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#### Presidents Corner

#### Compatriots and Friends of the SAR

As the Sacramento Chapter VP-Programs, the duties of chapter president have been temporarily delegated to me following the resignation of President Will Gunter, and Exec VP Terrence Conklin. I am looking forward to working with the membership to move the chapter forward with our youth, education, and community programs while we look for a new president and Exec VP. The next couple of months will be busy for our chapter.



In March, we will be privileged to recognize and honor, men and women from our public service communities who have been recommended by their agencies for their extraordinary achievements. Thanks to Co-chairs Del Hanson and Michael Hull, we will have a great selection of awardees. Please plan on joining us to thank the men and women who keep our communities safe.

Our JROTC Committee, under the leadership of Roy Adkins, will be visiting high school and college ROTC and JROTC events and awarding SAR Medals and Certificates to outstanding cadets recommended by their school programs. Our School Guard, under the leadership of Carl Ahlberg, will begin an extensive program of living history presentations to 5<sup>th</sup> grade assemblies in the greater Sacramento Area. Our Color Guard, under the command of David Beach, continues to average one event per month.

In April, we will be hosting the 2020 annual spring meeting of the California Society SAR. The Sacramento Chapter is entitled to 5 delegates. (Please be aware that only registered members may serve as voting delegates) I encourage chapter members to attend this event; this is a great opportunity to see what goes on at state meetings, have a voice in state society business, and meet compatriots from other chapters. There is no cost to attend the business meetings or the memorial Service. If you wish to attend one of the award luncheons or the Gala Banquet you must register and pay for that event in advance. I am delighted that some of our members have already registered for the conference, and I hope others will come out and show their support for Don Littlefield who will be installed as CASSAR State President at the Saturday banquet.

# Presidents Corner

The registration forms will be available at the March meeting or they can be found at the following link: <a href="https://www.californiasar.org/wp-content/uploads/145th-Annual-Spring-Meeting-Registration-FORM.pdf">https://www.californiasar.org/wp-content/uploads/145th-Annual-Spring-Meeting-Registration-FORM.pdf</a>

I want to personally thank all of our veteran members who have enrolled in the SAR Veterans Corps. Since last August, the chapter has nearly doubled our enrollment. Their roster can be found on this web site: <a href="https://members.sar.org/media/uploads/pages/266/Dr2aEHOd1Lhg.pdf">https://members.sar.org/media/uploads/pages/266/Dr2aEHOd1Lhg.pdf</a>

Others, who would like to add their names to the SAR Veterans Corps rolls, please provide me with a copy of your DD214 (service number and SSN redacted) and I will process your application.

Roy	R.	Adkins	CA	Sacramento	MilServ
Carl	E.	Ahlberg	CA	Sacramento	Vietnam
David	S.	Allmuth	CA	Sacramento	Vietnam
Wesley	C.	Anderson	CA	Sacramento	SpOps
Wesley	C.	Anderson	CA	Sacramento	SpOps
Dennis	C.	Anderson	CA	Sacramento	MilServ
Seward	L.	Andrews, Jr.	CA	Sacramento	WWII
Thomas	E.	Boyer	CA	Sacramento	MilServ
Dennis	L.	Deck	CA	Sacramento	MilServ
Jim	L.W.	Faulkinbury	CA	Sacramento	MilServ
Emest	J.	Garcia	CA	Sacramento	Vietnam
Kirk	J.	Gilles	CA	Sacramento	MilServ
James	J.	Goodwin	CA	Sacramento	MilServ
Ronald	I.	Hollis	CA	Sacramento	MilServ
Christopher	D.	Johnson	CA	Sacramento	SW Asia
Michael	W.	Jordan	CA	Sacramento	MilServ
Archie	L.	McPherran	CA	Sacramento	WWII
Richard	L.	Mullins	CA	Sacramento	Vietnam
John	W.	Pefley	CA	Sacramento	WWII
William	R.	Purcell	CA	Sacramento	Korean
Bruce	E.	Purcell	CA	Sacramento	MilServ
Theodore	M.	Robinson	CA	Sacramento	WWII
Roy	S.	Stanford	CA	Sacramento	WWII
Jimmy	L.E.	Stephenson	CA	Sacramento	SW Asia
Jimmy	L.E.	Stephenson	CA	Sacramento	SW Asia
Robert	L.	Wilson	CA	Sacramento	WWII

#### VETERANS RECOGNITION



Christopher Donald Johnson has been a SAR member since 2017. He served in the US Army earning the Bronze Star Medal, Army Commendation Medal, Army Achievement Medal, Army Defense Service Medal w/ Bronze Star, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal/ Iraq Campaign Medal W/ Campaign Star, Professional Development Ribbon, Army Service Ribbon Over Seas. As a member of the SAR Southwest Asia Veterans Corps, he is entitled to wear the War Service Medal with Afghanistan Bar in grateful recognition for his service to country during Operation Enduring Freedom. Compatriot Johnson resides in Arizona and couldn't receive his certificate in person; it has been mailed to him.

#### SACRAMENTO CHAPTER CHALLENGE COIN

Late last year, we created a Sacramento Chapter Challenge Coin that is currently available for purchase. We are selling them for \$25 each, or 5 for \$100, as a fund raiser to help defray our costs of hosting the CASSAR Annual Meeting. If you would like to purchase one or more of these gorgeous 2-inch coins, they will be available at the check-in desk at our March meeting.



#### **Cattlemens Meal Selections:**

Ribeve Steak \$30. Sirloin Steak \$25. Grilled Salmon \$25. Teriyaki Chicken \$25. Pesto Spinach/Cheese Ravioli \$25. (Vegan) **Next Meeting** 

Friday, March 20, 2020, 7:00PM

Cattlemens Restaurant

Make a reservation and meal choice when a member of the telephone committee calls. Or, contact Chair Phil Noble at email phil7476@aol.com by noon on Thursday before the meeting. Payment accepted at the door. We accept cash or personal checks. We do not accept credit cards.

Wives, guests, and visiting compatriots are always welcome.

Come and socialize at 6:00PM. The meeting will start promptly at 7:00PM



(L-R) Karen Faulkinbury, Donna Spradling, Marilyn Chilton, Tom Chilton, Jim Faulkinbury



Roy and Martha Adkins, Chairman ROTC/ JROTC Program



Cmdr. Russ Kaiser USCG (Aux) – Past President Sacramento Chapter

# Sacramento Knight Essay Contest Winner

# The Great Compromise's Effects on Modern-Day Politics

By Snehaa Ganesh Kumar<sup>1</sup> Vista Del Lago High School

The Constitutional Convention exemplified the American spirit of disobedience. Even though the delegates were given unambiguous instructions to *revise* the Articles of Confederation, and despite the delegates' differing views – which will shape every painstaking compromise made during the convention – the delegates knew that the Articles, no matter how extensively revised, would not be able to support the American Government and its people. And so they started from scratch - with only history and their opinions to guide them - to form the Constitution (American Pageant).

The first compromise made was the Great Compromise (by Sherman), a wedding between Virginia's large state plan (representation was based on population) and New Jersey's small state plan (representation was equal for each state), which stated that Congress would be bicameral, one house having equal representation across states (Senate) and the other having representation based on population (House of Representatives)(United States Senate).



While this compromise seems obvious in hindsight, the argument preceding it almost broke up the Constitutional Convention. Both sides of the argument held their ground, and vowed to reject the Constitution if they didn't get their way. If the large state plan had been approved, smaller states would have been marginalized; if the small state plan had been approved, those living in larger states would be at a disadvantage. One of America's central tenets – that everyone has a voice – would've been denied in the beginnings of the country itself. Would America still have stood as an inspiration to the French and Haitian Revolutions?

The Great Compromise was a desperate attempt to resolve debates and save the Constitutional Convention – it initiated the spirit of Compromise, and taught the delegates that they could find middle ground - but the idea of protecting small states as well as protecting personal representation had a lasting effect on American politics and society.

First: the electoral college was greatly influenced by the idea of small state protection. For example: Wyoming has three votes in the electoral college, despite being the state with the smallest population. California, despite being the most populous state in the United States, has fifty five electoral votes (Onion). While this seems proportionate, each of the fifty five Californian electors represents a larger amount of people than each of the three Wyoming electors. Each person who lives in Wyoming, then, gets more representation than someone who lives in California. The reasoning behind this decision was to "avoid complete domination of the election process by the more populous ones" (Neale). If the founders favored the small state plan in the electoral college, was the Great Compromise merely an effort to satisfy the larger states, and that the founders supported the small

state plan more? Many of the influential founding fathers – Alexander Hamilton, Benjamin Franklin, John Adams, Samuel Adams, and John Jay – were from small states. As Madison explained in Federalist No. 51: "If men were angels, no government would be necessary" (Hamilton).

Was the decision to "postpone" the electoral college decision and refer it to a committee (Neale) a secret move by these founding fathers to give the small state plan the edge it couldn't get in Congress?

Currently, large states such as California, Texas, and New York have grown to be the nation's centers (Los Angeles, New York City, Houston), in many ways. Hollywood, a major part of the American life and economy, thrives in California. Silicon Valley, an increasingly important area in tech development, is in California. Disneyland, a major tourist spot, is in California.

The Gold Rush spurred migration to California, and it developed into the most highly populated and educated state in the country. Similarly, Times Square is in New York; those who work in stocks and finance live in New York. The New York Times is one of the largest and most reliable media outlets. Large states already have so much influence on the country; why should they also get increased representation in Congress? The Great Compromise, as well as the electoral college, are some of the only things keeping smaller states from getting walked over.

Another way the small state plan was given advantage is by making the Senate more prestigious than the House of Representatives. First, the minimum age for a senator (30 years old) is higher than that of a representative (25 years old). This implies that more wisdom and experience is needed to be a Senator than a representative. Additionally, the Senate has the sole power to try all impeachments (Constitution); this gives them final say in the impeachment trial. This is especially important today – even though the House put Trump on trial, it is up to the Senate to actually remove him from office. And when this important decision is made, Rhode Island has the same vote as California.

The Great Compromise not only saved the Constitutional Convention, but affected the rest of the Constitution as well as modern-day politics. Without the Great Compromise, or the creation of the small state plan, history would have not been the same. The country would have gone to war much sooner, and each American would not feel social efficacy. From the Civil War to the impending impeachment trial, the Great Compromise has a lasting influence.

Snehaa Ganesh Kumar was awarded the Knight Essay medallion, Certificate, and cash prize of \$250 and her entry was entered in the state competition.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>Snehaa Ganesh Kumar is a student at Vista Del Lago High School. She has been involved in many academic and community activities. She served on Ami Bera's reelection campaign in 2016; she has conducted astrophysics research that is currently being published and has won Air Force, and Mu Alpha Theta Awards. She was a runner up in the 2016 Scripts National Spelling Bee, and was awarded 16<sup>th</sup> place in 2019. She was awarded 40<sup>th</sup> place in the 2019 National Physics Olympiad. She was the National Literature Champion in the 2016 Academic Pentathlon, a Coca Cola scholarship Semifinalist, and the Elks most valuable student district finalist. She is the CEO of the Queen Bee Project (her non-profit). She is Co-President of Vista Del Lago Operation Smile, Vice President of the French Honors Society, a commissioner on the Sacramento County Youth Commission, and curriculum developer at Dream Enrichment Classes where she is credited with 120 hours of volunteer work. She is a liaison at Teen Library Council, organizer of spelling bee workshops, and a junior docent at El Dorado community observatory.

# **Outstanding JROTC Cadet Contest Winner**

To qualify to compete in the Enhanced JROTC program, the cadet must be a junior (year 3 of a 4 year program or year 2 of a 3 year program), must rank in the top 10% of his or her JROTC Class, must rank within the top 25% of his or her school class, be recommended by the program commander, and submit an essay: "How the JROTC has prepared me to be a better citizen of the United States of America." The judges for the JROTC "ENHANCED Program were David Paulson, Ronald Hollis, David Cofer and Roy Adkins. Roy Adkins presented her with the Outstanding Cadet Medallion and Certificate and Treasurer Don Littlefield presented her a check for \$250. It was also announced that she was 2019 California Society winner and she will be competing at the national level.

# 2019 Outstanding JROTC Cadet **Cadet/ SMSgt Megan Nichole Lange** Casa Roble High School

2<sup>nd</sup> Place 2019 Outstanding JROTC Cadet Cadet/ SSgt. Mellene Heart Del Mundo Kennedy High School





2019 Outstanding JROTC Cadet California Society, Sons of the American Revolution.

2019 Honorable Mention

Cadet/ Lt. Jordan Kenneth Gilbert

Del Campo High School



# How JROTC has prepared me to be a better citizen of the United States of America

By Cadet Senior Master Sergeant Megan N. Lange Casa Roble Fundamental High School

I am Cadet Senior Master Sergeant Megan Lange and I am actively involved in the Air Force JROTC program at Casa Roble Fundamental High School. This program has provided me with indispensable experiences that have given me the chance to become an active and productive citizen of the United States of America.

The competitive nature of the program, a recognizable chain of command, and all of the public speaking opportunities have provided me with a solid base to be a beneficial citizen of the United States.

The competitive process for obtaining a job within the unit will be beneficial to me in the long run. The competitive nature of job applications within JROTC is an incredibly valuable asset to better prepare me for real world situations. When I am applying for jobs or in line for a promotion, I will feel better prepared because of the real-life simulation that JROTC job applications have given me. The competitive nature has taught me that I will always have to work hard in order to get what I want in life, nothing in life will be handed to me simply because I want it, and that is a lesson for me to carry through high school and beyond.

The recognizable chain of command within the unit instills respect in all the cadets that are a part of JROTC. I have personally learned to respect all cadets placed above me even if I do not always agree with some of their decisions. I have also learned that if I respect those above me, they will respect me when I voice my opinion. The new understanding of mutual respect that I have gained from my time in JROTC has prepared me for situations that might arise in a place of employment where I might not necessarily agree with what a supervisor or manager is doing but I will respect their decisions regardless because they have been put in a position that commands respect.

JROTC has provided me with countless public speaking opportunities that have furthered my preparation for life outside of high school. While public speaking may seem mortifying, my time in JROTC has proven to me that public speaking is only as hard as you make it. With the yearly presentations on a topic of choice, I have grown more comfortable standing in front of a group of people and talking to them without stuttering or losing my train of thought. My new confidence in public speaking will benefit me if I ever have to give a presentation at work, I will be able to portray the information required in a clear and concise manner.

The opportunities that I have been given and the skills I have learned in JROTC has provided me with the best foundation for life after high school that I could have asked for. The dedication, respect, and confidence that I have gained during my time in JROTC inspires me to be a better citizen of the United States every day and I believe JROTC has equipped me with the necessary mindset to do just that.



# Sacramento Chapter Color Guard and School Guard The Face of the SAR

One of the ways we can keep our American heritage alive is by taking our message to the public and relate the stories of how our country was founded and how we achieved the freedoms we enjoy today. Our Chapter's public face in our schools and in our community is through our Color Guard and "School Guard". The Sacramento Chapter Color Guard began in 1998 through the efforts of Chuck Highbaugh, Tom Chilton Jr., and Harry Harlan. They began by participating in a few northern California events, and they grew rapidly, reaching their maximum strength in 2008 with over 25 men and women participating in local events and parades.

Their first appearance was the Fair Oaks Fiesta Parade, on May 1, 1999. They won first place for the best marching unit and then went on to win many trophies and awards. They performed in various area events over the years such as parades, flag ceremonies, dedications and school presentations along with a project for United Airlines." In 2001 they participated in the special Veteran's Day program held at the Sacramento Memorial Auditorium. Recently they presented colors at the national Servpro Convention in Sacramento. Chuck Highbaugh was the Color Guard Commander until 2005, Jim Faulkinbury was commander until 2015, followed by Russ Kaiser in 2015 through 2017, and David Beach assumed command in 2018.

At the same time the Color Guard was formed, they began giving living history presentations to 5<sup>th</sup> grade classrooms in area schools. Early members of this group were Dee and Chuck Highbaugh, Art and Martha Glidden, Bill and Dona Spradling, Harry Harland, Ron and Patty Proffer, and Tom Chilton Jr. It was an agonizing beginning as they learned by trial and error what would work and what would not work for 5th grade students. Through this growing process, the "School Guard", as it became known, developed polished presentations that were informative and interesting to the students.

Our Chapter continues to present this program under the guidance and coordination of Carl Ahlberg with presenters Jim Faulkinbury, Carl Ahlberg, Ernie Garcia, Helena Hurst, Susan Cecchettini, and Craig Anderson. In 2019, the school guard presented in 14 schools to 1125 students and teachers, and was awarded the SAR President General's Education Outreach Streamer and Certificate at the 2019 National Congress. Since the beginning, it's estimated that the "School Guard" has presented to well over 10.000 students.

The Color Guard and "School Guard" programs are in great demand. Each year we receive more and more requests for appearances. This program is important not only to show the public the face of the SAR, but also keep the legacy of our patriot ancestors alive, as well as the legacy of our Chapter's members who founded and established the success of these programs.

To meet increasing requests, we need more volunteers to help with these presentations. If you can help us with either the Color Guard or School Guard, please contact David Beach or Carl Ahlberg.

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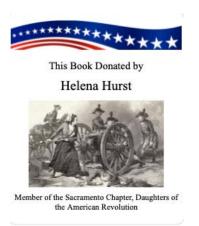
# **School Guard Book Donation Program**

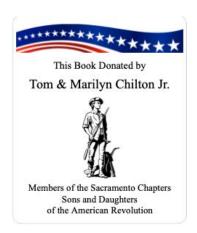
We are donating books to each classroom we visit this year. We believe that this program is an excellent way of contributing to the education of our students on the history of the American Revolution and the birth of our nation. If you would like to make a donation to this cause, for each \$5 you donate, we will put a bookplate in each book that says, "This book was donated by (your name). If you would like to help, **contact Carl Ahlberg:** icahlberg@sbcglobal.net

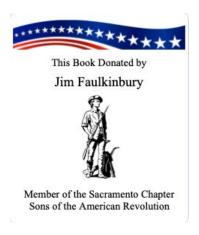
#### Thank You, Marilyn and Tom Chilton Jr. for your generous donation!

The School guard recently appeared at a 5<sup>th</sup> grade assembly at Jackson Elementary School in El Dorado Hills. We donated 6 books on the American

Revolution to each of three classrooms, and we challenged the students to read them. Any student who reads at least three of the books would be given a Patriot Certificate from the Sons of the American Revolution. Each of these books contained a bookplate with the name of the SAR or DAR donor. (Examples below)







# February Meeting Minutes

President Gunter called the meeting to order at 7:00PM and gave the invocation, Roy Adkins let the Pledge of Allegiance, and Terrence Conklin led the Pledge to the SAR.

President Gunter introduced National and State Officers and Chapter Past Presidents: Jim Faulkinbury, Genealogist General of the National Society, Don Littlefield, Executive Vice President of the state society, Craig Anderson, Vice President-North of the state society. Tom Chilton Jr. and Russ Kaiser, past presidents of the Sacramento Chapter.



# February Meeting Minutes (Cont.)

He recognized DAR members present at the meeting: Marilyn Chilton, Sacramento Chapter and Karen Faulkinbury, Gold Country Chapter. President Gunter recognized LAUX Members present: Marilyn Chilton, and Donna Spradling. He introduced guests, Snehaa Ganesh Kumar, Knight Essay Contest winner and her father Ganesh; Cadet MSgt Megan N Lange winner of our Enhanced JROTC Program and her parents Jeff and Tanya; Jim Hollabaugh, Silicon Valley Chapter.

President Gunter called on Flag Chairman, Michael Hull to come forward and present the historical flags. Michael gave brief history of the Betsy Ross Flag and the 1<sup>st</sup> Pennsylvania Rifle Regiment Flag. He also remarked that Sacramento Chapter's Neil Elvick's patriot ancestor was a member of that Pennsylvania regiment.

JROTC Chairman, Roy Adkins, came forward and introduced the chapter's winner of the Enhanced JROTC Program, Cadet MSgt Megan Lange. She was invited to read her essay and Roy Adkins presented her with the Outstanding JROTC Cadet medallion and certificate. Treasure, Don Littlefield presented her with a cash award. Roy announced that Megan has been selected as the California state winner of the enhanced program and she will be competing in the competition at the national level.

President Gunter introduced the guest speaker, Russ Kaiser; Russ gave an excellent presentation on the mission of the Coast Guard Auxiliary. Following, President Gunter awarded Russ with a certificate of appreciation.

President Gunter introduced the proposed amendments to the Sacramento Chapter bylaws. He called for discussion and then the amendments were voted on by the membership. While the amendments passed, they failed to receive the required 2/3's approval of the voting members present.

He thanked Phil Noble for chairing the calling committee, and being our meeting cashier. He also thanked Don Spradling for being our photographer. President Gunter called for a motion to adjourn – a motion was made and seconded. The recessional was led by Don Littlefield, and Scott Brook gave the Benediction. Tom Chilton Jr. led the singing of God Bless America.

Respectfully Submitted, Craig Anderson/ for Mark Mozdy

# Presidents Day

Sacramento Chapter Members along with members of the Haslett Regiment celebrated President's Day at Mount Vernon Memorial Park. Thanks to SAR members Kevin Allec, Carl Ahlberg, Jim Faulkinbury, Don Littlefield, Russ Kaiser, David Beach, Dennis Deck, and Craig Anderson for attending this event.



(L-R) Don Littlefield, Jim Faulkinbury, Craig Anderson



The Mormon Battalion



David Beach



Russ Kaiser and John Hess

# 2020 Chapter Calendar

# **Community Events**

<u>American Heritage Festival</u> This September event put on by the Sacramento Chapter of Freedoms Foundation of Valley Forge is a two day celebration of our American Heritage. Details will be available in future editions.

#### Color Guard

#### March 6, 2020

The Sacramento Chapter Color Guard will post the colors at the California Society of the Colonial Dames 17<sup>th</sup> Century state conference at the Double Tree Hilton Hote on Point West Way.

# **April 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> 2020**

The color guard will participate along with other chapter's color guard members in posting the colors at various events over two days at the California State Society meeting in Rancho Murieta, CA.

### May 25<sup>th</sup> 2020

Memorial Day: Events to be announced.

# July 4<sup>th</sup> 2020

**Independence Day:** Carmichael Elks Club 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade. Details will be announced.

#### **School Guard**

SAR or DAR members interested in observing or participating in these scheduled presentations must contact Carl Alhberg <a href="mailto:icahlberg@sbcglobal.net">icahlberg@sbcglobal.net</a> in advance of the event. <a href="mailto:Successful">Successful</a> completion of BSA Youth Protection Training is a requirement for attending these events.

<b>SCHOOL</b>	<b>DATE</b>	<b>TIME</b>
Sandra J Gallardo Elementary	3/5/20	9-10:20 AM
Lake Forest	3/10/20	1:30-3:00 PM
Mariemont Elementary	3/17/20	9:00-10:30 AM
Deterding Elementary	3/17/20	1:10-2:40 PM
Stone Lake Elementary	3/31/20	9-10:30 AM
Stonegate Elementary	3/31/20	1-2:30 PM
Orangevale Open K-8	4/21/20	1:20-2:30 PM
Cambridge Heights Elementary	4/28/20	9:15-10:45 AM
Sunrise Elementary	5/7/20	8:30-10:00 AM
Oak Chan Elementary	5/7/20	1:20-2:35 PM
Cowan Elementary	5/12/20	9-10:30 AM
Mission Open	5/12/20	1:10-2:40 PM

# **Honoring Our Patriot Ancestors**

#### **Edmund Littlefield**

Patriot #237299 Author: Stephen Renouf

My Revolutionary War ancestor, Edmund Littlefield, descends from an English Family from Titchfield, County Hampshire. Edmund's immigrant ancestor and namesake, Edmund Littlefield, was born in Titchfield, England around 1592. He immigrated to the Massachusetts Colony in 1636, and settled in Boston. He was a member of Reverend John Wheelwright's congregation, and fled to Maine with the reverend when he was expelled by Massachusetts.

Edmund Littlefield, the patriot, was born on April 3, 1724 in Braintree, Massachusetts, the son of Nathaniel Littlefield and Abigail Spear. Edmund filed an intention to marry Mary Caswell on 6 October of 1750 in Weymouth, Massachusetts. Edmund and Mary had nine children: Mary Littlefield (born 1753), Edmund Littlefield (born May 4, 1755), Jedediah Littlefield (born June 18, 1758), Anna Littlefield (born August 3, 1760), Asa Littlefield (born August 8, 1762), Josiah Littlefield (born June 30, 1765), Jesse Littlefield (born August 23, 1767), Elisha Littlefield (born November 17, 1770), and Elizabeth Littlefield (born May 2, 1773).

Edmund Littlefield left Braintree, Massachusetts and moved to Stoughton, Massachusetts in 1755. He fought in the French and Indian War (1754-1763), and according to a muster roll, he was in Captain Edward Ward's and Colonel Joseph Williams' regiment from 24 April 1758 through 24 November 1758, for which he received 16 shillings per month. He was at Oswego, New York, during the hostilities.

Private Edmund Littlefield was a minuteman and marched from Stoughton on the Lexington alarm of 18 April 1775 under Colonel Joseph Reads in Regimental Captain William Briggs' Ninth Company. Edmund Littlefield enlisted on May 1, 1775 and served until August 7, 1775. According to family tradition, he served at Bunker Hill with three of his sons: Asa, Edmund and Jedediah Littlefield. On 18 April 1777, Edmund marched in Captain Robert Swan's Company, under Colonel Benjamin Gill's Regiment, to Bristol, Rhode Island, to serve under Major General Spencer until relieved by reinforcements, and was credited with 24 days of service.

Edmund and his wife Mary Caswell were among the founding members of the First Baptist church, formed south of Boston in Stoughton on 24 August 1780. On 14 July 1781, he enlisted in Captain Amos Lincoln's Company. As a result of disabilities, he was detailed to garrison duty, and was later discharged on 1 June 1783. After his discharge from the Continental Army, he removed to Halifax, Vermont. In 1790, he was living in Halifax, Vermont. In 1791, Vermont was admitted as the fourteenth state of the United States. Edmund died sometime before 1805.

Edmund Littlefield is also the Patriot Ancestor of Don Littlefield, Nicholas Martinez, and Brendan Martinez.



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#### **COMING SAR EVENTS**

#### Chapter

Next Sacramento Chapter Dinner Meeting March 20, 2020 7:00PM Cattlemen's Restaurant, 12409 Folsom Blvd., Rancho Cordova

### **State Society**

Annual Meeting of the California State Society Sons of the American Revolution April 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> 2020 Murieta Inn and Spa 7337 Murieta Dr. Rancho Murieta, CA 95683

# **National Society**

<u>July 9 – 15, 2020</u> The 130<sup>th</sup> National Congress will be held in Richmond, Virginia. Details of this congress can be found on the NSSAR web site at the following address: https://www.sar.org/annual-sar-congress

**9/24/20 to 9/26/20** The fall leadership meeting in Louisville, KY. More information will be available as the date approaches.

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