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March Program



Speaker: **John Hess** **The Lewis and Clark Expedition**

Our speaker for the February meeting will be John Hess. John lives with wife Mary in Somerset, California. A Civil Engineer with HDR Engineering, and formerly 36 years with US Army Corps of Engineers, working now part-time on levee and dam projects. A re-enactor of many historical eras, John is a member of the national Lewis & Clark Trail Heritage Foundation, and a member of the Discovery Expedition of St. Charles, an educational nonprofit that completed the entire bicentennial expedition in 2003-2006 on full size keelboat, dugout canoes, horseback and on foot. John is also one of the founders of the Delaware Regiment, which is a Revolutionary War reenactment group that often performs at the same events as our Chapter Color Guard.

♦ **We will also be voting for the Best Poster – American Poster Contest – at this March 16 meeting.**

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Cattlemens Meal Selections

Steak and Scampi	\$30
Tri Tip	\$25
Grilled Salmon	\$25
Lemon Chicken	\$25
Ravioli (vegetarian)	\$25

Friday, Mar.16, 2018 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 14, 2018**, please call Phil Noble at (916) 402-3041 directly and leave a message by noon on Thursday or phil1776@sbcglobal.net. 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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This month we are excited to have John Hess as guest speaker. John will be sharing with us his knowledge of the Lewis and Clark Expedition. John is an active re-enactor of several different eras. We are also pleased to welcome Cadet Captain Erika Miller from the Air Force Junior ROTC Cadet Squadron at Del Campo High School. Cadet Miller is the winner of our 2018 Enhanced JROTC Scholarship Program. She represents the brightest and best of our regional JROTC students. Please join me in congratulating her at our March meeting.

On March 3, the Sacramento Chapter sponsored an American History Award for the best Web site on a Revolutionary War Era topic. Jennifer Hong was the unanimous winner. It's Americanism Poster Contest time and the best posters from 10 different area classrooms will be on display for your review and voting at our March meeting. Please plan to arrive a few minutes earlier than usual to peruse the posters and pick your favorite. The Sacramento Chapter winning poster will then go to the California Society Annual meeting in Concord on April 20-21 and compete for state prizes.

The School Guard is gearing up for their series of Elementary School Living History presentations. It's not too late to participate, even as an interested spectator. And, we are always looking for additional members to join the Sacramento Chapter Color Guard. It is a great way to show your patriotism to the community. Contact Russ Kaiser (boat361@aol.com) if you are interested in participating in either group.

Let's talk about Sacramento Chapter finances. First, let me state that the Sacramento Chapter is in good financial shape for the next few years. The Intel Foundation Grants have had a huge impact in helping the Sacramento Chapter establish a strong financial base. Next year should be no different. Having said that, our chapter dues and donations (excluding the Intel grants) fall about \$3,400 or about \$19/member below our annual operating expenses. That's before we add in the \$800 cost of Liability Insurance. As recent as 2012, our Chapter dues were \$15/member, however, when the California Society raised their dues to \$20/member, we chose to absorb the increase and reduced our chapter dues to \$10/member to keep your combined Annual Dues to \$60. Shortly thereafter, the National Society raised their dues to \$35, bringing your combined annual member dues to \$65 and where it has stayed for the last several years. Going forward, this means one of two things: Either we increase Sacramento annual chapter dues by some amount or we cut our youth awards

**Don Littlefield**

programs and operating expenses. Your elected officers will be wrestling with these financial realities and over the coming months will be addressing our short and long-term finances. The one thing this chapter does not have, unlike most other organizations, is an annual fundraising event. Until we can develop a viable annual fundraiser, we must consider raising our chapter dues. Like I said at the start, for the time being, the Sacramento Chapter is in good financial shape and as long as the Intel grants continue, we should be good for a couple of years. We will continue to keep you fully apprised of our options and our decisions. In the meantime, we welcome your feedback, involvement, and suggestions on ways we can remain viable and serve the community. But one thing is for certain and that is we need you! Get involved in your chapter. *Libertas et patria.*

Don Littlefield, President

Minutes from February 2018 Meeting

Sons of the American Revolution – Sacramento Chapter Minutes Sacramento Chapter Meeting, February 16, 2018 Meeting Minutes February 16, 2018

The regular meeting of the Sacramento Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution, was called to order at 1900 on February 16, 2018, in Rancho Cordova (Cattlemens) by Donald Littlefield.

Present

Membership as recorded on the attendance roster.

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Donald Littlefield at 7:00 pm.

Pledge of Allegiance: The Pledge was led by Ron Barker

Invocation: The invocation was delivered by Jeff Goodwin.

SAR Pledge: The SAR Pledge was led by Russ Kaiser

Opening Comments: Introduction of the SAR to honored guests. Don Littlefield explained the history, purpose, and mission of the SAR to the various guests attending this meeting.

Guests in attendance included;

Past Presidents of the Sacramento Chapter;

Del Hansen, Tom Chilton, Jim Faulkinbury, Jeff Goodwin, Craig Anderson & Russ Kaiser.

Special Guests: Jeff Doyle, Past President Mother Lode SAR – Introduction of the Americanism Poster Contest in 4 local schools (10 Classrooms), with Don. Ron & Connie Barker, Dual Member with the Gold Country SAR, also National Trustee of the SAR and a former CASSAR President (2016-17)

Other Special Guests: From the Haslet's Delaware Regiment, John Hess and Ross Miller. Roy, Brenda & Talia Vlaovich, and also Sara Beach's (Speaker) friend Bryan

Chapter Officers and Committee Chairs;

Carl Ahlberg, Program Chair

Michael Brady, Secretary

Neil Elvick, Newsletter

Roy Atkins, JROTC

Don Spradling, Photographer

Phil Noble, Calling Committee & Cashier

Joe Morehead, Cashier

Members of the Daughters of the American Revolution;

Kirsten Carlson, Gold Trail DAR

Marilyn Chilton, Sara Beach Sacramento DAR,

Carol Olney, Ruth Edmondson-Johnson, Sierra Amador DAR

New Members or Reinstated Members;

Michael Scott Brookes, Nathaniel Carlson, and Robert Horton his wife Pamela, and mother Lavonne



Michael Brady
Chapter Secretary

Minutes Continued

Swearing in of new officers;

Michael Brady was sworn in as the new chapter Secretary.

New Members – Induction: two new members were introduced and inducted into the SAR and welcomed by all of the members present. They are: Nathaniel Carlson and Robert Horton.

Flag Presentation: Jim Faulkinbury introduced this month's flags, the Cambridge (Grand Union) Flag, the Guilford Courthouse Flag, & Washington's Commander in Chief Flag. A brief history of each was given to the members and guests.



Grand Union Flag



Guilford Courthouse Flag



**Washington's Commander
in Chief Flag**

General Chapter Business: Several Awards were given to chapter member for outstanding service. David Paulsen; Challenge Coin for service on the calling committee. Jeff Goodwin; Past President 2009, California Society Chancellor 2014-2016. Jeff currently serves as our Chapter Chaplain, and a Law Enforcement Chaplain, has been outstanding, Michael Brady; Meritorious Service Medal, Chair of the Calling Committee and Notes Taker, Del Hansen; Bronze Good Citizens Service medal, Law Enforcement Chaplain and work as chair of the Law Enforcement Appreciation Banquet for 2017.

The Monthly Chapter Raffle was conducted: Gifts for this month's raffle were donated by; Will Gunter, Ernie & Helen Garcia, Craig & Sandy Anderson, Jim & Karen Faulkinbury, Ruth Edmondson-Johnson, Ron & Luann Hollis, Jeff & Page Doyle, Michael & Deborah Brady, Tom & Marilyn Chilton.

Dinner: (@1943) Dinner was served to the membership.

Guest Speaker (@ 2042): Sara Beach gave a well-received presentation on the history of Mount Vernon, the home of our First President. Ms. Beach is a UC Regents Scholar who majored in Linguistics and minored in History at UC Davis. She serves as a History Interpreter in the Washington's home and recently led Christmas Candlelight tours. Sara has logged more than 200 hours of volunteer time at Mount Vernon and even worked as a server in the beautiful Mount Vernon Inn Restaurant for three summers. Her presentation included many pictures of behind the scenes locations not normally seen by the public. The membership gave her very warm thanks at the end of her presentation. At the conclusion of the presentation Don presented Ms. Beach with a Certificate of Appreciation and a Liberty Bell.

Don thanked the following for their efforts in making the meeting a success; Phil Noble and Joe Moorehead for acting as cashiers for the evening, Don Spradling, Photographer, Neil Elvick, Editor of the Newsletter, and Kathy Noble for acting as Hostess.

Recessional: The recessional was led by Del Hanson

Benediction: The benediction was led by Jeff Goodwin

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 2133 by Donald Littlefield. The next general meeting will be at 1900 on March 16, 2018, at Cattlemens in Rancho Cordova, CA

Minutes submitted by: Michael Brady, Chapter Secretary

February Program

Photos by Don Spradling



Our speaker for the evening, Sara Beach, and Don Littlefield



Sara Beach with Certificate of Appreciation and replica Liberty Bell



Michael Brady and Don Littlefield



Michael Brady sworn in as Chapter Secretary



Conni and Ron Barker

Ron Barker is National Trustee of the SAR and a former CASSAR President (2016-17) and also member of the Gold Country SAR



Left to right: Ron Proffer, Patti Proffer, Conni Barker, Ron Barker

New Members

Photos by Donald Spradling



The photo on the left shows the new members, **Robert LeRoy Horton** and **Nathaniel Victor Carlson**. The photo in the middle is of **Pamela** and **Robert Horton** and on the right is the **Carlson family**. **Nathaniel** is joining as a Jr. member and he is also a member of the **Children of the American Revolution**

Robert LeRoy Horton was born in Lodi, CA on August 31st, 1968 and he currently lives in Lodi. He spent his childhood in Lodi and graduated from Lodi High School and Thomas Edison State university in Trenton, New Jersey, studying in Radiation Physics and Radiation Production.

He is married to Pamela McGehee. He is a Radiological Technologist with Surgical Staff Incorporated, a private contractor.

He served as a Sergeant in the US Army as a Psychological Operations Warfare Specialist from 1999-2012 in the United States Special Operations Command/United States Army Civil Affairs and Psychological Operations Command.

His hobbies include running counter-terrorism and counter-insurgency scenarios with a group of current and former military men and working with local law enforcement agencies in this educational effort to keep them sharp.

His application to join the Sons of the American Revolution was approved on February 2nd, 2018. His patriot ancestor, Alexander Scott Sr. served as a Private in Virginia and also served as a spy at the Siege of Yorktown.



Robert LeRoy Horton



Nathaniel Carlson

Nathaniel Victor Carlson was born in Roseville, California in 2007 and lives with his parents, Christopher and Kirsten Carlson in Granite Bay. He is a student in the 4th grade at Ridgeview Elementary School.

He enjoys activities and sports including Cub Scouts, the Student Council, competitive soccer, competitive swimming, lacrosse and water polo. He is also a member of the Capitol Society, Children of the American Revolution.

His application for Jr. Membership in the Sons of the American Revolution was approved on December 21st, 2017. His patriot ancestor, John Clore, Sr. provided material aid to the patriot's cause in Virginia.

Awards

Photos by Donald Spradling



Del Hansen: Bronze Good Citizens Service medal, Law Enforcement Chaplain and work as chair of the Law Enforcement Appreciation Banquet for 2017



Jeff Goodwin currently serves as our Chapter Chaplain, and a Law Enforcement Chaplain



Terry Cook



David Paulsen receives Certificate of Appreciation from President Don Littlefield



David Reid



Helen & Ernie Garcia



**Carol Olney and Ruth Edmonson-Johnson
Both members Sierra Amador DAR**

JROTC

To my Chapter members



Erika D. Miller
Outstanding Cadet

Our winner this year for the Outstanding Cadet Medal of the JROTC "Enhanced Program" is Cadet Erika D. Miller from the AFROTC from De Campo High School Carmichael, Calif. I would like to take this time to invite you to be at our March 16th meeting to show your support for this very deserving young Lady.

I would like to take this time to thank our judges who volunteered to evaluate the cadets' essays to come up with the score to select our winner out of many extraordinary essays: **Larry Guile, Bryan Neely, Ronald Hollis, Mike Brady, William Heavey, Philip Noble, David Paulson and David Cofer.**

SAR-JROTC-ROTC Program Chairman

Roy R. Adkins



Roy Adkins
JROTC Commander

Photos From February Meeting

by Donald Spradling



Joseph and Allison Arledge



Will Gunter and Roy Adkins



Clair and Medora Allen



Talia Vlaovich & Sara Beach

Stories from the Revolution (The Battle of Guilford Courthouse)



This week marks 237 years since The Battle of Guilford Courthouse was fought on March 15, 1781. That was just short of 6 years after the Battles of Lexington and Concord. In the weeks preceding the battle the British General, Cornwallis, had pursued Nathaneal Greene's army across North Carolina and southern Virginia. When they finally met on the battlefield there were about 2,100 British soldiers up against about 4,500 Patriots. The battle lasted only about 90 minutes. The Patriot's General Greene retreated from the battlefield, technically giving the British the victory, but about 25 percent of Cornwallis's men were killed, wounded or captured during the battle. One

British statesman, Charles James Fox (1749-1806), said of this result: "Another such victory would ruin the British army."

Cornwallis retreated to Wilmington, NC on the coast where he made the controversial decision to retreat into Virginia and where ultimately he would end up trapped by American and French troops at Yorktown, with the French Navy preventing any reinforcements coming from General Clinton in New York.



"I never saw such fighting since God made me. The Americans fought like demons." (General Cornwallis)



Links

SAR Sacramento Chapter photos from our dinner meetings can be accessed and downloaded at <https://sar.smugmug.com/> & enter **Patriot**

Information for assembling a uniform or militia outfit is now online at: <http://www.sar-sacramento.org/uniforms.shtml>.

Coming Events

April 20, 2018, Regular Meeting
7:00 PM at the Cattlemens Restaurant
Speaker: Russ Kaiser on Coast Guard Auxilliary

April 19 – 21, 2018 143rd Annual Spring
Meeting of the CASSAR
Concord Hilton Hotel Concord CA

May 18, 2018, Regular Meeting
7:00 PM at the Cattlemens Restaurant
Speaker: Gerry Miller “The Road the Saratoga”

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