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## March 2016

**John Hess** is a Consulting Civil Engineer with HDR Engineering in Folsom, CA, and is retired from a 36 year career with the US Army Corps of Engineers in Sacramento. He resides in Somerset, CA, with wife Mary, and has two grown children. He is an active historical reenactor, with the **Delaware Regiment of the American Revolution**, as well as Lewis & Clark, and Napoleonic era. At the end of March he will be going to Mount Vernon for a large reenactment, and later in the year a Yorktown reenactment.

The Delaware Regiment focuses on Delaware Continental soldiers but also may feature civilian camp followers, trades people, French military and Eastern Native Americans who were part of the struggle of colonial Americans against the British. They reenact the Delaware Regiment in the American Revolution to educate the public and themselves about American History. They represent the Continental Army in public and private events.



**John Hess**

**Delaware Regiment at "Revolutionary War Days" Nevada City, California in Sept. 2014**



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## Cattlemens Meal Selections

Ribeye Steak	\$30.
Sirloin Steak	\$25.
Grilled Salmon	\$25.
Lemon Chicken	\$25.
Pesto Spinach/Cheese Ravioli	\$25.
(vegetarian)	

**Friday, March 18, 2016 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 16**, 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."

We are a 501(c)(3) non-profit charitable organization, EIN # 68-0004288

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**President's Corner**

We had a great turnout at our February meeting, and I want to thank everyone for coming out. I would like to share our line-up of guest speakers for our spring meetings: in March we will have John Hess from the Delaware Regiment, April will feature Susan Broderick of the John A Sutter Chapter DAR; the chapter's School Guard Members will give us an abbreviated school presentation in May, and Sacramento County's new Undersheriff Erik Maness will be the featured speaker at our June meeting. Please join us!

We are putting together a great program for our March meeting: Our Youth Activities Chairman Tom Chilton will be bringing the Americanism Posters submitted by 17, 5<sup>th</sup> grade classrooms in our area; we are looking for your help in judging and helping us choose a Chapter winner that will be submitted to the CA Society. You will recall that our Chapter winner last year went on to win at the state and National level. We are hoping for a repeat.

Also the winner of our Enhanced JROTC Program, Cadet Cameron Castillo, will be present at the March meeting to accept the Chapter's Enhanced JROTC Award. Cadet Castillo has been selected by the California State Society SAR as the winner of the state Enhanced JROTC Program, and he will compete in the national competition.

Congratulations to three of our compatriots who are celebrating service anniversaries in March: Dennis Robert Sperry, 10 years on March 6; Ian Douglas Lawson, 10 years on March 6<sup>th</sup>; and Gary Allan Little, 10 years on March 29<sup>th</sup>. Thank you for your support of the Sacramento Chapter, SAR.

I would like to thank the chapter members who represented the Sacramento Chapter at Sacramento County History Day at Inderkum High School on March 5<sup>th</sup>. Thanks to Russ Kaiser, Alan Brooking, and Carl Ahlberg for setting up and manning the SAR table. It was a great display. Personally, I was pleased to participate as an event judge along with Susan Brooking and other members of the Gold Trail Chapter DAR. This is a great event for our area's young people, and I encourage more of our members to consider volunteering next year.

We are still looking for biographies of our member's patriot ancestors. We have only received 18 biographies so far. With a chapter membership of 176, we should be able to do better. Anyone needing help with these can contact Neil Elvick or myself, and we can assist you in putting them together. This is a great way of recognizing and sharing the contributions and sacrifices that your ancestors made with our current and future members.

Lastly, I want to remind everyone that the California Society Spring Meeting is just around the corner on Apr 14, 2016 - Apr 16, 2016 at the Embassy Suites in Sacramento. I hope you will consider attending.

Craig Anderson

Chapter President,



**Craig Anderson**

## Minutes of February 19, 2016 Meeting

### Sons of the American Revolution – Sacramento Chapter

#### Meeting Minutes February 19, 2016

President Craig Anderson called the meeting to order and Jeff Goodwin gave the invocation. Harlan Tougaw led the Pledge of Allegiance and Craig Anderson led the membership in the pledge to the SAR.

President Anderson introduced the following:

◆ CASSAR Officers and Past Presidents:

Jim Faulkinbury, NSSAR National Trustee, CASSAR Past President and Sacramento Chapter Past President 2005 and 2006 and Chairman CA Society Nominations Committee

Tom Chilton, Past President 2000, 2001, 2002, 2004, 2012 and current youth activities chairman

Jeff Goodwin Past President 2009 and Chaplin

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, current Sacramento Chapter Color Guard Commander

Ernie Garcia, Activities Chairman and Law Enforcement Liaison

Carl Ahlberg, Chapter Secretary

Alan Brooking Registrar, Calling Committee Chairman, and CA Society DAR Liaison

Neil Elvick, Newsletter Editor

Roy Adkins, Chairman of our ROTC Program

Don Spradling, SAR Photographer

◆ DAR members:

Sacramento Chapter: Marilyn Chilton; Medora Allen and Sarah Beach

Gold Trail Chapter: Susan Brooking, Regent; Karen Faulkinbury

Sierra Amador Chapter: Deborah Tasker-Brady, and Ruth Edmonson-Johnson, Past Regent and current Registrar.

John A Sutter Chapter: Susan Broderick, Chaplin DAR district II

Aurantia Chapter: Cindy Thompson

◆ CASSAR LAUX members:

Karen Faulkinbury, Marilyn Chilton, MaryAnn Goodwin, Susan Brooking, Donna Spradling.

◆ Guests:

Shruti Vakharia, Knight Essay Contest Winner and her sister Nidhi Vakharia;

Guest speakers, Tom Boyd and Paul Money from the Folsom Powerhouse Association.

Prospective Members Gerry Miller, Woodrow Hinkle, and Richard Ranson.

◆ Other guests: Neil Elvick's nephew Caden, wife Corin, and son Konnor; John Pefley, son of compatriot Jack Pefley; and Susannah Anderson, President Anderson's granddaughter.

President recognized and thanked the members of the Calling Committee for their great work: Alan Brooking, David Paulson, Michael Brady, Ernie Garcia, Roy Adkins, and Don Clark.

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**Carl Ahlberg, Secretary**

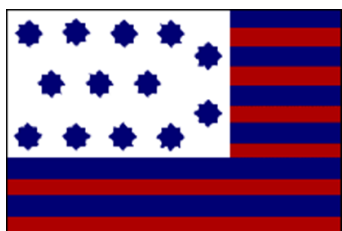
## Minutes from February Meeting Continued



CASSAR Past President Jim Faulkinbury presented a historical overview of two flags. The first flag is the Fort Moultrie Flag, also called the "Crescent Flag of South Carolina." The colors are a blue field, with a white crescent containing the word "LIBERTY." Another variation has the word "LIBERTY" across the bottom of the flag instead of in the crescent. On Sept. 13, 1775, Colonel Moultrie received an order to take Fort Johnson, South Carolina. He had this flag made for the troops who



also wore a silver crescent on their caps inscribed with the words 'Liberty or Death.' On June 28, 1776, this flag was raised at his defense of Sullivan's Island, which was later named Fort Moultrie."



The second flag, Guilford Courthouse, is an example of the lack of uniformity in American flags during the Revolutionary period as each group chose what flag to be used as its standard. This flag has the unique elements of an elongated canton and blue stripes. It was raised over the Guilford Courthouse, North Carolina, on March 15, 1781 under the leadership of General Nathaniel Greene whose militiamen halted the British advance through the Carolinas and turned them back to the seaport towns. This was one of the bloodiest battles of the long war, with the British losing over a quarter of their troops.

President Anderson announced our 2015 Knight Essay Contest winner, Shruti Vakharia, a senior at Folsom High School. She is an AP scholar, lifetime member of the California Scholarship Federation, member of the World Language Scholar Society, and a volunteer at Animal Outreach of the Mother Lode. She has played the piano for 10 years, and plans to attend college following graduation in May. Her winning essay entitled, the United States, has been forwarded to the California Society for consideration in the State competition.

President Anderson asked Shruti Vakharia and Don Littlefield to come forward and they presented her with the Knight Essay Certificate, medallion, and \$250 cash prize.

Past President Don Littlefield presented to President Craig Anderson a Certificate of Appreciation for the Sacramento Chapter's work in the Wreaths Across America program

President Anderson asked Ernie Garcia to come forward and presented him with a Certificate Of Appreciation for his work with our October community awards dinner meeting. Year after year, Ernie has worked very hard to bring us a great program. He has provided valuable service to the Sacramento Chapter by being our liaison with our local, state, and federal public safety community to allow us to recognize the great work our police officers, fire fighters, and Emergency Medical Technicians do for us.

President Anderson made the following announcements:

- ♦ The Chapter continues to accept Patriot biographies. If you haven't submitted one you are urged to do so. Anyone needing help or advice on this can call either President Anderson or Neil Elvick.
- ♦ **April Meeting will be held on April 22<sup>nd</sup> instead of April 15<sup>th</sup>.**
- ♦ Sacramento County National History Day will be held on March 5<sup>th</sup> and Inkerdum High School in N. Natomas. They are still in need of volunteer judges; if you would like to help, let me know and I will get you the information. If anyone wants help out on the SAR table at this event, please contact Russ Kaiser
- ♦ The California Society Spring Meeting will be held in Sacramento April 14 -16 and members were urged to attend. Details can be found on the CA Society web page.

Dinner was served

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## Minutes from February Meeting Continued

Photos by Don Spradling

After dinner President Anderson introduced our speakers, docents Tom Boyd and Paul Money from the Folsom Powerhouse State Historic Park. Docents Boyd and Money gave a very detailed overview of the Powerhouse from how it first got started up through being replaced by Folsom Dam. The 1895 plant is one of the oldest hydroelectric facilities in the world and was one of the nation's first power systems to transmit high-voltage alternating current over long distances. In a list of the top engineering feats in the last 125 years Folsom Powerhouse was selected for 1895.

President Anderson thanked our guests and presented them with a Certificate of Appreciation and a Liberty Bell.

The raffle was conducted and those bringing gifts were thanked: Susan and Alan Brooking; Don and Donna Spradling; Don and MaryAnn Littlefield; Gerry and Charlotte Miller; Harlan and Sidney Ann Tougaw; Clair and Medora Allen; Carl and Inga Ahlberg; Susannah Anderson; Craig and Sandy Anderson; Mike and DJ Brady; Jim and Karen Faulkinbury; Ruth Edmondson-Johnson; Tom and Marilyn Chilton; Doug and Wilma Cross; and Ron and Luann Hollis.

President Anderson thanked Tom Boyd and Paul Money for a great program; Susan Brooking for selling raffle tickets, Alan Brooking for being the Cashier, chairing the Calling committee, and conducting the raffle; Don Spradling for taking pictures and maintaining the flags; and Neil Elvick for editing the newsletter.

A motion to adjourn was made and seconded. President Anderson led the Recessional, Jeff Goodwin gave the Benediction and the members sang "God Bless America." The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted

Carl E. Ahlberg,

Chapter Secretary

## February 17 Program



**Tim Boyd, Paul Money, Pres. Craig Anderson**



**Folsom Powerhouse Docents, Tim Boyd & Paul Money**

The program was presented by two of the regular docents at the Folsom Powerhouse which is a California State Park adjacent to Old Folsom. The original powerhouse was powered by diverting the American River through the power station to generate electricity. When it was turned on it supplied electric power to the entire city of Sacramento, some twenty plus miles away, and it was the first place where AC power was sent over such a distance. Prison labor from the Folsom Prison was used in the construction process. Some of the AC/DC wars between Thomas Edison's General Electric and Nikola Tesla and George Westinghouse's Westinghouse Corporation were fought here. This powerhouse was closed when the current Folsom Dam was built and it is now preserved as a state park and is easily accessible to visitors from Old Town Folsom.

## Photos from February 17, 2016 Meeting

Photos by Don Spradling



**Shruti Vakharia is shown on the left with her certificate for winning the Knight Essay Contest with her essay titled *United States*.**



**Craig Anderson, Shruti and her sister, Nadhi Vakharia**



**Ernie Garcia receives Certificate of Appreciation for his work with the Community Awards Meeting**



**Don Littlefield presents Chapter President, Craig Anderson with Cert. of Appreciation for Chapter's participation in Wreaths Across America**



**Gerry Miller & guest, Charlotte**



**Chuck Barnett**



**Philip & Cindy Gould**



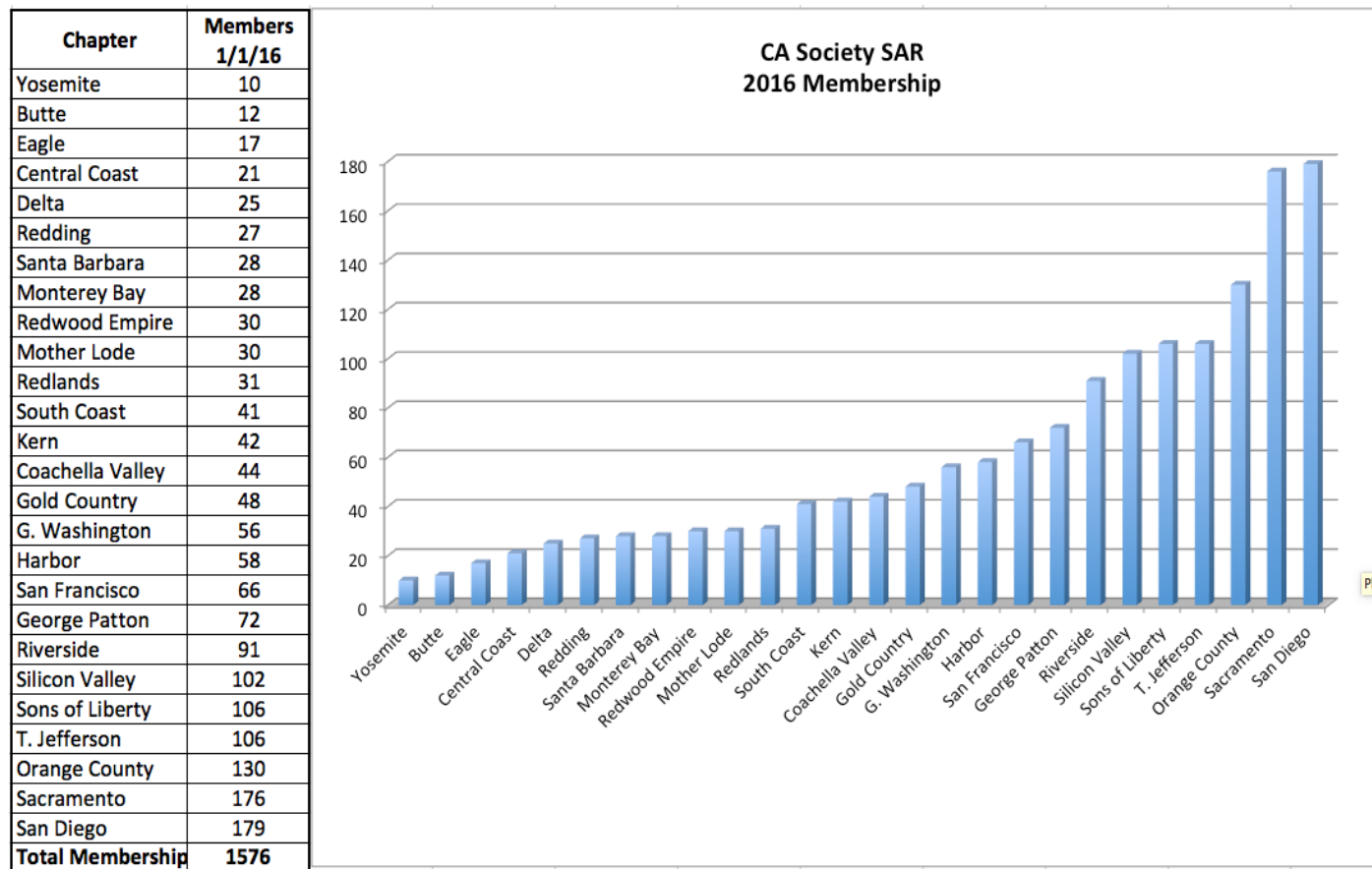
**James Warrick & Mr. & Mrs. Richard Ranson**



**Ernie Garcia, Wilma & Doug Cross**

## California SAR Chapter Membership Numbers

California SAR Chapters listed by membership size



## Patriot Ancestor

### Matthew Jacqueline Eggleston Ancestor # 523327

Matthew Jacqueleine was born in 1763, in Amelia County, Virginia. At a young age he joined a militia known as Call's Calvary under the command of Major General Marquis de Lafayette. Later, in 1824, he and his brother Edward, who was in the same militia, received the Marquis, when he came back from France to revisit America. Their cousin, Major Joseph Eggleston, served under the command of General Light House Harry Lee and was a noted Revolutionary War hero. Matthew Eggleston is a patriot ancestor of Evan Griffin Jonas.

## Instructions for Submitting Patriot Biographies

Patriot biographies, such as the one above, are still being solicited by the national organization. SAR is still accepting new ones, so there is still an opportunity for you to submit a biography. To submit your patriot ancestor biography to the national organization submit about 500 words as a Microsoft email attachment to [patriot-bios@sar.org](mailto:patriot-bios@sar.org). Include your name, Chapter and SAR Member number. If you would like to have assistance putting yours into narrative form we would be happy to assist. Contact Neil Elvick ([neilel@aol.com](mailto:neilel@aol.com)) or Craig Anderson ([craig@winfirst.com](mailto:craig@winfirst.com)) These biographies are published by the national organization for the purpose of helping aspiring members in their quest to find their own patriot ancestor.



## School Guard



**Donna & Russ Kaiser**

The Sacramento Chapter School Guard will again be presenting a series of programs for local elementary schools. So far programs have been set up for about eighteen different schools and will start about March 30. Color Guard members participating are Tom Chilton, Alan Brooking, Jim Faulkinbury, Ernie Garcia and Helen Hurst (from the DAR). The School Guard is organized under Commander Russ Kaiser. These programs are a wonderful outreach to the community and are very well received by the schools and by the students who attend. There is always a need to add members to the Color Guard and School Guard. Anyone interested should contact Russ Kaiser (boat361@aol.com). The School

Guard is tentatively scheduled to give one of these presentations at our May meeting.

**Information for assembling a uniform or militia outfit is now online at:**

**<http://www.sar-sacramento.org/uniforms.shtml>.**

**Photos of a variety of period uniforms and clothing are available at:**

**<https://sar.smugmug.com/Color-Guard-Uniforms/>**

**and enter password: Patriot**

SAR Sacramento Chapter photos from our dinner meetings can be accessed and downloaded at SmugMug.com.

Go to URL: **<https://sar.smugmug.com/>**

**and enter password: Patriot**

## 2016 Calendar of Events

### March 2016

**SAR-Sacramento Dinner Meeting Mar 18<sup>th</sup> John Hess (Delaware Regiment)**

**March 18<sup>th</sup> Present JROTC "Enhanced Program Award" - Dinner meeting.**

**March 2<sup>nd</sup> JROTC Award Presentation - Fairfield High School – Roy Adkins**

**March 7<sup>th</sup> JROTC Award Presentation – Casa Roble Fundamental High School – Roy Adkins**

**March 18<sup>th</sup> JROTC Award Presentation - Vanden High School – Roy Adkins**

**Brochure Contest Entries Due March 11<sup>th</sup>**

**Poster Contest Entries Due March 11<sup>th</sup>**

**March 5<sup>th</sup> Serve as judge at Sacramento County History Day – Craig Anderson**

**Color Guard, Sacramento County History Day, March 5, 2016 at Inderkum High School, Sacramento**

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## SAR Events Calendar

### April 2016

April 5<sup>th</sup> JROTC Award Presentation – Del Campo High School – Roy Adkins

April 7<sup>th</sup> JROTC Award Presentation – Luther Burbank High School – Roy Adkins

CA-Society SAR Spring Meeting Apr 14-16 in Sacramento

SAR-Sacramento Dinner Meeting Apr 22<sup>nd</sup> Speaker: TBA

### May 2016

National History Day State Finals May 6-7<sup>th</sup>, Rocklin, CA

SAR-Sacramento Dinner Meeting May 20<sup>th</sup> Speaker: TBA

ROTC\_JROTC award Presentations at the schools

Color Guard – Memorial Day Ceremonies - Sylvan Cemetery May 30th

### June 2016

SAR Dinner Meeting June 17<sup>th</sup>

ROTC\_JROTC award Presentations at the schools

Send out nomination letters to Law Enforcement Agencies for Community Awards Dinner

### July 2016

Color Guard – Carmichael July 4<sup>th</sup> Parade.

126<sup>th</sup> NSSAR Congress Boston, MA July 8 - 13

### August 2016

Members Only Meeting Aug 13<sup>th</sup>. Draft a list of potential officer candidates for 2017. Finalize Law Enforcement Candidates for Community Awards Dinner.

### September 2016

SAR Dinner Meeting Sept 16<sup>th</sup> Speaker: TBA

Constitution Day - Sierra College, Rocklin, CA

NSSAR Fall Leadership Meeting Sept 30 – Oct 1 Louisville, KY

### October 2016

SAR Dues Notices Mailed Oct 1<sup>st</sup>.

SAR-Sacramento Community Awards Dinner Oct 21<sup>st</sup>

### November 2016

Eagle Scout Scholarship Applications Due Nov 1<sup>st</sup>

Color Guard - Sacramento Veterans Day Parade Nov 11<sup>th</sup>

SAR-Sacramento Dinner Meeting Nov 18<sup>th</sup> Speaker: TBA

Nominations for 2017 Chapter officers closed Nov 30<sup>th</sup>

CASSAR Board of Managers Meeting – Date TBA

### December 2016

Chapter leadership meeting to review and finalize budget for 2017. Dec 10<sup>th</sup> Location TBA.

Knight Essay Contest Entries Due Dec 31<sup>st</sup>

## Coming Events

March 18, 2016 — Regular Meeting  
7:00 PM at the Cattlemens Restaurant  
Speaker John Hess of the Delaware  
Regiment

April 22, 2016 — Regular Meeting  
(\***Note 4th Friday instead of 3rd Friday**)  
7:00 PM at the Cattlemens Restaurant  
Speaker Susan Broderick Sutter Chapter  
DAR

April 14 – 16, 2016  
California Society Spring Meeting  
Sacramento Embassy Suites Hotel

May 20, 2016 — Regular Meeting  
7:00 PM at the Cattlemens Restaurant  
School Guard Presentation

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