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May Speaker

Rex Ruth is a native Californian of American/Mexican descent raised primarily in California's San Joaquin Valley. He holds a degree in theatrical arts, mass communication and education with an emphasis on history. He is an author, lecturer and teacher who now lives in Northern California with his wife, Janna, and he has five children and seven grandchildren. Rex was a member of Old Sacramento Living History Program in Old Sacramento CA, as well as the Highway 50 Wagon Train. He is presently a Docent for the State of California Historical Parks at Coloma California in the first person interpretive program where he has held that position since 2001.

He has brought America's history alive by speaking to public, political, and religious audiences as Daniel Webster, President Polk, the Rev. Aaron Cool, California's first Senators William M. Gwin, John Charles Fremont, the Great Explorer, and now Samuel Adams. In doing so, he has received wide acclaim.

Rex, by invitation, went on a speaking tour for the NorCal Tea Party Patriot's "California Constitutional Bus Tour" in October 2010, and he traveled throughout California giving speeches at major cities. He has been invited to do the same in April of 2012. He has authored a book entitled "Blood Fire and Faith; How Freedom Became a Country", and he teaches seminars to educate Americans on their very unique heritage and the development of our U.S. Constitution.



Meal Selections:

Sirloin Steak	\$24.
Salmon	\$24.
Vegetarian Plate	\$24.

Next meeting

**May 18, 2012, 7:00 PM at
The Buggy Whip Restaurant**

If the telephone committee has not taken your menu selection(s) by May 15, please call
Don Littlefield at (916) 985-6544 for reservations.
Payments must be **guaranteed for each reservation made**.
Wives, guests and visiting compatriots are always welcome.

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President's Corner

Dear Compatriots and friends,

We celebrate two important holidays during the month of May. The first is Mother's Day. Julia Ward Howe (author of the Battle Hymn of the Republic) first issued her Mother's Day Proclamation in 1870 as a call for women to join in support of disarmament. President Woodrow Wilson made it an official National Holiday in 1914. For many of us, our Mothers have passed on. However, we still remember and love them. Take a few moments on May 13th to remember your mother, and tell her that you love her.

The second important holiday observed in May is Memorial Day. Formerly known as Decoration Day, the name was changed to Memorial Day in 1971 by an act of Congress. As a young child, I remember going to the cemetery with my parents on Decoration Day to put flowers on the graves of our relatives who had passed on before us. There were flowers on almost every grave, and many had an American Flag. Decoration day was originally established after the end of the Civil War to honor Union Civil War soldiers who had fallen in battle. However, by the beginning of the 20th century Decoration Day had been extended to honor all Americans who had died in all of our wars. Take a few minutes on Memorial Day to thank God that we have had brave, young American men and women who were willing to make the ultimate sacrifice to keep America free!

I think we have another great meeting lined up for May. Our speaker, Rex Ruth, will portray Samuel Adams. The CASSAR hired Mr. Ruth during the 2008 NSSAR Congress' reception held at the Railroad Museum, where he portrayed John Fremont. He was excellent! It will be interesting to see him as Samuel Adams. We will also be recognizing at least one new member, and hopefully be presenting another 25-year pin and certificate to one of our members.

I want to remind you of the Annual Awards Banquet to be held at 1:00 PM on Saturday, October 13, 2012, at the Sacramento Yacht Club. We have decided to hold the event during the day for several reasons. First, the Yacht Club will be easier to find in the daylight. Second, by having it during the day those members who do not like to, or cannot drive at night, will have the opportunity to attend. This is one of the most important events that the Sacramento Chapter holds. In the past, the Sacramento Mayor, Chief of Police, Metro Fire Chief, and Sacramento County Sheriff, have all attended. We need the support of **all** of our members to show the Sacramento area's first responders that we really appreciate what they do for our community. **Please plan to attend.**

I look forward to seeing you on Friday, May 18th.

Yours in patriotic service.

Tom



CASSAR Spring Meeting of the Membership

Notes From the 137th CASSAR Annual Meeting

April 12-14, 2012, Sacramento

By Jim W. Faulkinbury, CG

Thursday, April 12th

This was a travel day for most out-of-town attendees. The evening was highlighted by a casual dinner at the original Frank Fats restaurant with several members including the Treasurer General, Joe Dooley (VASSAR), and Registrar General, Lindsey Brock (FLSSAR and Sacramento Chapter Dual member) attending.



Friday April 13th

Following the Posting of the Colors for the morning meeting, the roll of CASSAR Officers and Chapter representatives was called and a quorum declared present. National Officers, Treasurer General, Joe Dooley, and Registrar General, Lindsey Brock gave brief comments. This was followed by reports from the CASSAR officers and then the Chapters present. The Monterey Chapter announced that they would host the Fall Board of Managers Meeting in November in Seaside. The morning session broke for the Community Service Awards Luncheon and resumed following the luncheon for continuation of the Chapter and Committee reports. Following the end of the 2nd session, the Hospitality Room was opened and at 6:00pm, those who signed up for the Officer's Dinner at the Firehouse Restaurant, adjoined for dinner.

Saturday, April 14th

The only business left was the report of the Nominating Committee for the proposed slate of 2012 CASSAR officers and the call for any other nominations from the floor. There being none, the slate of officers presented by the Nominating Committee was elected unanimously. They are: President – Keith Bigbee, Executive VP – Steven Hurst, VP North – Jim Faulkinbury, VP South – Kent Gregory, Secretary – Ron Barker, Treasurer – Michael Howard, Registrar – Owen Stiles, Genealogist – Terry Briggs, Chancellor – Jeff Goodwin Esq., Chaplain – Rt. Rev Lou Carlson, Historian, Jim Blauer, and Surgeon, Capt. Ernest Latham M.D. There being no further business, the CASSAR Annual Meeting was adjourned followed by brief meetings of the Board of Manager's and the Western District SAR. The Youth Awards Luncheon followed where the Sacramento Chapter's Outstanding JROTC Cadet Contest winner, Jeremiah Taylor, received the CASSAR's Outstanding JROTC Silver Medallion. His entry will represent the California Society in the NSSAR competition. The Youth Awards Luncheon was followed by the annual CASSAR Memorial Service recognizing those members of CASSAR who passed during the last year. The evening concluded with the Banquet where the new 2012 CASSAR and the Ladies Auxiliary officers were sworn in. Steve Renouf was presented with the SAR Distinguished Service Medal and a couple members of the CASSAR Color Guard were presented with Silver and Gold Von Steuben Medals for their service in the CASSAR Color Guard.

Photos from the CASSAR Spring Meeting



CASSAR VP North Jim and LAUX VP Karen Faulkinbury



Sacramento Chapter President Tom and Marilyn Chilton



Christie and Russ Kaiser



LAUX President Karen Dodd, Jim Faulkinbury, JROTC CASSAR winner Jeremiah Taylor, his father, Oliver Taylor, and John Dodd



Swearing in of the 2012-2013 CASSAR LAUX officers



Swearing in of the 2012-2013 CASSAR officers

Meeting Minutes

April 20, 2012

President Tom Chilton called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Chaplain Jeff Goodwin gave the invocation and called for a moment of silence over the passing of Compatriot Harry Harland who passed away on March 20, 2012, and Compatriot Ed Smith who passed away on March 17, 2012. Vice President Russ Kaiser sounded eight bells on the chapter bell, signifying "End of Watch" following the reading of each name, in honor of our departed compatriots.

Ed Glidden led the membership in the Pledge of Allegiance, and Bill Purcell led the Pledge to the SAR.

President Chilton recognized past and current presidents of the SAR: from the Sacramento Chapter, Chuck Highbaugh, six times past president; Jeff Goodwin, who is also the CASSAR Chancellor; Jim Faulkinbury, who is also the CASSAR Vice President – North; Jeff Sylvan, President of the Delta Chapter and his wife Ursula; and Ed Glidden who is president of the Monmouth, New Jersey Chapter and his wife Joann.

DAR members from the Sacramento Chapter recognized included Marilyn Chilton, Cynthia Fine, and Ginger DeGregory, past Regent, and her husband Fred; from the Sierra-Amador Chapter, Ann Taylor; and from the General John A Sutter Chapter, Peg Wilson, past Regent, Martha Glidden, and Mary Glidden Ellis.

President Chilton welcomed the guests for the evening: speaker, Herbert Brown, Special Agent In Charge, Sacramento Division Federal Bureau of Investigation; Staff Sgt. Robert Monforte of the California National Guard and his wife Ariana; Laura Farnsworth (John Chiles' niece), and her friend, Kyle Carley, Chuck Markum, Ted and Juanita Lucas, and Tammy and Ramon Gomez. President Chilton also recognized Don Clark, whose SAR application has been approved. Don will be inducted into the Sacramento Chapter at the May meeting.

President Chilton also recognized Terry Cook, Ed Glidden, Chuck Highbaugh, Joe Mohamed, and Bill Purcell. Both Chuck Highbaugh and Rich Tolman have been quite ill, and it is great to see them. Rich is on the waiting list for a kidney transplant. It is also good to see Ernie Garcia tonight.

Jim Faulkinbury presented a historical overview of the Bunker Hill and the Spanish Burgundy Cross Flags. Jim then presented Don Spradling a streamer from the CASSAR for the Color Guard's participation in the 2011 "Wreaths Across America" ceremony.

Staff Sgt. Robert Monforte was asked to come forward. President Chilton presented him with the SAR Medal and Certificate for Heroism. On February 2nd of this year, Sergeant Monforte, a recruiter with the Army National Guard, risked his life to pull a disabled man from a burning car.

President Chilton asked Ed Glidden to come forward. Ed, who is President of the Monmouth, NJ Chapter gave us an overview of his chapter activities.

Chuck Highbaugh was asked to come forward and President Chilton presented him with a 25-year certificate and pin. Chuck Highbaugh became a member of the SAR in 1986 and has always been a strong supporter of the Sacramento Chapter serving six years as president during 1990, 1991, 1993, 1994, 1998, and 1999. President Chilton also noted that the Chapter currently has 12 members with over 25 years of service including Jack Perfley who was also present this evening.

Joe Mohamed introduced the guest speaker for the evening, Special Agent in Charge, Herbert Brown of the FBI's Sacramento office. Mr. Brown gave an excellent presentation on the various law enforcement activities conducted by his agents in the Sacramento office and how the Sacramento FBI interacts and supports local law enforcement efforts. Following the presentation, President Chilton presented Herbert Brown with the SAR Certificate of Appreciation and the SAR Liberty Bell.

Vice President Russ Kaiser presented a short biography of the speaker that has been scheduled for the May meeting: Mr. Rex Ruth. Rex Ruth is a native-born Californian raised in the central San Joaquin Valley and now lives with his wife, Janna, in Auburn California. He holds a degree in drama, mass communication, and history; he will portray Samuel Adams. Vice President Kaiser also reminded the membership about the Sacramento Chapters Annual Award Luncheon on Saturday, October 13, 2012, at the Sacramento Yacht Club, where the chapter will recognize outstanding people who serve our community in the public safety area of law enforcement, fire protection, and emergency medical services.

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The SAR Color Guard

CALL TO ARMS — WE NEED YOU!

Jim Faulkinbury, Sacramento Chapter Color Guard Commander

At the June meeting, members of the Sacramento Chapter Color Guard will wear period dress and demonstrate some of the activities in which we participated. It is hoped that more Chapter members will consider joining the Color Guard and actively participate in some of the community events in which we are involved.

Members of SAR chapter, state society, and the National Color Guards seek to visibly promote the stated objectives of the SAR which are declared to be Historical, Patriotic and Educational. Every time a SAR Color Guard makes a public appearance, the members are fulfilling all three objectives. In fact, the Color Guard is one of the most effective public relations tools available to the SAR.

Our current Sacramento Chapter Color Guard was started in 1998 with six members of the Chapter choosing the uniform of the 4th Massachusetts Regimental uniform as the uniform they would wear. Thus began the Chapter's participation in many events over the years that have resulted in requests for return engagements and provided our Chapter with significant PR goodwill.



When I first joined the Color Guard in early 2002, we could easily muster over thirty members for parades or other public events. Many of these members, including the ladies and children, wore period dress other than the 4th Massachusetts Regiment. Many members wore the uniform of their own ancestor's units, whether it be that of a militia unit in the day-to-day work clothes of the period, members of other Continental Army regiments, frontiersmen, etc. The most important thing is that selected dress of members of the Color Guard was historically correct so as to not compromise the educational and patriotic objectives of the SAR.

WE NEED YOU!

With the advance of time and age, we are now significantly diminished in our ability to participate in events where the Color Guard has previously been involved in the Sacramento area. Now, we are lucky if we can raise a dozen members for parades or other public events. It is hoped that by demonstrating some of our uniforms and the programs in which we participate that more Chapter members will consider joining us in fulfilling our SAR goals. If you are interested, I can provide you with information on vendors that make appropriate period dress options.

Below is a list of the major activities in which the current Color Guard participates:

- Parades such as the Carmichael Elks 4th of July Parade and the Sacramento Veteran's Day Parade,
- Honor Guard for the annual "Wreaths Across America" ceremony at the Sacramento Valley Veterans Cemetery,
- Presidents' Day and Memorial Day activities,
- School presentations to augment 5th grade history curriculums,
- Posting the Colors for the meetings of other organizations (DAR, Toastmasters, Colonial Dames, etc.),
- Participating with the Children of the American Revolution in their activities.

Color Guard members who attend California Society or National Society events can also participate as members of the CASSAR or NSSAR Color Guard. Color Guard uniforms and dress are considered formal attire for any SAR event.



SAR Color Guard at Wreaths Across America



SAR Color Guard Performs on Presidents' Day

April Meeting Minutes (continued)

Marilyn Chilton conducted the drawing. Those donating gifts were Tom and Marilyn Chilton, Jack and Jerri Pefley, Chuck and Dee Highbaugh, Ann and George Taylor, Mary Ellis, Ed & Joann Glidden, Vince and Jeni Gantt, Don and Donna Spradling, Ginger and Fred DeGregory, and Craig and Sandy Anderson.

President Chilton thanked Marilyn Chilton for her assistance with the raffle, Don Spradling for taking pictures, Vince and Jeni Gantt for handling the door collections, and Don Littlefield for editing the newsletter. He then asked for a motion to adjourn. The motion was made and seconded. Ron Proffer led the Recessional; Jeff Goodwin gave the Benediction.

The members then sang "God Bless America" after which the meeting was adjourned at 9:15 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Craig Anderson, Secretary

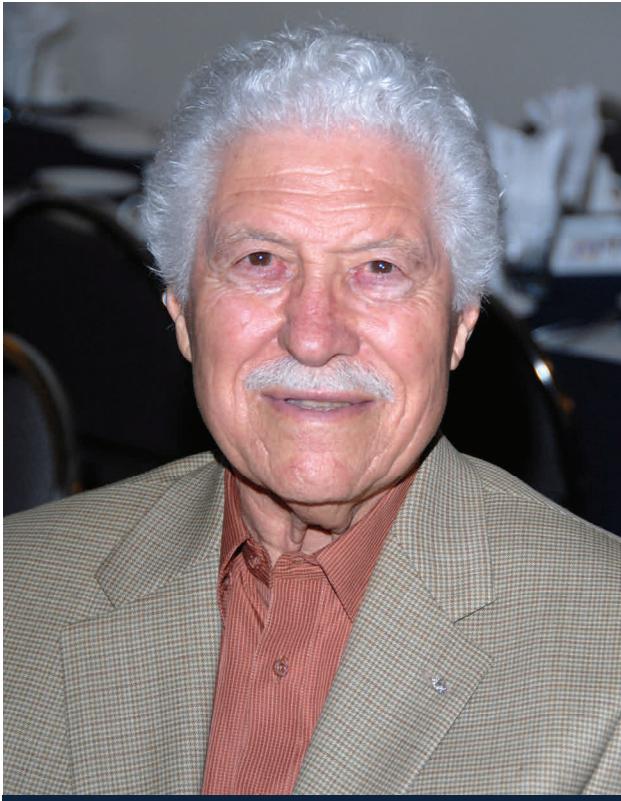
April Meeting Photos



President Tom Chilton and FBI Special Agent In Charge Herbert Brown



SAR Hero recipient SSgt Robert Monforte



Joe Mohamed



Tom Chilton presents 25-year Membership Award to Chuck Highbaugh

April Meeting Photos



Ed Glidden and his mother, Martha Glidden



Kyle Carley, Laura Farnsworth, John Chiles



Glen and Cynthia Fine



Patti and Ron Proffer



Ernie Garcia and Don Clark

April Meeting Photos



L-R: Chuck Markham, Joann Glidden (Ed's wife), Ed Glidden, Martha Glidden (Ed's mother) and Mary Ellis (Ed's sister)

"I must study politics and war that my sons may have liberty to study mathematics and philosophy." John Adams



Ron and Patty Proffer, Dee and Chuck Highbaugh, Shirley and Joe Mohamed, Herbert Brown

"Those who expect to reap the blessings of freedom must, like men, undergo the fatigue of supporting it." Thomas Payne

April Meeting Photos



Ron & Sheri Carello



Ariana and SSG Robert Monforte



Joe and Shirley Mohamed

Plan now to attend the
fourth annual

SAR
Sacramento Chapter
Community Awards
Banquet

Saturday, October 13, 2012

*Sacramento
Yacht Club*

3365 South River Road
West Sacramento, CA

12:00 PM Cocktails
1:00 PM Dinner
Black tie optional

Coming Events

7:00 PM Friday, June 15, 2012 — Dinner Meeting @ Buggy Whip

The Sacramento Chapter Color Guard Presentation

10:00 AM, Wednesday, July 4, 2012

The Sacramento Chapter Color Guard will march in the Carmichael Elk's 4th of July Parade

7:00 PM Friday, September 21, 2012 — Dinner Meeting @ Buggy Whip

Speaker to be announced

12:00 PM Saturday, October 13, 2012 — Annual Awards Banquet

Sacramento Yacht Club

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