



# The Courier



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## Presidents Corner

Hi all. Hope all is well with everyone. Our monthly meeting of May 17<sup>th</sup> 2019 Will mark my 5<sup>th</sup> month as President of the Sacramento Chapter of the SAR. I must say that I am enjoying my new position, having fun meeting all and Being made to feel welcome by our membership in this capacity.

This past weekend April 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> was the CASSAR Spring Meeting in Ventura, CA. New officers were elected.



Congratulations to Bob Taylor, former president of the Gen George S. Patton Jr. Chapter and former Executive Vice President for the CASSAR. Congratulations to Don Littlefield elected Executive Vice President and Craig Anderson elected VP-North.

On Saturday, June 1<sup>st</sup>, we are holding a members only meeting at Cattlemen's Restaurant at 10AM. Doors open at 9:30. The Sacramento Chapter will be hosting the CASSAR spring meeting in April 2020 when Don Littlefield will be inducted as CASSAR President. The time to start planning this meeting is NOW. I would like to make it the BEST spring meeting possible, and with the help of our membership, I have no doubt we can succeed. I am therefore, calling on all members to come to our members only meeting on June 1<sup>st</sup> to help plan and organize this event. Remember, none of us are too big to do the smallest of jobs. All of us need to do our time as volunteers. Again, thank you all for entrusting me with this position. I look forward to seeing you all on May 17.

### Cattlemens Meal Selections:

Ribeye Steak \$30.

Sirloin Steak \$25.

Grilled Salmon \$25.

Teriyaki Chicken \$25.

Pesto Spinach/Cheese Ravioli \$25. (Vegan)

Next Meeting

Friday, May 17, 2019, 7:00PM

**Cattlemens Restaurant**

12409 Folsom Blvd, Rancho Cordova

Make a reservation and meal choice when a member of the telephone committee calls. Or, contact Chair Phil Noble at email [phil7476@aol.com](mailto:phil7476@aol.com) or (916) 402-3041 by noon on Thursday before the Meeting.

**Payment accepted at the door. We accept cash or personal checks. We do not accept credit cards,**

Wives, guests and visiting compatriots are always welcome.

Come and socialize at 6:00 PM. The meeting will start promptly at 7:00 PM.

We are a 501(c)(3) non-profit charitable organization, EIN # 68-0004288

Photos courtesy of Don Spradling

## New Member

### **Richard Lee Mullins**

Richard Lee Mullins was born in Enid, OK on February 9, 1946. He is a retired US Army Veteran who saw service and was wounded during the Vietnam War. He is a member of the Purple Heart Society and currently resides in Citrus Heights. His patriot ancestor was Bud Mullins, a soldier in Chatham County, NC under Capt Gregory Thomas in Col. Butlers Regiment. His application was approved on February 8, 2019. Welcome Compatriot Richard Mullins!!



## May Speaker

### **Dr. Matthew Bowdish MD**

Dr. Bowdish became a member of the Gen. David Humphreys Chapter of the Connecticut Society SAR on December 5<sup>th</sup> 2007. He transferred his membership to the Pikes Peak Chapter of the Colorado SAR in 2009, and transferred to the Sacramento Chapter on November 28, 2016.

He is an avid genealogist and has proven 21 patriot ancestors. He currently serves as the California Society SAR Surgeon.

Dr. Bowdish has been a keynote speaker in several SAR and DAR Chapter meetings California. In our May 17<sup>th</sup> meeting, Dr. Bowdish will speak on DNA and how it is used in genealogy.



## Meeting Minutes

President Gunter called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Scott Brooks gave the invocation and David Paulson led the pledge of allegiance and Terrence Conklin led the pledge to the SAR.

President Gunter recognized NSSAR and CASSAR Officers along with Chapter Past Presidents and DAR members present: Jim Faulkinbury, Current NSSAR Genealogist General, CASSAR Past President, and past Sacramento Chapter President, Don Littlefield, CASSAR V.P. North, Past Pres. Sacramento SAR, Dr. Mathew Bowdish, CASSAR Surgeon, Tom Chilton, Del Hanson, and Craig Anderson, Past Presidents of the Sacramento Chapter SAR. Marilyn Chilton, Sacramento Chapter DAR, Karen Faulkinbury, Gold Country DAR, Ann Taylor, Past Regent, Sierra Amador Chapter DAR and Lee Lawson Sierra Amador Chapter DAR.



President Gunter Introduced Guests: Savannah Argo, Honored Outstanding JROTC Cadet; and her Father Jason and Mother Jasmine , Douglas Drake, Mother Lode SAR and new dual Sacramento Chapter Member. Richard Mullins, new member to the Sacramento SAR being inducted this evening, and prospective members Charles Karlsson and Gary Morgan.

President Gunter called Registrar Scott Brooks forward and presented him with a Roger Sherman Medal and Certificate for his outstanding work as chapter registrar.

President Gunter asked Michael Hull to come forward. Michael gave an outstanding presentation on the U.S. battle flags throughout our history and the impact they have made in drawing us together as a nation and highlighting the courage of our patriots.

President Gunter asked the JROTC Chairman, Roy Adkins to come forward. Chairman Adkins introduced Cadet Lt. Savannah Argo as the winner of our outstanding JROTC Cadet program. He also announced that Cadet Argo has also won the state award and would be a contestant in the National completion at the 2019 National Congress. Chairman Adkins invited Cadet Argo to read her essay, and following that he presented her with the Outstanding JROTC Medallion and Certificate. Treasurer, Don Littlefield presented her with a check for \$250.

President Gunter asked Registrar Jim Faulkinbury and Richard Mullins to come forward. Jim introduced Richard Mullins to the membership . President Gunter then inducted into the Sacramento Chapter and presented him with his membership certificate and rosette. He then invited the membership to come forward and welcome our new member to the chapter.

Following dinner, President Gunter introduced the guest speaker, Phil Noble, who gave a very interesting presentation on the historical artifacts that he has collected. Following Phil's presentation President Gunter presented Phil with a certificate of appreciation and SAR Liberty Bell.

## Meeting Minutes (Cont)

Jim Faulkinbury gave the membership a briefing on the status of the NSSAR Museum in Louisville. He pointed out that it was important for members contribute to this effort because we need to raise the members level of contribution before we can solicit funds from corporate sponsors. There is a lot of money left to raise, and he urged members to contribute what they can.

President Gunter announced that our guest speaker for the May meeting will be Dr. Mathew Bowdish who will speak on DNA.

President Gunter made several other announcements:

- Joe Mohammed will be hosting a Constitution Day Event at his home on Tuesday Sept. 17, 2019. He has asked for our support for this event with our color guard participation, a display of our historical flags, and the communication of this event to other SAR and DAR chapters. More information will follow at next month's SAR meeting.
- The Elks Carmichael 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade again. Because many members will be at the National Congress this year, there won't be many members in town. Will and Phil will attending and invited all others who can make to join them
- The Chapter Newsletter. President Gunter said he still plans on publishing a newsletter and he is planning on creating a section in it where members can publish information about their patriot ancestors.
- In April of 2020, the Sacramento Chapter is honored to host the 2020 state spring meeting when Don Littlefield will be installed as the President of the California Society. Don will become the fifth Sacramento Chapter member to serve the California Society SAR in that capacity. Other chapter members serving as state president include Calvin Ellsworth Chunn, Ph.D. - 1974 to 1975 (was also the 88th, 89th PG 1978, 1979); Richard Ernest Sweet 1976 to 1977; Charles Albert Vencill - 1984 to 1985; and Jim Lucky William Faulkinbury 2014 – 2015. Since we need to start this planning process soon, we have scheduled a members only meeting at 10:00AM on June 1, 2019 at the Cattlemen's Restaurant in Rancho Cordova to begin the planning process. He asked the membership to mark your calendars and join us on June 1<sup>st</sup>.

Noting that the business had been concluded, President Gunter thanked Phil for chairing the calling committee and being the cashier, and he thanked Sandy Anderson for taking the pictures. He then asked for a motion to adjourn. The motion was made and seconded. President Gunter led the recessional, and Scott Brooks led the benediction. The meeting was adjourned at 9:00PM. Tom Chilton led the singing of God Bless America.

Respectfully Submitted, Craig Anderson, Secretary, Sacramento Chapter



## Enhanced JROTC Program

During our April meeting, our ROTC/ JROTC Chairman, Roy Adkins, introduced the winner of the Sacramento Chapter 2018 Enhanced JROTC Program, Cadet 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Savannah Argo. Cadet Argo is a Junior at Casa Robles High School in Carmichael and a member of their AFJROTC program.

Chairman, Adkins presented Cadet Argo with the Outstanding Cadet Medallion and Certificate. Treasurer, Don Littlefield presented her with the cash prize of \$250.

Cadet Argo's essay was submitted to the California Society SAR, and she was selected as the winner as the California state's Outstanding JROTC Cadet. She received the state award at the meeting in Ventura, CA on April 27<sup>th</sup>.

Chairman Adkins also presented her with a JROTC leadership award for Casa Robles High School for excellence in the AFJROTC Program.



**L –R President Will Gunter, Jason Argo, Savannah Argo Chairman Roy Adkins, Jasmine Argo, Treasurer Don Littlefield.**

## Enhanced JROTC Program

### **How JROTC has Prepared Me to be a Better Citizen of the United States of America through Understanding Diversity**

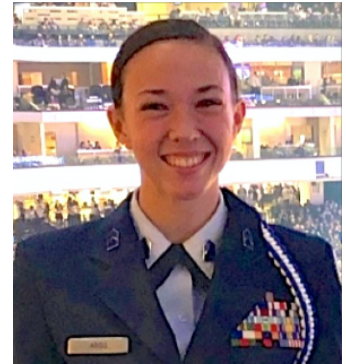
By Savannah Argo

AFJROTC was a program I was not originally interested in joining. I wanted to join yearbook or student government as a way to get my leadership experience for college applications. That was until I went to choose my classes at orientation, there I was introduced to the amazing opportunities and experiences that a person could only get if they were in AFJROTC. The counselors explained the different kinds of camps, trainings, and leadership positions that I would be able to have if I became a cadet. I quickly changed my direction and plan for school. My plan to join yearbook went out the window, and my new plans were to become a cadet in the CA-901st AFJROTC unit at Casa Roble High School. Ever since I joined the unit I have had amazing opportunities, such as going to Quantico, Virginia with the Marines for a Leadership and Ethics course, and have gained real world knowledge that has prepared me to become a better citizen of the United States. The main thing AFJROTC has taught me that has prepared me to be a better citizen, was the ability to understand and deal with different kinds of people and personalities.

Throughout my almost three years in Casa Roble's AFJROTC program I have had a wide variety of leadership positions and jobs, all with different levels of responsibility. From being an element leader whose main job is keeping seven cadets quiet in class to being the Commander of the freshman flight, Bravo, and having 40 or so new cadets looking to me for guidance and explanations. No matter how big or small the responsibility, each experience has provided me with the ability to understand and help different people and personalities. These ability has not only helped me in my current high school lifestyle but will also help me as I leave Casa Roble and go into the real world.

The world after high school, is vastly different than the safety net that teenagers have while going to school. There are more expectations that a person is expected to deal with that have real world consequences. From a meticulous boss to a gossiping coworker, the people in the workforce can be very similar to those in high school; however, there is much more weighing on the relationship that is between a person and a co-worker or boss than that relationship between student and student. The problems and hardships I have dealt with in AFJROTC have set me up in a way that I will be better prepared to become an adult citizen of the United States rather than someone who went through high school without the experiences that AFJROTC or and JROTC unit can provide.

I am constantly expected to deal with problems between students in my flight and my peers on my own first before elevating it up the chain of command. These expectations may seem unrealistic to the outside eye, because how could a 16 year old student deal with these problems without the help of an adult? However, what many people do not understand is that all JROTC units prepare students for these situations. We learn leadership skills and traits, how to solve problems, and the correct way to elevate the situation if needed. Without AFJROTC I would have not been able to deal with difficult people and their problems. The cadets in our unit come from diverse backgrounds and have different needs and problems, and, because of this, AFJROTC has given me the opportunity to fine tune my skills as a helpful leader that the cadets can relate to.



## Honoring Our Patriot Ancestors

### George Chilton

**Author: Thomas Hobert Chilton, Jr.**

George Chilton, the son of Thomas and Katherine Chilton, was born in about 1748 in White Chapel, Lancaster County, Virginia. Thomas and Katherine had at least eight children, including George. George's third great-grandfather, John Chilton, migrated to this county in about 1660. The Chilton family lived in Christ's Church, Lancaster County, Virginia, and it was thought that George lived in Lancaster County as well.

In 1781, George Chilton served two tours of duty in the Virginia Militia, one in Capt. Richard Yancy's Company at Cheraw Hills, and the other in Capt. White's Company at Yorktown. In his pension application he states that he was with a company of militia that guarded General Cornwallis as he was marched back to New York. I like to fantasize that George was one of those soldiers that whistled "Yankee Doodle Dandy" as they marched him back to New York.

George married Mary before 1775, and they had at least eight children. Mary died before 1809, and he married Sally Archer on May 2, 1809, in Chesterfield County, Virginia. There were no children from this marriage.

After the war, George Chilton and his family moved to Culpeper County, Virginia, and before 1810 he and his son, George Chilton, Jr., and their families, moved to Woodford County, Kentucky. They probably traveled through the Cumberland Gap carrying most of their possessions on their backs, and the back's of their pack animals.

George Chilton and his son settled near the communities of Mortonsville and Nonesuch south of Versailles in Woodford, Kentucky. At one time Mortonsville was considered as the site for the capitol of Kentucky. Today both of these villages are little more than cross roads. In May, 1833, George Chilton applied for, and was granted, a pension for his Revolutionary War service (Pension #S.1188). George Chilton was a farmer who grew corn, raised pigs, cows, and horses, and kept honey bees, as recorded in his last will and testament. George died about July 5, 1839. Sally Chilton died about December 10, 1840. George Chilton, Jr., in a codicil to his will, refers to the "family burying grounds". We found his grave in a family plot just west of Nonesuch, and I think it fair to assume that George Chilton, Sr. was buried there as well.

The Chiltons spelled their name several different ways from the mid 1700s to the late 1800s, including Chilton, Chiltan, Chelton, Shelton, and Shelten, and probably others. Family lore has it that George Chilton, Sr.'s grandson and great-grandson rode by horseback to Virginia to learn the correct spelling of their name. This was shortly after the Civil War, and it is said that they were met with some hostility, as Kentucky was a border state and Virginia was a slave state. After 1870 the name has been spelled Chilton. DNA tests show that many of the Sheltons living in Woodford, Anderson, and Mercer Counties in Kentucky are actually Chiltons.





## VETERANS RECOGNITION

Genealogist General, Jim Faulkinbury, recently forwarded an email to me regarding the National Society's Veterans Recognition Program. The NSSAR SAR Veterans Recognition Committee provides recognition to living SAR veterans by awarding "SAR Certificates of Patriotism" signed by the President General.

Reviewing the NSSAR roster of Sacramento Chapter veterans who have been awarded this certificate, I was surprised to find only eleven Sacramento Chapter members on the list. The Sacramento Chapter's membership stands at about 180 compatriots, and I'm sure that we have many more veterans who haven't been recognized. **Veterans who would like this award must apply for it.**

There are six different SAR Veterans Corps: World War II; Korean Service; Vietnam War; Southwest Asia; Special (or Selected) Operations; and, Military Service. Within all but the World War II Veterans Corps there are a varying number of Certificates of Patriotism depending on the Operation or Expedition in which the Veteran participated. The listing of the number of Certificates is expanded if there is also a Purple Heart or the second certificate issued, in which case an Oakleaf Cluster designation is used. The Certificates are signed by the current President General and show the Veterans Corps and the Certificate Number within that Corps. The VRC also attempts to include a picture of the Military Award that proved the eligibility of the Certificate and the Veterans Corps. Descriptions of the various SAR Veterans Corps can be found at this web site: <https://www.sar.org/veteran-corps-compatriots> The application can be accessed at this web site: <https://members.sar.org/media/uploads/pages/266/40JWu4eTkLXM.pdf> Applications and supporting documentation should be forwarded to the Chapter President for his approval signature.

Those who have questions or need assistance in completing the form should contact the Chapter Secretary at [craigandersonsar@gmail.com](mailto:craigandersonsar@gmail.com) or (916) 257-7892.

The following link is to the VRC Newsletter: "The Bugle"  
<https://www.sar.org/veterans-bugle>



## LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITY



The California State Society, SAR, is looking for a Secretary. This is a key, elected leadership position; the Secretary serves as a member of the CASSAR Executive Board. The State Secretary's duties include handling state correspondence; overseeing membership transactions; administering the state membership roster; and managing the state dues collection process. Good organizational, and communications skills are required along with proficiency with Microsoft Excel and Word. If you are interested contact CASSAR Executive VP Don Littlefield [dblittlefield@comcast.net](mailto:dblittlefield@comcast.net) or CASSAR VP-North Craig Anderson [craigandersonsar@gmail.com](mailto:craigandersonsar@gmail.com).

## CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 2014 ENHANCED JROTC CADET



In 2014, our Chapter Enhanced JROTC winner, Cameron Hoover, won the California State award as well as the National competition. He subsequently won an appointment to the US Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs. He will graduate from the academy this spring, and being in the top 10% of his class, he has been selected for flight training. Past State President Jim Fosdyck and his wife Uni has been invited, and will attend his graduation ceremony.

## Coming Events

### Next Meeting

**May 17, 2019 7:00PM**

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### Special Members Only Meeting

**June 1, 2019 at 10:00AM**

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**Doors Open at 9:30 - Light Refreshments will be served**

**Planning Meeting for 2020 CASSAR Spring Meeting when  
Don Littlefield will be installed as state president.**

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