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May Program

Speaker: Major General William H Wade II, USA Ret.

The speaker for the April meeting will be Major General William H. Wade II, USA Ret.

Throughout more than 38 years of service, he worked diligently to ensure that National Guard Soldiers, Airmen and units are prepared to provide the manpower to participate in joint military operations in a seamless environment overseas and in the United States.

While serving in Kosovo as the Commander of the Multi-National Brigade (East), he commanded Soldiers from all three components of the U.S. Army as well as those from a host of other nations. Insisting on a single standard of performance between components, he molded the disparate components into a successful, fully integrated force.

Major General Wade retired in 2011. His topic will be the history of the United States Army.



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Cattlemens Meal Selections

Sirloin Steak	\$25.
Grilled Salmon	\$25.
Lemon Chicken	\$25.
Pesto Spinach/Cheese Ravioli (vegetarian)	\$25.

Friday, May 15, 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 13** please call Alan Brooking at (916) 315-3799 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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President's Corner

I would like to thank my SAR family for their support during my family's recent loss, Son-in-law Alan Annis and Grandson and Compatriot, Christopher Stephenson. Both were great folks and will sorely be missed.

May is an important month for us to remember those Americans who gave their lives serving in our country's armed forces. The latest issue of the American Legion's *Legionnaire* magazine lists a breakdown by conflict of those who made the ultimate sacrifice throughout the history of our country. From the Revolutionary War, those who gave their lives for their country total 1,155,948 men and women with another 1,504,906 wounded during the 25 conflicts recorded. I urge everyone to pause on Memorial Day and reflect on those who gave so much for the freedoms that we enjoy today.

Please join me in welcoming our newest member, Philip Alan du Bouchet Kerr. Philip's application was registered with the NSSAR on April 24th, 2015. I am looking forward to meeting him and introducing him to our membership at an upcoming meeting.

We have two compatriots celebrating 25-year anniversaries during May: Mark Leroy McPherran of Vancouver, BC, Canada, and Robert Leslie Wilson of Carmichael. Congratulations to you both; thank you for your support over these many years.

The Gold Country Chapter, is holding their 2015 Public Service Awards Ceremony Saturday, May 16, 2015 at, and they have invited Sacramento Chapter members to attend. It will be held at 9:30 AM in the Sierra Ballroom, Holiday Inn/Max's Café, 120 Grass Valley Highway, Auburn, CA. The price is \$15; you can make reservations by emailing President Gregory Hill at gjhill@mac.com or calling (916) 878-5422.

Our May dinner meeting promises to be a good one, and I am personally looking forward to it. We will have as our guest speaker, Major General William H. Wade II, (US Army Ret.). General Wade will speak to us on the history of the American Army.

I hope to see you all there.

Craig Anderson



Craig Anderson

Sons of the American Revolution—Sacramento Chapter

Meeting Minutes April 17, 2015

Former President Don Littlefield, filling in for President Craig Anderson, called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM and Jeff Goodwin gave the invocation. Sam Smith led the Pledge to the SAR and Neil Zinn led the membership in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Don Littlefield welcomed those attending and introduced the following:

Past Presidents: Tom Chilton; Jeff Goodwin, CASSAR Chancellor; Russ Kaiser

DAR members:

Gold Trail Chapter: Kathy Stovall

John A Sutter Chapter: Susan Broderick, Regent

Sierra Amador Chapter: Ann Taylor, Regent

Sacramento Chapter: Ginger De Gregory, Past Regent: Sandy Parker,
CSSDAR District 2 Schools chair: Marilyn Chilton; Medora Allen.

Prospective Members: Chuck Barnett; Mike and DJ Brady; Ron and Sandy Parker

Guests: Guest speaker tonight is Susan Gillespie. When she arrives we expect to see her in character as Sarah Winchester.

Former President Don Littlefield expressed our deepest condolences to Craig and Sandy Anderson on the loss of their son-in-law, Al Annis, to cancer early Wednesday morning and the tragic loss of their grandson, Christopher Stephenson, a Sacramento Chapter Member, that same day. He asked members to please keep them in their prayers.

He then announced that our speaker for the May 15 meeting will be Maj. General William H. Wade II (USA-Ret) who will talk about the roots of the American Army.

Former President Tom Chilton presented a historical overview of the Culpeper and the Bucks of America flags.

Former President Don Littlefield shared that the CASSAR annual meeting is going on at the same time as our meeting. Our own Jim Faulkinbury will step down as California State SAR President and Kent Gregory, from Orange County, will be inducted as the new California State President. Don Littlefield asked for a round of applause to congratulate both men for their service to the SAR.

He also announced that the winner of the Sacramento Chapter Americanism Poster Contest was fifth grader Ryan Yi of Mr. Brown's classroom at Sandra J. Gallardo Elementary.

Don Littlefield then called former President Russ Kaiser forward to present him with a Collector's Challenge Coin and thank him and Donna Baca for manning the cash register.

He then had one final call for raffle ticket sales and dinner was served.

After dinner former President Littlefield apologized for the fact that our speaker did not show. He took the time to talk about NSSAR President General's initiatives for 2015 is to get SAR members to write a short biography about their patriot ancestor. If the Sacramento Chapter can get at least 30 bios it will be recognized with a ribbon for our Chapter Flag. Don Littlefield then read an example about his patriot ancestor and asked if anyone would like to tell a little about their own patriot. Tom Chilton, George Taylor and Russ Kaiser shared information about their patriot ancestors. Neil Elvick, our Courier Editor said he would like to include bios in the newsletter each month.

Mary Ann Littlefield conducted the raffle and the following were thanked for donating raffle prizes: Mary Ann and Don Littlefield, Don and Donna Spradling, Clair and Medora Allen, Marilyn and Tom Chilton, and Vince and Jeni Gantt.

Don Littlefield thanked Mary Ann for conducting the raffle and Don Spradling for taking pictures. Bill Randolph led members in the recessional and Jeff Goodwin gave the benediction. Members sang God Bless America and the meeting was adjourned at 8:32 PM.

Respectfully Submitted

Carl E Ahlberg, Chapter Secretary



Carl Ahlberg

Obituary: Christopher James Stephenson

February 10, 1995 – April 15, 2015

Chris is the grandson of SAR Sacramento Chapter President Craig Anderson.

Chris Stephenson was born in Sacramento, Sacramento County, CA, and spent his early years in Waco, TX. He had just returned home to Woodland, CA following two years of military service and discharge from the United States Army where he trained as a Wheeled Vehicle Mechanic at Fort Hood, Texas, and was responsible for performing maintenance and recovery operations on wheeled vehicles and associated items, as well as heavy-wheeled vehicles and select armored vehicles.

Chris was a Class of 2013 graduate of Pioneer High School, Woodland, CA.

Christopher's application to join the Sons of the American Revolution was approved on August 26, 2011. His patriot ancestor, Patrick Anderson, was a Captain in the Pennsylvania Musketry Battalion, Chester County, PA.

Services for Christopher Stephenson will be held at 1:00 p.m., Friday May 8th, at the Woodland Funeral Chapel, 305 Cottonwood St, Woodland, CA 95695.

The 4th Squadron, 9th Cavalry Regiment, 2nd Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Cavalry Division will be holding a memorial ceremony for Christopher at Fort Hood, TX on May 13th.

Cards and remembrances can be sent to his mother at: Wanda Annis
1379 Garfield Place
Woodland, CA 95776-6732



250 Years Ago

The Quartering Act of 1765 was passed by the British Parliament on March 24 but became official law on May 15, exactly 250 years to the day from our May meeting date. This was more than a minor irritant to the colonists. The French and Indian War had been resolved twelve years previously and so it was "peacetime" but the British were still making them pay for billeting their troops. The Bill of Rights Act of 1689 had seemingly made this practice illegal and so this was one of the first issues that brought the principle of taxation without representation to the forefront. The issue had surfaced one year earlier with the Sugar Act in 1764 and again with the Stamp Act of 1765. The smoldering resentment these acts caused would start a string of events that would result in the Boston Massacre in 1770 and bring outright rebellion closer to reality.

Photos from the April 17th Regular Meeting

Photos by Don Spradling



Sandy and Ron Parker



**Neil Zinn
Eagle Scout Chairman**



Clair and Medora Allen



Tom and Karen Jones

Photos from the April 17th Regular Meeting

Photos by Don Spradling



**Russ Kaiser receives Collectors Challenge Coin
from Don Littlefield**



Mike Hull and his daughter, Evelyn



Josef and Susan Moorhead



Roy Adkins, ROTC/JROTC chairman



Larry and Kathy Stovall

News Items



The Color Guard and School Guard continue to be busy. The School Guard has presented programs at three schools since our last meeting and there are four more scheduled for this month. On the left is Jim Faulkinbury getting ready for one of the programs in his George Washington costume. Above on the left is a typical stage in a school gymnasium with the student body off to the left. On the upper right the Color Guard is shown marching in last year's Memorial Day Parade at Sylvan Cemetery in Citrus Heights. They will be participating again this year and they are requesting help with the setting up and participation. Any one willing to help should contact Russ Kaiser at boat361@aol.com or 916-801-2818. The parade starts at 10:30 AM on Monday, May 25 at the Sylvan Cemetery, 7401 Auburn Blvd. in Citrus Heights.



Photo courtesy of Sacramento Bee
and Sacramento Police Department

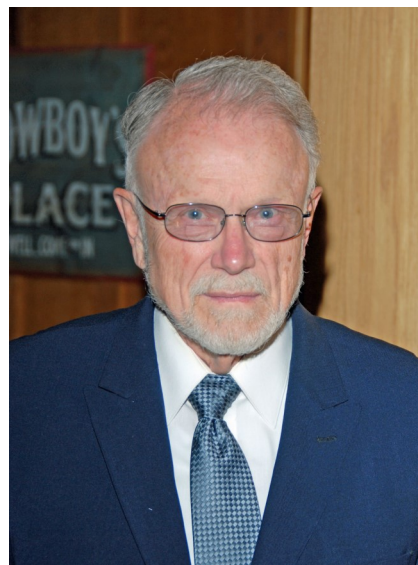
Remember Officer Bodie?

He was the Sacramento City Police dog who worked with Officer Randy Van Dusen and who saved Van Dusen's life in 2012 when he took three bullets shattering his jaw and injuring one of his feet. Randy and Bodie were featured in our 2013 awards meeting. He is now retired and lives with the Van Dusen family and he is shown here with a litter of five puppies that he sired. He seems to be enjoying his retirement.

Photos from the April 17th Regular Meeting



Mary Ann and Don Littlefield



Neil Elvick



Russ Kaiser and Donna Baca



Chuck Barnett and Jim Warrick



**From left to right
Tom Chilton
Jeff Goodwin
Don Littlefield
Russ Kaiser**

Patriot Biographies

Hezekiah Davies
Patriot # P-144274

Submitted by Craig Anderson

Hezekiah Davies was born on November 22, 1747 in Charlestown Twp., Chester County, Pennsylvania. He grew up on the family farm and was trained as a saddle maker in his youth.

In January 1776, he enlisted in the 5th Pennsylvania Regiment, a Chester County Militia unit. Later that year, when General Washington issued a call for troops to help in the defense of New York, a call went out for PA troops to serve in the Flying Camp. Hezekiah volunteered and was assigned to Col William Montgomery's Chester County Battalion. His was the first Pennsylvania Flying Camp unit to arrive in Perth Amboy, NJ. There, the unit was reorganized and sent north to Fort Lee on the west bank of the Hudson River, opposite Ft. Washington.

On September 7, 1776 while encamped at Ft. Lee, Hezekiah Davies received a 1st Lieutenant's commission, and he was assigned to Samuel Culberson's company. The Flying Camp remained in garrison at Fort Lee until November 1776. Following the battle of White Plains, General Howe moved his troops south to eliminate the last American presence on Manhattan at Fort Washington.

To counter this threat, troops stationed at Ft. Lee were ordered across the river to reinforce Fort Washington. On November 16th 1776, the 3000 troops at Fort Washington were attacked by 8000 British and Hessian Troops. The action lasted from early morning to late afternoon; the American troops were ultimately driven back into the fort. Outnumbered and seeing the hopelessness of their cause, the American Commander, Col. Magaw, surrendered the garrison.

The troops were physically abused by their Hessian captors, stripped of their personal possessions including much of their clothing, and marched south into New York City.

Hezekiah Davies was confined for a time in New York with the other officers, and then in December, he was sent to one of the prison ships anchored in the harbor. On January 20th, 1777, he gave his parole and was sent to Long Island where he was quartered with the prominent Dutch family of Nicolas Schenck. During his lengthy period of confinement on Long Island, he received periodic sums of money from various Pennsylvania benefactors for the upkeep of himself and other prisoners. While a prisoner, he also compiled and maintained a list of the other American prisoners being held on Long Island.

Nicholas Schenck had a daughter, Anna, and over the period of his captivity, Hezekiah and Anna fell in love. When Anna's parents refused their permission for the couple to marry, Hezekiah and Anna eloped. They were married on October 29th, 1780 at Flatlands, Kings County, Long Island by Reverend Vansinder. Hezekiah was exchanged by the British the following month in Elizabeth Town, New Jersey, and he and his bride returned to Chester County where they made their home and raised a family of 9 children. Hezekiah applied for and was granted a pension in 1833 of \$320 per year. He died in 1837 at the age of 90 years.

Instructions for Submitting Patriot Biographies

Patriot biographies, such as the one above, are being solicited by the national organization. The purpose is to publish them online and so make it easier for potential SAR applicants to find the information they need in order to find potential ancestors and to complete their applications. The biographies should be about 500 words and should be submitted in Microsoft Word format to patriotbios@sar.org as an email attachment. When you submit your entry, please include your name, Chapter and SAR Member number. If you have a patriot number assigned, include it with your submission. If not, one will be assigned. Chapters that have a 20% submission rate by June 1 will qualify for a streamer. It would be appreciated if a copy could also be sent to neile@aol.com or to craig@winfirst.com so that the bios could also be presented in future Courier editions.

Coming Events

May 15, 2015—Regular Meeting
7:00 PM at the Cattlemens Restaurant
Speaker Major General William H. Wade II
(USA Ret.)

June 19, 2015—Regular Meeting
7:00 PM at the Cattlemens Restaurant
Speaker Vincent Gantt “Firearms of the American
Revolution”

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