

The Courier



PRESIDENTS CORNER



Compatriots & Friends

Greetings, as we enter into the month of March I hope this message finds you well and "living the dream." Those of you who know me know that is my go to response when asked, "How are you doing or how is it going?" I personally look forward to the month of March because here in Sacramento it means longer days (day light savings), warmer days, lower utility bills (don't need to heat up the house or cool it down) and of course celebrating St. Patrick's Day.

With St. Patrick's Day we have our annual corn beef and hash, green beer and of course some very funny Irish jokes. I always like to watch The Quiet Man starring John Wayne and Maureen O'Hara. If you have not seen this movie it is worth the time. I won't spoil the movie for you but the "Duke" is not playing in his traditional role of cowboy. This movie is filled with some great actors and it was filmed in Ireland.

Saint Patrick (Latin: Patricius; Irish: Pádraig ['pva:d̪ˠɾvəɟ]; Welsh: Padrig) was a fifthcentury Romano-British Christian missionary and bishop in Ireland. Known as the "Apostle of Ireland", he is the primary patron saint of Ireland, the other patron saints being Brigit of Kildare and Columba. Patrick was never formally canonized, having lived prior to the current laws of the Catholic Church in these matters. Nevertheless, he is venerated as a Saint in the Catholic Church and in the Eastern Orthodox Church, where he is regarded as equal-to-the-apostles and Enlightener of Ireland. He is also regarded as a Saint within the framework of their respective doctrine by the Anglican Communion and the Lutheran Churches.

The dates of Patrick's life cannot be fixed with certainty, but there is broad agreement that he was active as a missionary in Ireland during the fifth century. Nevertheless, as the most recent biography on Patrick shows, a late fourth-century date for the saint is not impossible. Early medieval tradition credits him with being the first bishop of Armagh and Primate of Ireland, and regards him as the founder of Christianity in Ireland, converting a society practising a form of Celtic polytheism. He has been generally so regarded ever since, despite evidence of some earlier Christian presence in Ireland.

According to the autobiographical Confessio of Patrick, when he was about sixteen, he was captured by Irish pirates from his home in Britain and taken as a slave to Ireland, looking after animals; he lived there for six years before escaping and returning to his family. After becoming a cleric, he returned to northern and western Ireland. In later life, he served as a bishop, but little is known about the places where he worked. By the seventh century, he had already come to be revered as the patron saint of Ireland.

Saint Patrick's Day is observed on 17 March, the supposed date of his death. It is celebrated inside and outside Ireland as a religious and cultural holiday. In the dioceses of Ireland, it is both a solemnity and a holy day of obligation; it is also a celebration of Ireland itself. If you are Irish I say to you, "God Bless Ireland."

Last month we had guest speaker Charles E. Frye, Secretary of the Redlands Chapter share with us the Battle of Breed's Hill. Charlie has written two novels featuring his patriot ancestor. The two novels are **"The War has Begun"** and **"Honor and Valor."** I have purchased my copy and I hope you will too. Both books are available on Amazon. If you order both books like I have you can receive FREE shipping. Please show your support by ordering these books today.

Finally, our next ZOOM meeting will be on Monday, March 15, 2021 at 6:30pm. Our ZOOM meetings typically last (1) hour and we are planning another great night for you. I look forward to seeing you then.

MEETING MINUTES

Sacramento Chapter SAR Meeting Notes Monday, February 15, 2021 Zoom Technology

President Michael Hull called Meeting To Order



31 Online Participants; Invocation: Phil Noble; Color Guard: Video Presentation Presenting of the Colors; Pledge Allegiance: Don Littlefield; Pledge to the SAR: Jim Faulkinbury

Introduced National and State Officers, Past Presidents – Jim Faulkinbury Past President, Sacramento Chapter, Genealogist General, National Society, Minuteman Class of 2019; Don Littlefield California Society President, Past President of the Sacramento Chapter; Craig Anderson Vice President of North California Society, Past President Sacramento Chapter; Tom Chilton Past President Sacramento Chapter, Former California Society for four years; Russ Kaiser (Absent) Past President Sacramento Chapter, Northern California Color Guard Adjutant; Del Hanson (Absent) Past President Sacramento Chapter; John Hendon Past President Yosemite Chapter; William Van Valkenburg Past President Redwood Empire Chapter; Dr. Matthew Bowdish CASSAR Surgeon.

Introduce Guests – Marilyn Chilton, Sacramento DAR, California Society Ladies Aux Member and former treasurer for the Ladies Aux; Our guest speaker Charlie Frye, Secretary of the Redlands Chapter; Lt. Col. Houdeck who is the commander of the JROTC of Casa Robles HS; Cadet essay winner Cadet William Law Kersey and Cadet Kersey parents. Roy Adkins: Introduced Lt. Col Houdeck Lt. Col Houdeck spoke about Cadet Kersey qualifications. Roy Adkins read the award to Cadet Kersey Cadet Kersey read his essay and then handed the call back to Michael Hull. Don Littlefield announced that Cadet Kersey will receive a check for \$250.00. Michael Hull then introduced our guest Charlie Frye

Our guest speaker for our February meeting was Charles E. Fry, Secretary of the Redlands Chapter. Charlie Frye is a geographer, cartographer, information scientist, and U.S. Army veteran. His interests include genealogy, the history of the American Revolutionary War, and major league baseball.

As he learned of his patriot ancestor, Isaac Frye's, story, he applied his skills to design an approach to use geographic information systems (GIS) to organize and document historical research projects. He is the author of two historical novels featuring his patriot ancestor and is working on the third book in the series, Duty in the Call of Liberty. The first two books are "<u>The War has Begun</u>" and "<u>Honor and Valor</u>" He lives, works, and writes in Redlands California. Charlie gave us a very informational presentation on the Battle of Breeds Hill/Bunker Hill. Thank You very much Charlie!

Chapter President Michael Hull Adjourned the meeting at 7:50pm.

Recessional: Craig Anderson; Benediction: Phil Noble; God Bless America: Tom Chilton.

THANK YOU COMPATRIOTS

Congratulations to compatriots William Roger Purcell who on January 10th, celebrated his 25th year as a member of SAR; Past President James Jefferies Goodwin, who celebrated his 20th year on February 12th and Bradly Neil Clark, who celebrated his 20th year on February

28th as members of the SAR.

Our chapter has faced a series of challenges over the past two years and have emerged stronger because of our loyal membership; we would like to take this opportunity to also recognize those members who celebrated service anniversaries during 2019 and 2020. Thank you all for your support!

SACRAMENTO CHAPTER 2019 MEMBER SERVICE ANNIVERSARIES

First Name	Middle Nome	Lost Name	Date	Member	Years/
First Name	Middle Name	Last Name	Approved	Туре	Service
Michael	Lee	Hull	7/31/14	Regular	5
Robert	Andrew	Schrag	3/11/14	Regular	5
James	Raymond	Strickland	3/11/14	Regular	5
Harry	Vaughn	Hutton	11/2/09	Regular	10
Michael	Glenn	Wolf	11/2/09	Regular	10
Kai	Jackson	Rex	5/5/09	Junior	10
David	Lane	Sloan	12/13/04	LM	15
Levi	Howard	Devany	3/19/04	LM	15
Nathaniel	David	Devany	3/19/04	LM	15
Thomas	Charles	Whitham	3/19/04	LM	15
Cornelius	Vanderbilt	Vick Jr	11/10/99	Regular	20
James	Daryl	Warrick	6/15/99	Regular	22
Don	Lee	Stockett	6/2/99	LM	22
Charles	Lee	Cole	3/22/99	Regular	22
Willard	J.	Blankenship	11/22/94	Regular	25
George	W	Crombie	8/27/79	LM	40

SACRAMENTO CHAPTER 2020 MEMBER SERVICE ANNIVERSARIES

First Name	Middle Name	Last Name	Date Approved	Member Type	Years/ Service
David	Everett	Paulsen	8/11/15	Regular	5
Glenn	Leslie	Cline	7/2/15	Regular	5
Charles	Arthur	Barnett	6/1/15	Regular	5
Philip	Alan du Bouchet	Kerr	4/24/15	Regular	5
Jimmy	Lee Elvis	Stephenson	2/26/15	Regular	5
Russell	Charles	Kaiser Jr	12/30/10	Regular	10
Andrew	Jackson	Tufts	12/2/10	Regular	10
Robert	Michael	Rectenwald	11/23/10	Regular	10
James	Marcus	Hollabaugh	7/22/10	Regular	10
Rowland	Neil	Zinn	7/22/10	Regular	10
Gregory	Stephen	Jones	4/6/10	Regular	10
Ernest	Jerry	Garcia	9/7/05	LM	15
Ryan	Michael	Otterblad	5/18/05	LM	15
Seward	Louis	Andrews Jr	4/13/05	Regular	15
Rudolph	Kenneth	Rodriguez	4/1/05	Regular	15

David	Stuart	Allmuth	11/20/00	Regular	20
Bruce	Edward	Purcell	11/1/95	LM	25
Brice	Cutrer	Jones	8/14/95	LM	25
Mark	Leroy	McPherran	5/17/90	LM	30
Mark	Randal	Chase	3/30/90	LM	30

OUR JROTC PROGRAM





2nd Place JROTC "Enhanced Program Cadet"

Our 2020 2nd place winner of the "JROTC ENHANCED" Program" was Cadet LCDR Emma O'Leary from the NROTC from Yuba City High School, Yuba City California. I, Program Chair Roy R. Adkins, would like to to invite chapter members and guests to be at our March 15, 2021 zoom meeting to show your support for this very deserving young Lady. This will be the 1st year Yuba City high school has been with our Sacramento Chapter's JROTC Program. We are pleased that their naval program has joined with us. I would like to thank this year's Judges for volunteering their time, wisdom and expertise to the Program. Mike Arledge, David Cofer and Roy R Adkins.

How JROTC Has Prepared Me to be a Better Citizen of the United States of America

By Cadet /LCDR Emma O'Leary

I don't recall a moment in my life where I've been as proud of myself as I am when I march along with my fellow cadets in the color guard. When I carry a flag, give the order to carry arms, march, and present the colors of our nation to a crowd of Americans at a high school football game, I can't help but wonder what I would do without JROTC in my life. It has impacted me in ways I could never have imagined. I've met and will continue to meet

amazing people, experience opportunities not many have the honor of, and learn life lessons that will stay with me forever. And there's a particular lesson that I'll cherish and hope passes on to other cadets: becoming a better citizen of the United States. Navy JROTC has taught me three core values: honor, courage, and commitment. Honor gives me the sense to do what is right in regards to my unit, teachers, and country. It makes me want to be the very best of myself in any given situation. Courage grants me the strength and confidence, mentally and physically, to do the right thing when faced with adversity. I feel this core value has pushed me in the direction of becoming a female fighter pilot in the Navy. I know the challenges and long road ahead of me to reach my goal, but I won't let it sway me. This brings me to the last core value. Commitment helps me stay the course towards what I wish to accomplish. I am obligated to carry out and complete my goals and ambitions, whether they're to work on small projects with my team or life dreams. These core values help me be a better citizen of the United States because they set expectations of how to act wherever I go, whoever I interact with, and whatever I do. JROTC promotes volunteering within the community so cadets can be well rounded. It definitely works. The volunteer services I've participated in has made me a better person Emma O'Leary c/LCDR overall, and certainly an even better citizen. The people who work and run volunteer organizations are some of the kindest people I've met. Volunteering my time to be there, work, and help others makes me thrilled. We also host fundraisers through companies and our own at school. This helps us as well as local businesses, which is a bonus. JROTC has all these opportunities to do remarkable things and I want to participate in all of them. Being involved in my community makes me a better citizen because I interact with and learn from all different kinds of people in my town and create a stronger community. While going out and helping the community is fulfilling, staying in the classroom is just as good. With the rest of my unit, I sit at my desk and listen as our Lieutenant talks about U.S. Naval history. To me, knowing your country's history is one of the most important things about being a good citizen. I've taken college classes because the ones at the high school weren't in depth enough. But JROTC really stresses United States history. You need to know it on top of the Naval history that they teach you because it's important to know about the country you defend and the way you do it. Naval warfare is long and extensive. Learning different strategies and tactics that were used by our Navy is the best part of my day. Knowing my country's history makes me a better citizen because it tells us who we are and all that we've accomplished to reach this point. It gives me a feeling of pride to be a part of something so great. Overall, JROTC has taught me a lot, but being a better citizen is one that I will never forget how to do. Its code, lessons, and opportunities have taught me how to be the very best of myself, and I hope it will continue to do so for other cadets like me.

MEETING LINK, ID, AND PASSWORD

Our March meeting will be held via Zoom at 6:30PM March 15, 2021.

Copy and paste the link below into your browser or simply click on the link below to access the meeting

Sacramento Chapter Meeting Mar.15, 2021 06:30 PM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting https://us02web.zoom.us /j/86595421975?pwd=TVBqV2IvY0Q1OWFyc1NvM1V4RmExQT09

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Color Guard Calendar



Color Guard Commander David Beach

No events are scheduled at this time. The latest issue of the SAR Colorguardsmen Magazine can be found here: <u>https://www.sar.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/01/32-colorguardsman_v9-i4.pdf</u>

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COMING SAR EVENTS

Chapter

The next Chapter meeting will be held on March 15th, 2021 at 6:30 PM via Zoom Video Conference.

State Society

146th Annual Meeting that was scheduled to be held at the Mission Inn in Riverside, CA. has been cancelled due to COVID 19 restrictions. The 146th annual meeting will be held via a Zoom video-conference on Saturday April 17, 2021 at 9AM. More information will follow.

National Society

The Spring Leadership Meeting will be held via Zoom video-conference.

July 10, 2021 131st Congress Renton, WA.

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