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May Program



Jim Faulkinbury

The speakers for the May program will come from our own chapter. Jim Faulkinbury, who was just recently elected as our state president, will discuss some history of the SAR, as well as some of the accomplishments of the past hundred years. The society is dedicated to perpetuating American ideals and traditions, and to protecting the Constitution. How this has been done and what has happened along the way will be the subject of his talk.



Joe Mohamed

Joe Mohamed is our current Vice President of Programs and is responsible for arranging speakers and other programs for our monthly meetings. He will be speaking on ideas and plans for upcoming projects and events that will be directed towards furthering our goal of protecting the Constitution and the Bill of Rights.

Cattlemens Meal Selections:

10 oz. Rib Eye Steak	\$24.
Grilled Salmon	\$24.
Teriyaki Chicken	\$24.
Pesto Spinach/Cheese Ravioli	\$24.
(vegetarian)	

Friday, May 16, 2014, 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, May 14** please call Don Littlefield at (916) 985-6544 **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."

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May is here. May congers up visions of summer and all that comes with it. For me, May brings Memorial Day. The day we remember all of the folks through the years that have sacrificed much so that we can enjoy the freedoms we have today.

When I grew up, Memorial Day was a big event. Bands would come from all over to march in our parade. The whole thing would take hours to pass if you were standing there watching it pass by. Then there would be the ceremony at the cemetery in front of the old soldier's tomb as we would remember those who had given all to keep us free.

The other thing that May brings is the ROTC presentations. For me, there is nothing like it. This year so far I have done Kennedy and McClatchy high schools. McClatchy has a Marine ROTC and I can tell you there is nothing like it. The kids look and act like real Marines. Their precision and discipline really shows. McClatchy handed out almost 70 awards to the ROTC students. Truly impressive to say the least.

I look forward to seeing you all at the next meeting and remind you that we still need some volunteer help so please, step forward and give us a hand.

Russ Kaiser

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**Russ Kaiser, President**

Sons of the American Revolution—Sacramento Chapter

Meeting Minutes April 18, 2013

President Russ Kaiser called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Chaplain Jeff Goodwin gave the invocation. Alan Brooking led the membership in the Pledge of Allegiance, and Tal Norwood led the Pledge to the SAR.

President Kaiser recognized Past Presidents of the Sacramento Chapter and guests: Jim Faulkinbury, CASSAR President and Sacramento Chapter Past President 2005 and 2006 and his wife Karen; Don Littlefield, Sacramento Past President 2010 and 2011, current Executive Vice President, Treasurer, Webmaster, and CASSAR Chairman of the Wreaths Across America Program; and Jeff Goodwin, CASSAR Chancellor, Sacramento Chapter Past President 2009, and current Sacramento Chapter Chaplain and his wife Mary Ann. He also recognized Joe Mohamed, VP Programs, Craig Anderson, Chapter Secretary, Carl Ahlberg, SAR Calling Committee Chairman, Ernie Garcia, Chairman of Activities, and Don Spradling, SAR Photographer.

President Kaiser recognized and welcomed DAR members present: Medora Allen of the Sacramento Chapter, and Susan Brooking, Vice-Regent of the Gold Trail Chapter. He also recognized Kelsey Giles, daughter of compatriot Kirk Giles, and her mother, Kim Murphy.

President Kaiser introduced the CASSAR and Sacramento Chapter JROTC Award winner, Cameron Hoover, and his mother, Christina Gonzales, and stepfather Mike Gonzales. Cameron is a junior at Vanden High School in Fairfield, CA and Cadet Captain in Vanden's JROTC Program.

President Kaiser introduced our guest speaker for the evening, Michael O'Conner, a Vietnam POW. President Kaiser introduced his guests Donna Baca and Jerry Schmitt. CASSAR President Jim Faulkinbury introduced our new member Andrew Schrag and recognized Compatriot Andrew Tufts, a Sacramento Chapter member from Scappoose, Oregon. Ernie Garcia introduced his guest Phil Lugo and Phil's grandson Joshua Lugo.

President Kaiser asked our new member, Andrew Schrag to come forward. CASSAR President Jim Faulkinbury introduced him and read his biography; President Kaiser administered the SAR oath and presented him with his membership certificate. CASSAR President Jim Faulkinbury pinned the SAR Rosette on him. Larry Guile and Jeff Goodwin were asked to come forward. President Kaiser presented Larry Guile with a supplemental certificate for his patriot ancestor, William Justice, and he presented Jeff Goodwin supplemental certificates for his ancestors, Martin Judy Sr. and Henry Jeffries. All members were invited to come forward to offer the customary welcoming handshake to these members.

Following dinner, VP Programs Joe Mohamed introduced our guest speaker for the evening, Mike O'Conner, Vietnam POW. Mike O'Conner gave a very interesting and inspirational talk on his experiences as a POW during the Vietnam War. A prisoner of the North Vietnamese from 1968 to 1973, Mike related how he attributed his survival to the support he received from his fellow Americans during his ordeal. President Kaiser thanked him for a very interesting presentation and for his service to our country; he presented Mike with a SAR Certificate of Appreciation and Liberty Bell. -----Alan Brooking and President Kaiser conducted the raffle. President Kaiser thanked those who brought gifts: Tal and Susan Norwood, Donna and Don Spradling, Clair and Medora Allen, Susan and Alan Brooking, Carl and Inga Ahlberg, Jim and Karen Faulkinbury, and Craig and Sandy Anderson. Vice-President Programs, Joe Mohamed, announced that the program for the May meeting would be focused around remembering our heritage in honor of Memorial Day.

President Kaiser thanked Susan Brooking for her assistance selling the raffle tickets, Don Spradling for taking pictures and maintaining the flags, and Neil Elvick for editing the newsletter. A motion to adjourn was made and seconded. Ernie Garcia led the Recessional and Jeff Goodwin gave the Benediction. The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 PM.



Craig Anderson

Respectfully Submitted
Craig Anderson, Chapter Secretary

Photos from the April 2014 State Conference

The annual Conference of the California Society Sons of the American Revolution (CASSAR) was held this year at the Embassy Suites Hotel in Old Sacramento. Sacramento was the host chapter.

2014 State Officers



Front Row (l to r): Ron Barker - VP North, Karen Faulkinbury - 1st Lady, Jim Faulkinbury – State President, Terry Briggs – State Genealogist, Jim Blauer – State Historian Back Row (l to r): Steve Renouf – Investment Fund Trustee, Rev. Lou Carlson – NSSAR Chaplain General & State Chaplain, Kent Gregory - Executive VP, Jim Fosdyck – VP South & State Color Guard Commander, Bob Taylor – State Treasurer, Phil Hinshaw – VP Membership, Owen Stiles – State Registrar, Doug Bergtholdt – State Secretary, Jeff Goodwin – State Chancellor, and NSSAR President General Joseph Dooley who had just sworn in the new CASSAR Officers.



CASSAR Ladies Auxilliary Officers

From left to right: Cyndy Bigbee (Past President), Karen McKelvie (Chaplain), Coreena Ross (2nd VP), Karen Faulkinbury, Karen Dodd (President), Conni Barker (Secretary), Lisa Gregory (Treasurer), Un Hui Yi (Historian), Mary Ann Goodwin (Parliamentarian), and NSSAR President Joseph Dooley who had just sworn in the LAUX officers.

Photos from the 2014 State Conference

Photos by Don Spradling



**The Color Guard.
The speaker, Sam Adams
impersonator Rex Ruth, is at
the far left.**



**Newly elected president, Jim Faulkinbury
and 1st lady Karen Faulkinbury**



**Russ Kaiser, Jim Faulkinbury and Don Littlefield
present gift to NSSAR President General
Joseph Dooley, 3rd from left**



**Sacramento Chapter's
Russ Kaiser was the
MC for the banquet**



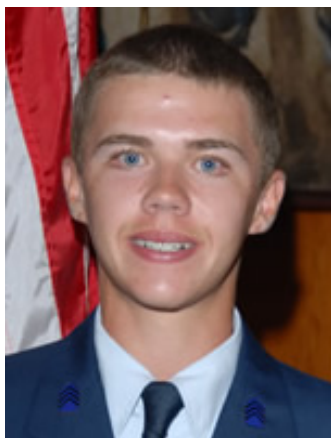
**State Color Guard Commander, Jim Fosdyck,
escorts Sam Adams impersonator, Rex Ruth,
to the podium.**

Photos from the April 18th Regular Meeting

Photos by Don Spradling



At left: Our speaker, Michael O'Connor, with Joe Mohamed, vice president and programs chairman. Above Michael O'Connor with president Russ Kaiser.



Cadet Captain Cameron Hoover was the winner of the JROTC achievement award and medal for both the Sacramento Chapter and statewide. He is pictured receiving the medal from his mother, Christina Gonzales, at the state meeting. His winning essay was on the contributions of Baron Friedrich Von Steuben, the Prussian officer who served under General George Washington during the Revolutionary War.

At right: Russ Kaiser, Mike Gonzales (Cameron's stepfather), Cameron, and his mother Christina Gonzales.



Photos from the April 18th Regular Meeting

Photos by Don Spradling



Andrew Philip Schrag was recognized as a new member of the Sacramento Chapter at our April 2014 meeting. Andrew's son, Robert, is also a member of the SAR. Andrew's application to join the Sons of the American Revolution was approved on March 11, 2014. His patriot ancestor, Gideon Hoyt was a Private in Capt. Ebenezer Slason's and Col. Samuel Drake's First Company of Minute men in Westchester County, NY for 66 days from 20 November, 1775 to 1 February 1776.



Andrew Schrag receives his SAR Rosette from Jim Faulkinbury



Carl Ahlberg and Craig Anderson received Certificates of Appreciation from Russ Kaiser



Ernie Garcia and guests Joshua Lugo and Joshua's grandfather, Phil Lugo



Martha and Roy Adkins

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**Jim Faulkinbury, Karen Faulkinbury
and Karen's brother, Andrew Tufts**



Russ Kaiser and his guest Donna Baca



Larry and Lori Guile



Inga and Carl Ahlberg



**James Jeffries Goodwin (left) and Larry Guile (right) both
had supplemental ancestors approved. Jeff Goodwin actually
had two; Martin Jeffries and Martin Judy Sr. For Larry
Guile it was his ancestor, William Justice.**



At left: Russ Kaiser displays the plaque given for the Best Very Large Chapter in the CASSAR



Donna Spradling and Don Clark



Tal and Sue Norwood



At left: Don Littlefield

The photo below was taken at Fairfield High School after the JROTC Awards Ceremony. Don Littlefield presented our medal. Don is in the second row, fifth from the left.



Coming Events

May 16, 2014—Regular Meeting
7:00 PM at the Cattlemens Restaurant
Speakers Jim Faulkinbury and Joe Mohamed

June 20, 2014—Regular meeting
7:00 PM at the Cattlemens Restaurant
Speaker to be announced

July and August: No meeting

November 6th-8th, 2014 - 140th Fall Board of
Managers meeting *of the* CASSAR
Sheraton Sonoma County in Petaluma, CA

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