base from which the final assault was going to take place. The battle to capture the island occurred in 1945 and lasted about three months and was the bloodiest engagement of the War in the Pacific. There were more than 82,000 American casualties which included more than 12,000 troops killed directly in the battle.

Ted Robinson is one of our own members and he was there and he will be speaking to us about his Okinawa experiences.



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Cattlemens Meal Selections:

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

Friday, March 20, 2015, 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, March 18**, please call **Alan Brooking** at (916) 315-3799 **directly and leave a message** by noon on Friday. We strongly encourage reservations be made in advance. All reservations are guaranteed. Wives, guests and visiting compatriots are always welcome.

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President's Corner

I am pleased to welcome five new members to the Sacramento Chapter; their applications were approved in February: Samuel T Smith and Keegan T Smith of Sacramento, Jimmy L.E. Stephenson of Clovis, NM, and Trevor R Johnson and Zachary J. Johnson of Bullhead City, AZ.

I also want to offer my Congratulations to two Sacramento Chapter Compatriots who are celebrating 5 year service anniversaries this month: Mark Randal Chase of Redmond, WA, a California Life Member, with 25 years, and Alfred Jonas Hulse of Fort Worth, TX, with 10 years. Thank you! We appreciate your support.

We are beginning to receive patriot ancestor biographies from our members, and they are very interesting. Our plan is to feature at least one in each issue of the Courier. This is a great opportunity to preserve your patriot's stories, share them with others, and hopefully inspire new membership. Those members who would like help putting these together are encouraged to contact Neil Elvick or myself. We are happy to help in anyway we can.

Our registrar, Alan Brooking and I were pleased to participate in Sacramento County's History Day function at Inderkum High School in North Natomas on Saturday, March 7th. The theme of this year's History Day was "Leadership and Legacy." Alan appeared in period dress and manned a Sacramento Chapter table, and I served as a judge assigned to review exhibits produced by 6th to 8th grade students. This is the first year that I have participated in this event. I was struck by how well the event was organized, and I was especially impressed by the quality of the entries these students produced. Category winners from this event will participate in the National History Day-California Event in Rocklin, CA on May 8th and 9th. The local event is held each year in March. Volunteers are always needed and visitors are welcome. I encourage everyone to attend and lend his support to this great event.

Finally I would like to note that 240 years ago this month, 39 year old Patrick Henry delivered a speech in the Virginia House of Burgess in St John's Church, Richmond, VA. Now referred to as his, "Give me liberty, or give me death" speech, he is credited with convincing the convention delegates to pass a resolution delivering Virginian troops for the Revolutionary War. Moreover, his words became a rallying cry during the revolution. Among the audience members that day were two individuals who had a great impact on subsequent events in our country: Thomas Jefferson, the author of our Declaration of Independence and George Washington, the Commander of the Continental Army and our first President. If you haven't read this, I encourage you to do so; I found it very powerful and inspiring.

See you at our March meeting!



Craig Anderson

Sons of the American Revolution—Sacramento Chapter

Meeting Minutes February 20, 2015

President Craig Anderson called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM and gave the invocation. Roy Adkins led the Pledge to the SAR and Neil Elvick led the membership in the Pledge of Allegiance.

President Anderson introduced the following:

CASSAR Officers and Past Presidents: Jim Faulkinbury, CASSAR President and Sacramento Chapter Past President 2005 and 2006; 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; Jim Warrick VP Programs; 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.



Carl Ahlberg

DAR members: Sacramento Chapter, Marilyn Chilton; Medora Allen. John A. Sutter Chapter: Susan Broderick, Regent and Chaplain CAADAR District II. Gold Trail Chapter, Susan Brooking, Regent; Karen Faulkinbury; Sierra Amador Chapter, Ann Taylor and Lee Lawson.

CASSAR LAUX members: Karen Faulkinbury 1st VP; Marilyn Chilton; Susan Brooking; Donna Spradling.

Guest Speaker Dr. John Wallace; Knight Essay contest winner, Cameron Remington and his parents, Todd and Jennifer. Cindy Sellers, guest of Ernie and Helen Garcia.

CASSAR President Jim Faulkinbury presented a historical overview of the Grand Union Flag and the Betsy Ross Flag.

President Craig Anderson presented Vince Gantt a Certificate of Appreciation for his work on the Color Guard and also presented a Supplemental Ancestor Certificate to George Taylor.

President Anderson then introduced the Knight Essay contest winner, Cameron Remington. Cameron received the Knight Essay Medallion and Certificate. Don Littlefield then presented Cameron with a \$250 check.

Roy Adkins, Chapter ROTC Chair, made an appeal for 12 members to help with presenting ROTC Certificates and Medals throughout the 2015 year. With 12 volunteers each would only need to assist with one presentation. Jim Faulkinbury added that National is working on increasing the cash award offered to the winning cadet.

Last minute raffle tickets were sold and the raffle was conducted. Dinner was served

After dinner Jim Warrick introduced the speaker, Dr. John Wallace, a Research Scientist with the California Department of Public Health. Dr. Wallace earned his Ph.D. in Chemistry from the University of Cincinnati and went through the ROTC program at Purdue University. Dr Wallace gave a very interesting talk on some of the trials and tribulations of managing the water systems in California and especially in the outlying Sacramento area. Through selected slides he showed how the American River Aquifer consists of seven layers each having its own underground river and how the layers are affected by contamination, especially from Aroclor. He talked about mitigation efforts in Carmichael to address future water needs.

President Anderson thanked the following for raffle donations: Alan and Susan Brooking, Craig and Sandy Anderson, Mary Ann and Don Littlefield, Tom and Marilyn Chilton, Jim and Karen Faulkinbury, Don and Donna Spaulding, Rob Lawson, Carl Ahlberg, and Doug Cross. (continued on page 4)

February 20 Minutes continued

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President Anderson thanked Jim Warrick and Dr. Wallace for a great program; Alan Brooking for being Cashier and chairing the Calling Committee; Don Spradling for taking pictures and maintain the flags; Neil Elvick for editing the newsletter.

A motion to adjourn was made and seconded. Ron Hollis led the Recessional and Craig Anderson gave the Benediction and led the Chapter in singing God Bless America. The meeting was adjourned at 9:07 PM.

Respectfully Submitted

Carl E Ahlberg,

Chapter Secretary

March Program



Dr. John A. Wallace receives Certificate of Appreciation and Liberty Bell from President Craig Anderson. Dr. Wallace is President of the Carmichael Water District Board. He spoke at length about this area's water supply, where it comes from, where it is stored and the progress in containing the pollution plume from the Aerojet contamination area. Afterwards he responded to questions from the audience.



JROTC Program—2015

To my Chapter members

Our winner this year for the JROTC "Enhanced Program" is Ethan Jon Cao from the AFROTC from Vanden High School in Fairfield Calif. He recently was awarded the highest award given to a 3 year AFROTC Cadet " the Order of Daedalians." I would like to take this time to invite you to be at this months meeting to show your support for this very deserving young man.

SAR-JROTC-ROTC Chairman
Roy R. Adkins

Ethan Jon Cao



The ROTC and other Youth Recognition Endowment Programs

In 2014, the Sacramento Chapter's winner of the Outstanding JROTC Cadet Contest went on to win both the CAS-SAR and NSSAR contest. I have attended the National Congresses and the events where the National youth program winners have been recognized for several years. A discouraging aspect of these recognitions is the difference in the level of the scholarship award provided to the winner. The Arthur M. & Berdena King Eagle Scout Scholarship program was endowed years ago and that endowment and continues to grow in the size of the endowment. Currently, three awards are made for National winners; \$10,000 for 1st place, \$6,000 for 2nd place, and \$4,000 for 3rd place. The other three youth program, the Joseph S. Rumbaugh Orations Contest, the George S. & Stella M. Knight Essay Contest, and the Outstanding JROTC Cadet Contest did not have similar endowments and each year funds were sought from the membership and from the George Washington Fund to provide sufficient financial resources to make the awards. Last year, NSSAR provided \$4,000, \$2,000 and \$1,000 for the 1st through 3rd place winners of the Rumbaugh Contest. For the Knight Essay Contest, the 1st through 3rd place winners received \$2,000, \$1,000, and \$500 for their scholarship awards. The Outstanding JROTC program winner only received \$1,000 for 1st place.

The discrepancy in the award amounts has been an embarrassment to those of us who have supported the various programs, especially as each winner's prize is awarded in the same Congress event so each winner sees what the others received. In 2010, several of us who have a strong interest in the JROTC program decided to try to establish an endowment to provide this program with better financial support. As a result, a medal to recognize financial support of an endowment was proposed and enough members showed interest by contributing to the program to make the JROTC Endowment Medal a reality. Since that time, about \$91,000 has been raised for the endowment and as a result the winners of the 2015 Outstanding JROTC Cadet Contest will be receiving \$2,000 for 1st place and we will now be able to award \$1,000 for 2nd and \$500 for 3rd place.

In 2012, seeing the success of the endowment program for JROTC, both the Orations and Knight Essay programs also began soliciting contributions for an endowment.

If anyone is interested in helping bring the scholarships of the programs to an equal level at the National Society, I would ask you to consider one or more of these programs.

In order to qualify for the JROTC Endowment Medal, individuals must donate \$1,000 to the JROTC Endowment Fund. This donation may be given over a five-year period, however, the donor is eligible to purchase the medal set (current cost \$25) once he has contributed at least \$200. Additional donations in increments of \$1,000 will receive a bronze oak leaf cluster; a silver oak leaf cluster is presented for the sixth donation of \$1,000.

Contributions to the Orations Contest are recognized by the Joseph A. Warren Medal for Orations. Contributions of \$250 or more are recognized with this Medal. Contributions of \$1,000 or more will be recognized with a Campaign Bar with the word “*Patron*” on the Campaign Bar.

The Thomas Jefferson Medal The medal is awarded following a donation of \$250 or more to the George S. & Stella M. Knight Essay Contest Fund. Bronze oak leaf clusters are awarded for each additional \$250 donation up to \$1,250. Contributions of \$1,500 or more will be recognized with a Campaign Bar with the word “*Patron*” on the Campaign Bar. Additional bronze or silver oak leaf clusters are awarded for additional donations of \$250 or \$1,000, respectively.

Distribution of all of these medals is made through the appropriate National committee for that contest, not the SAR Merchandise Center.

Jim W. Faulkinbury, CG
President California Society SAR



**Col. Marian Collins & Roy Adkins
at the JROTC awards event**

Photos from February 20th, 2015 Meeting

Photos by Don Spradling

As the Knight Essay Contest winner Cameron Remington receives the Knight Essay Medallion and certificate, as well as a check for \$250. He is pictured with his parents, Jennifer and Todd Remington on the right.



Don Littlefield, Cameron Remington & Craig Anderson



Vince Gannt receives Certificate of Appreciation from Pres. Craig Anderson for his work with the Color Guard



George Taylor receives Supplemental Ancestor Certificate from Craig Anderson

In Appreciation

During the 2015 dues collection period in November and December of 2014, 29 members and 1 associate made voluntary contributions to our chapter, totaling \$1475. On behalf of our membership I would like to thank and recognize them for their generosity. These funds will help strengthen our many youth programs.

Carl Erik Alhberg
Oliver Kash Alhberg
David Stuart Allmuth
Craig Anderson
Seward Louis Andrews Jr.
Ronald Louis Carello
John Stephen Chiles
Donald Lincoln Clark

Jim Lucky William Faulkinbury
Glen Emmett Fine
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David Banister Robinson
Patrick Scribner
Eric Brandon Sloan
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Michael Stephen Trimberger
Robert Leslie Wilson
Ronald John Barker
Alan B. Brooking
Stephen Carl Rainville

Thank You!
Craig Anderson,
Chapter President

Sacramento Chapter Color Guard



Sr. Maria Miguel introduces the program to the students.
Seated on the left are Ernie Garcia and Helena Hurst.
Standing are Jim Faulkinbury and Tom Chilton.



**Ernie Garcia, Helena Hurst,
Jim Faulkinbury and Tom Chilton**



The table set up for Sacramento County's History Day at Inderkum High School. The exhibit was manned by Alan Brooking.

The Sacramento Chapter Color Guard does a wonderful job of representing the SAR and doing the community a tremendous service by their performances at numerous community events. These accompanying photos are from a program they presented at Presentation School, a Catholic school in Sacramento, on February 13. At left is Tom Chilton, impersonating an "over the mountains" soldier preparing for the Battle of Kings Mountain. He explains the painstaking procedure required to load and fire the weapon and how this affects how it is used in battle.

Helena Hurst impersonates Molly Pitcher and describes how her role changed from water bearer to artillery gunner during the terrible heat at the Battle of Monmouth.

Jim Faulkinbury, wearing a replica of the type of officer's uniform that would have been worn by George Washington himself, describes the uniform, its purpose and specifically how the sash can have various utilitarian uses even on the battlefield.

Ernie Garcia is an actual descendant of a "soldado," which is the Spanish term for the Spanish soldiers who were in California at the time of the Revolutionary War. Spain and the American Colonies were allies at that time. He is shown in the above photo in an authentic uniform from that era and he explained to the children just who the soldados were.

The Color Guard does programs like this for schools on a regular basis, but they also perform in parades and at other community events and are always a popular and often requested attraction.

Ernie Garcia, Jim Faulkinbury and Tom Chilton are all Sacramento Chapter members. Helena Hurst is from the DAR.

Photos from February 20th, 2015 Meeting

Photos by Don Spradling



Karen and Jim Faulkinbury



Lee Lawson and her son, Robert Lawson



Don Littlefield, Philip Goold, Roy Adkins



**Don Clark, Donna Spradling, Helen Garcia,
Ernie Garcia and Cindy Sellers**



Susan and Alan Brooking



Doug and Wilma Cross

Patriot Biographies

This is the second in a series of patriot biographies submitted by our members. The plan is to feature at least one of these each month. These are being requested by the NSSAR so they can be preserved in the NSSAR database. There is no required format but it is requested that the information be limited to approximately 500 words and be submitted as a Microsoft Word document. As a matter of interest for our chapter members we plan to also present them one at a time here in the Courier. The one below was submitted by Jim Faulkinbury for his patriot ancestor, Samuel Hoard. Your patriot biography can be submitted to patriotbios@sar.org but also send a copy to either Craig Anderson (craig@winfirst.com or 916-257-7892) or Neil Elvick (neilel@aol.com or 916-730-6345) so we can present them here. Either of them would be happy to assist you with this if you wish.

Biography of Samuel Hoard, Patriot

Samuel Hoard was one of the nine children of Edward Hoard and Martha Cole. He stated in his pension file (R.5069) that he was born in Scituate, Rhode Island on 25 February 1758. He and three of his brothers, Simon, David, and Isaac, served in the 4th Regiment of the Albany County, New York militia under Col. Killian Van Rensselaer. Samuel served on several short tours of duty according to his affidavit for a pension under the Act of 1832. At the start of the Revolution, he was living in the town of Little Hoosick, Albany County, New York which, by 1832, had become the part of town of Berlin in Rensselaer County. Rensselaer County formed from Albany County in 1791. No court, probate, marriage or deed records were found regarding him or his siblings in Albany or Rensselaer Counties, however, his residence as a mortgagee was found in the private records of the Van Rensselaer family from whom he, his father, and siblings had leased land in the Van Rensselaer Manor before the War.

His pension affidavit indicates that he first served about one month in October 1776 under Capt. James Dennison during a general alarm and they were sent to go to Fort Ticonderoga but on the way learned that the Fort had fallen to the British so they went to Fort George on Lake George for garrison duty instead. He served two more tours under Capt. Dennison, one of which his regiment retreated from Fort Edward to Stillwater before the advance of Gen. Burgoyne. He recounts different tours under Capt. Turner, Capt. Woodworth at Schoharie Capt. Daniel Schemerhorn at Schoharie, Capt. Stephen Niles on the Mohawk River when the enemy burnt the inhabitant's buildings, and again under Capt. Niles at the Battle of Saratoga. He also made an affidavit for the pension request of his brother Simeon Hoard (S.16156) who had been in the same 4th Albany Regiment. They were frequently were called out for a month of service at the same time.

About 1782, Samuel married Lucy Gates, daughter of Ensign Joshua Gates who served from Connecticut during the Lexington Alarm. Samuel and Lucy had nine children. Hezekiah, Anna, Samuel Jr., Ezra, Sally, Ashahel, Gideon, Louisa, and Lucy. His wife Lucy predeceased him but the date and place of her death is unknown. Several of his sons by Lucy served in the New York militia during the War of 1812.

He married second to Susannah Harrington of Fluvanna, New York. There were no children by this marriage. Samuel's brother David Hoard, who served from Little Hoosick in Col. Wynkoop's New York Regiment, married Lydia Gates, a sister of Samuel's wife Lucy. David died in 1805 but his widow filed for a widows pension under the Act of 1839 (W.16298). Another brother, Isaac Hoard, had left Albany County in May 1775 and joined the troops near Boston. He later returned to Albany County and also served with his brothers in the 4th Albany Regiment. Isaac received a pension (S.10857) for his service. The pension files for the four brothers, who were all born in different places, contain affidavits from their siblings confirming their relationship to each other, and also indirectly establishing the name of their unnamed father though his deed records showing his resident in the various towns in Massachusetts and Rhode Island corresponding to the time frame where each child was born.

Samuel moved from Rensselaer County to Ellery, Chautauqua County, New York where he died 16 June 1848. He was buried in the Fluvanna Cemetery there.

Coming Events

March 20, 2015—Regular Meeting

7:00 PM at the Cattlemens Restaurant

Speaker Lt. Cmd. Ted Robinson, USN Ret.

April 17-18 2015

CASSAR Spring Meeting

Irvine, CA

April 17, 2015 —Regular Meeting

7:00 PM at the Cattlemens Restaurant

Speaker Susan Gillespie portraying Sarah
Winchester

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