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SPEAKER FOR MAY IS gEERY (pronounced jerry) MILLER 1777: The Road to Saratoga

Reflections of SAR trip May 4 - 13, 2017

Gerald “gerry pronounced jerry” Miller, member of Sacramento and Northern Nevada Sons of the American Revolution Chapters will reflect on his recent trip with his lovely wife Charlotte and other SAR members to the heart of the American Revolution. The SAR sponsored trip “generally followed the 1777 route of British Gen. John Burgoyne from Quebec City to his defeat at Saratoga at the hands of Patriots under the command of Gen. Horatio Gates and ended with a patriotic celebration in Albany, the unachieved objective of Burgoyne.” His patriot ancestor is Joseph Blatchley, served under Captain Rueben Schofield in the 9th Regiment Connecticut Militia. He donated a portion of his farmland to the Militia for a Parade Ground and served in the opposition of Tryon's attack upon New Haven Ct.; the storming of Stoney Point New York and in Sullivan's Indian Raid. We look forward to visiting with gerry and Charlotte and sharing his many images. He is an amateur photographer that claims that he is only capturing light with his camera while recording the images presented him. Some of his pictures can be found on his Facebook page located at: https://www.facebook.com/gerry.miller.167189/photos_all



**Meeting Friday, May 16, 2018
7:00 PM**

**Cattlemens Restaurant
12409 Folsom Blvd.,
Rancho Cordova**

Meal Selections

Steak and Scampi	\$30
Tri Tip	\$25
Grilled Salmon	\$25
Lemon Chicken	\$25

JOIN FELLOW COMPATRIOTS

Make a reservation and meal choice when a member of the telephone committee calls. Or, contact Chair Phil Noble at email phil1776@aol.com or (916) 402-3041 by noon on Thursday before the Meeting.

Wives, guests and friends of compatriots are always

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Contest

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Four members of the Sacramento Chapter attended the annual meeting of the California Society on April 20 and 21 in Concord. Mathew Bowdish was reelected CASSAR Surgeon. At the Awards Luncheon, Sacramento's Brochure Contest entry submitted by Matthew Mellas placed Third and received a cash award from the CASSAR. In the Americanism Poster Contest, Kennice Tee, from Sandra J Gallardo Elementary in Folsom, was selected for Honorable Mention and received a CASSAR cash award. In addition to these recognitions, the Sacramento Chapter was awarded a flag streamer for our participation in Wreaths Across America. Jim Faulkinbury was presented a custom quilt by the SoCal Quilts of Valor Foundation. At the Installation Banquet, Craig Anderson received the State Distinguished Service Medal for his outstanding service as State Secretary. Derek Brown, Thomas Jefferson Chapter, was installed as the new President of the California Society.



President Don Littlefield

I would like to take a moment to thank Neil Elvick for his work the past several years as the Editor of the Courier. Joe Moorehead is the new Editor of The Courier. Producing a quality newsletter is no easy task. In many respects, it is identical to herding cats. We know we are involved in a lot of activities each month but pulling all the pieces together, making it an exciting read, and publishing it on-time takes a real magician. Especially getting the President to write his message each month. Thank you, Neil, for a job well done and congratulations Joe!

The Sacramento Chapter hosted its regular April monthly meeting on April 20, 2010. The April meeting highlight was our own Russ Kaiser. Based on the feedback I received following the meeting, Russ's presentation on the role of the Coast Guard Auxiliary was outstanding.

May is a hectic month for our members. During May we are presenting SAR recognition and awards to ROTC college and JROTC high school students, Brochure Contest participants, Americanism Poster Contest participants, and to new Eagle Scouts. The School Guard is also busy making living history presentations at 14 area schools. It requires a lot of members to take time out of their regular schedules to prepare, travel to, participate in these events. Please join me in thanking them for the commitment to patriotism and to the SAR.

We are also getting traction on our big Constitution Day fundraising event scheduled for Monday evening, September 17, at the Howe Community Center. 100% of the funds raised from this event will be used to support our youth programs. Please mark this event on your calendar now and plan to attend. This event will be instead of our regular September meeting usually held on the 3rd Friday. And, be thinking of friends and colleagues to invite who would be interested celebrating the U.S. Constitution. We expect and are determined, to sell out all 168 seats available for this event.

On Friday, May 18, at 7:00 p.m., we will welcome as our speaker, Gerry Miller. Gerry, along with his bride Charlotte, will be here from their home in Northern Nevada to talk about "The Road to Saratoga." Gerry is a Dual Member of the Sacramento Chapter. Please block your calendar for May 18, and we'll see you there!

Donald B Littlefield, President

MEETING MINUTES APRIL 20, 2018

The regular meeting of the Sacramento Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution, was called to order at 1900 on April 20, 2018, in Rancho Cordova (Cattlemens) by Jeff Goodwin.

After the Pledge of Allegiance, Invocation and the SAR Pledge, Jeff Goodwin gave a brief introduction to the history and purpose of the Sons of the American Revolution. This was followed by an introduction of the Chapter Officers, Past and Present, guests and Members of the DAR in attendance. The presentation of the flags followed; this month's flags were the Serapis Flag flown by John Paul Jones and the Gilford Courthouse Flag flown by the North Carolina Militia at the Battle of Gilford Courthouse in 1781. This was followed by the monthly chapter raffle and dinner.



Michael Brady
Chapter Secretary

The Guest speaker for this month's meeting was our own compatriot Color Guard Commander Russ Kaiser of the US Coast Guard Auxiliary. Mr. Kaiser gave a well-received presentation covering the history and mission of the US Coast Guard Auxiliary, its missions boater education, water safety, environmental protection, search and rescue, and its participation as part of the Department of Homeland Security. Mr. Kaiser provided interesting anecdotes covering his personal experiences as part of this vital group of volunteers as they serve the community as a whole.

At the conclusion of the presentation, Jeff presented Mr. Kaiser with a Certificate of Appreciation and a Limited Edition Challenge Coin.

At the conclusion of the guest speaker's presentation, Jeff Goodwin concluded the meeting of the chapter at 2050 following the recessional, benediction and singing of God Bless America.

The next general meeting will be at 1900 on May 18, 2018, at Cattlemans in Rancho Cordova, CA.

Minutes submitted by: Michael Brady, Chapter Secretary

Approved by: _____

REQUIRED BLACK-POWER WEAPON TRAINING

SAR Musket Firing Events*



During the recent California SAR Spring Meeting in Concord, our color guard commander, Mark Kramer, discussed black powder weapon training for SAR members who wished to fire in events in their areas. NRA black powder training certification is now required for SAR members under the new SAR safety rules for SAR members who wish to participate in SAR sanctioned events. In order for a SAR Member to participate in SAR sanctioned events, he will be required to hold a certificate that acknowledges successful completion of this training. This training can only be given by an NRA Certified Instructor.

The purpose of this training is to teach the basic knowledge, skills, and attitude essential for the safe and efficient use of muzzle loading guns. The course is a minimum of 12 hours, which includes classroom time and range time to demonstrate proficiency in shooting a muzzle loading rifle, shotgun, and pistol.

Mark is a certified NRA black powder instructor, and he has expressed willingness to conduct the classroom portion of the training (provided there is enough interest) on the Sunday following the fall CASSAR BOM meeting that will be held November 9th and 10th at the Lake Natomas Inn, in Folsom. He would then schedule the range certification for a subsequent date. There will be a charge for course materials.

Before SAR Members may be directly involved in an event, in addition to the required certificate, there are a lot of other things such as proper insurance.

If you are interested in participating in this training session, please let Craig know by sending him an email, craig.anderson@sarsac.org or call him at (916) 257-7892 no later than August 31, 2018.

* This training isn't directly related nor intended to resolve the issue of bringing muzzle loading firearms onto school grounds as part of our School Guard Program. The CASSAR Executive Board has established a committee to address that issue as a separate matter.

APRIL MEETING PHOTOS AND FYI

LCD Russ Kaiser
Vice Division Commander
Division 113-03
U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary



Russ gave us a full rundown on the important role of the Coast Guard Auxiliary and his duties as a Vice Commander



Russ Announced
He Never Gets
Air Sick



APRIL MEETING PHOTOS AND FYI

INVESTITURE OF COMPATRIOT MICHAEL SCOTT BROOKS



Michael Scott Brooks was born in Stockton, CA on March 19th, 1980 and he currently lives in Sacramento. He spent his childhood in Stockton, CA and graduated from the University of San Francisco with a B.A. in Politics and a M.A. in Asia Pacific Studies. He holds a certificate in Political Campaign Management from New York University.

He is married to Eri Nagata. He recently returned from 12 years living in rural Japan where he worked as a lecturer at Tottori University. He enjoys traveling, studying public and foreign policy issues, and learning foreign languages. He speaks French and Japanese. His 2nd great-grandfather was also an early member of the SAR and his 3rd great-grandmother was in the DAR.

His application to join the Sons of the American Revolution was approved on February 15th, 2018. His patriot ancestor, Stephen Pierce, served various times for a total of two years service as a Private, Sergeant, Ensign, Lt. ,and Captain from Little Compton, Rhode Island in Capt. Aaron Wilbur's, George Simmons', and John Davis' Companies, in Col. Thomas Church's David Hilliard's, John Cook's, Pardon Gray's, Nathaniel Church's, Lemuel Bailey's, and Christopher Green's Rhode Island Regiments.

APRIL MEETING PHOTOS AND FYI



ALSO KNOWN AS THE EDITORS



COMPATRIOTS GEORGE TAYLOR(L) AND MIKE BRADY (R) AND SIERRA AMADOR DAR CHAPTER MEMBERS: REGENT ANN TAYLOR, LEE LAWSON, RUTH EDMONSON JOHNSON AND DJ BRADY

APRIL MEETING PHOTOS AND FYI



GEROGE AND FLORENCE PERRIN



CARL AND INGA AHLBERG



**TWO PAST COMPATRIOT PRESIDENTS
CHAPLAIN JEFF GOODWIN AND RUSS KAISER**

CALIFORNIA SOCIETY ANNUAL MEETING

APRIL 20-22, 2018

NOTES, HIGHLIGHTS, AND PHOTOS

Notes from the 143rd Annual Meeting of the California Society, SAR

The 143rd Annual Meeting was held on April 20th and 21st, 2018 at the Concord Hilton in Concord, CA. The Sacramento Chapter was represented by Chapter President, Don Littlefield, State Secretary, Craig Anderson, Past State President, Jim Faulkinbury, and Will Gunter. The Business Meeting began on the morning of Friday, April 20th with the presentation of the Colors. The Mayor of Concord brought greetings from the city and that was followed by the introduction of Past Presidents and guests. PG Guzy, Past PG Ed Butler, VPG Western District, Dr. Kent Gregory, the members of the SAR Foundation Board, John Dodd Esq, and Rt. Reverend Louis Carlson, our National Trustee, Ron Barker, and the National Trustee for Spain, Stephen Renouf, gave remarks on behalf of the National Society. That was followed by approval of the minutes from the November Board of Manager's Meeting and then the State Officer, the Chapter Reports, Youth Program Reports, and Committee Reports. Old Business began with John Dodd discussing the status of the 2019 National Congress which will be held in Orange County with our "Host Society Reception" being a cruise on Newport Bay and tours planned for the Nixon Library, the Huntington Library, and Mission San Juan Capistrano. Craig Anderson gave an update on the 2018 Reconciliation process followed by a suggestion by Jim Faulkinbury that we consider changing our dues collection process from the Chapters to the State Society for better control. A committee was formed with Jim and Ron Barker to investigate how it is handled by the Texas Society where the dues and reconciliation is successfully handled by the State Society. The issue of liability insurance and separate possibilities for "black powder" coverage were discussed. Chancellor John Dodd presented information on AB424 and it was decided to see if the State Society could see if we can get one of the members of our State Legislature to prepare a modification to the existing law to allow reenactors on school campuses which the CASSAR can in turn support. David Gilliard will see if we can find support from some of his contacts in the Legislature. Another issue which came up is the new requirement for Youth Protection Training by the Boy Scouts of America. They recently changed their program which now takes about 1 hour and three modules of 20 minutes each. Those of us who are involved in any chapter programs that involve youth or members of the Chapter Color Guard will have to take this new training by September. The report of the Nominating Committee was presented with the following slate of recommended officers. President – Derek Brown, Exec VP and President elect Robert Taylor, VP North – David Gilliard, VP South – Brian Stephens, Secretary – David Grinnell, Treasurer – Jim Klingler, Registrar – Owen Stiles, Chancellor – John Dodd Esq, Historian – Jim Blauer, Chaplain – Rt. Rev. Louis Carlson, Surgeon – Dr. Matthew Bowdish MD, Investment Fund Trustee 2018-2020

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– John Dodd Esq., National Trustee – Jim Fosdyck, and Alt Trustee – Derek Brown. Jim Faulkinbury then made a presentation requesting volunteers to assist the creation of a Genealogical Research System similar to the DAR's GRS building on a system currently available to enter the lineages from our application Record Copies; seven members volunteered to help in this effort. The business meeting broke for the Public Service luncheon where members of law enforcement and fire departments were recognized for their services. During the luncheon, Color Guard steamers were given to those chapters involved in various events. The Sacramento Chapter was recognized for the support of the 2017 Wreaths Across America.

On Saturday, April 21st, the Business meeting reconvened and the slate of 2018-19 State officers presented on Friday was unanimously approved. A change to the CASSAR Articles of Incorporation to match a change made in the NSSAR Articles of Incorporation and a couple of minor changes to the Bylaws were approved by the Chapter Presidents. The Annual Meeting was concluded and immediately followed by a meeting the of the Western District by VPG Dr. Kent Gregory. The main item of business was to nominate a candidate for VPG Western District. Past President Ron Barker was elected as our official nominee to be elected at the July NSSAR Congress in Houston, TX. During the morning deliberations, the ladies took a tour of the Galindo home and gardens, the historic home of Don Francisco Galindo.

The Annual Meeting and Wester District Meeting concluded the business of the 143rd Annual Meeting and that was followed by the Youth Awards Luncheon. The Sacramento Chapter's Americanism Brochure Contest entry received honorable mention and our Poster Contest entry took 3rd place. Following the awards for our youth contests, the SoCal Quilts of Valor Foundation made four presentations of quilts to Timothy Ernst , Jeffrey Brown, Jim Faulkinbury, and PG Larry Guzy in recognition of their military service. The luncheon was followed by the annual Memorial Service where those members who have passed during the last year were eulogized. The Installation Banquet was held that evening and among the awardees, Craig Anderson received the State Distinguished Service Medal for his outstanding service as State Secretary.

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**INSTALLATION OF NEW OFFICERS
SACRAMENTO COMPATROT MATTHEW BOWDISH MD,
CASSAR SURGEON IS THIRD FROM LEFT (BEING
SWORN IN BY PRESIDENT GENERAL LARRY GUZY)**

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**INSTALLATION OF
CALIFORNIA SOCIETY PRESIDENT
DEREK BROWN
BY PRESIDENT GENERAL LARRY GUZY**

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**JIM FAULKINBURY RECEIVES AWARD FOR OUR YOUTH
CONTESTS FROM THE SO-CAL QUILTS OF VALOR FOUNDATION IN
RECOGNITION OF HIS MILITARY SERVICE**

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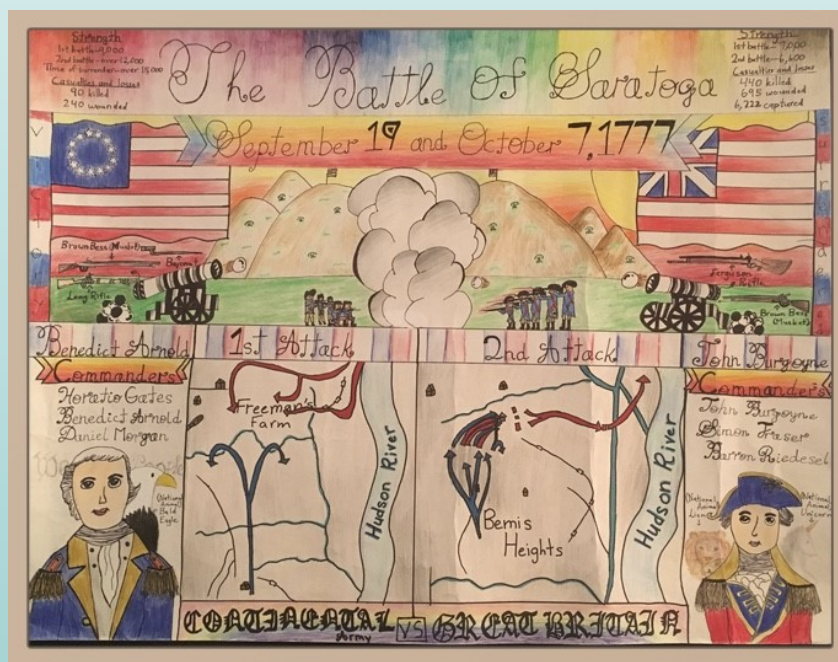


**CRAIG ANDERSON RECEIVED THE STATE DISTINGUISHED
SERVICE MEDAL FOR HIS OUTSTANDING SERVICE AS
THE CALIFORNIA SOCIETY SECRETARY**

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THE WINNING POSTER SELECTED BY THE SACRAMENTO CHAPTER IN THE AMERICANISM POSTER CONTEST.



DON LITTLEFIELD ACCEPTS THE HONORABLE MENTION AWARD FOR THE SACRAMENTO CHAPTER ENTRY IN THE CALIFORNIA SOCIETY AMERICANISM POSTER CONTEST

DON'T MISS THIS SAR EVENT



**Celebrate Our Constitution
Help Preserve American History
Support Educational Outreach**

CONSTITUTION DAY 1778 - 2018



**Six Programs
1,600 Students**

ROTC/JROTC

**Knight Essay
Contest**

**Eagle Scout
Certificates &
Scholarship**

**Americanism
Poster
Contest**

**5th Grade
Living History**

**8th Grade
Brochure
Contest**

\$35 per person

Save the Date ... Monday September 17, 2018

Dinner and Program 5:30 – 8:30 pm

Howe Community Center • 2201 Cottage Way • Sacramento, CA 95825

For tickets please send payment

Payable to: SAR Sacramento Chapter

c/o Don Littlefield | P.O. Box 6664 | Folsom, CA 95763-6664

COMPATRIOT LINKS

**SAR Sacramento Chapter photos
from our dinner
meetings can be accessed and
downloaded at**

<https://sar.smugmug.com/>

Information for assembling a uniform or militia
outfit is now online at:

<http://www.sar-sacramento.org/uniforms.shtml>

**On the Internet at
SAR-SACRAMENTO.ORG**

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