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## November Speaker

### Simon Read

#### Author

Two things are primarily responsible for Simon's love of history: his grandfather's experiences as an air gunner with the Royal Air Force during the Second World War—and the MGM classic "The Great Escape," which he first watched with his grandfather when he was about eight.

The mass breakout of seventy-six Allied airmen from the infamous Stalag Luft III became one of the greatest tales of World War II, immortalized in the film "The Great Escape."

Simon's latest book, "**Human Game**" just released, details the brutal aftermath of "The Great Escape." In March and April of 1944, Gestapo gunmen killed fifty of the recaptured escapees—a brutal act in defiance of international law and the Geneva Convention. Simon spent three years researching and writing "**Human Game**" in an effort to find out more about the men who hunted down the Gestapo gunmen.



**Please note:** Books will not be offered for sale at the meeting. However, the author has offered to sign any [Simon Read book](#) you choose to purchase on Amazon and bring to the November 16 meeting.

### Cattlemens Meal Selections:

10 oz. Top Sirloin Steak	\$24.
Grilled Salmon	\$24.
Teriyaki Chicken	\$24.
Pesto Spinach/Cheese Ravioli	\$24.

Next meeting

November 16, 2012, 7:00 PM at

## Cattlemens Restaurant

12409 Folsom Blvd., Rancho Cordova

If the telephone committee has not taken your menu selection(s) by **Monday evening, November 12**, please call Don Littlefield at **(916) 985-6544** with your reservations by noon on Tuesday.

**Payments are guaranteed for each reservation made.**

Wives, guests and visiting compatriots are always welcome.

**Officers for 2012****Tom Chilton**  
President**Russ Kaiser**  
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Tom Chilton  
Ernie Garcia  
Ed Heidig  
Don Littlefield  
Bob Schroeder  
Dennis Sperry

# President's Corner

Compatriots and friends,

The 2012 Community Awards Banquet is now history. I am proud of the professional manner in which the event was handled. I was particularly pleased with how the daytime luncheon meeting turned out. It gave us all an opportunity to see just how beautiful the Sacramento Yacht Club and its grounds really are. We had a lot of guests that day. In my zeal to recognize all of our guests, I failed to recognize the most important people in the room – those officers who made it all happen. I particularly want to thank Christie and Russ Kaiser for all that they did. There are too many things to list them all, but they include arranging for the caterer, the speaker, the venue, the decorations, arranging the tables, the name tags, etc., etc., etc. I want to thank Ernie Garcia for his tireless efforts to obtain the names of first responders, and their supervisors, and then coordinating to get them all to attend the meeting. Thank you, Jim Faulkinbury, for arranging for the Color Guard, and then executing the Presentation of the Colors in such a professional manner. Thank you, Craig Anderson, for mailing and handling the invitation list. And thank you, Don Littlefield, for monitoring the guest list, and everything else that you do for our Chapter. Our chapter can be proud of this very successful event. My only disappointment was the lack of attendance by our Sacramento members. Of the 58 people attending this event, only 18 were members of the Sacramento Chapter. We have over 100 members living in the greater Sacramento area, so less than 20% chose to attend. In planning for next year's event, it would really be helpful if you would tell us why you chose not to attend. Were you busy that day, the meal was too expensive, you were turned off by the "black tie optional", the location, the time, or?? Please call me at 916-933-6576, or email me at [тчilton@telis.org](mailto:тчilton@telis.org) with your comments. Thank you for your input.



We sent out our 2013 Chapter dues notices about a month ago. As of this date, we have received checks from 80% of the members who pay their dues yearly. If you are going to renew your membership for 2013, please do it now. Otherwise one of our officers will be calling to ask if you do plan to renew. If you do not plan to renew, it would be helpful if you would tell us. Again, thank you for your cooperation.

I hope to see you all at the November meeting, which will be held at 7:00 PM on Friday, November 16<sup>th</sup>, at the Cattlemen's Restaurant. If not, I want to wish you and your family a happy and healthy Thanksgiving.

Yours on patriotic service,  
Tom

## In Memoriam

### Dr. Arnold Raymond Lewis

Retired Methodist minister, Dr. Arnold Raymond Lewis died Oct. 21, 2012 in his Elk Grove home at the age of 92. His ministerial career began in 1942 in Michigan and continued in Massachusetts and Colorado before he headed to Brazil as an education missionary from 1951-56, teaching philosophy, religion and English. Upon his return to the U.S., he headed for California where he pastored churches in Lincoln, Fairfield, Fair Oaks, Selma, Madera and Galt before retiring from the latter in 1986.

He was concurrently chaplain for the college and pastored a Methodist church in Lagoa Vermelha, Rio Grande do Sul.

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Arnold was born July 18, 1920 in Binghamton, N.Y. to Anna Louise Arnold Lewis and Ray D. Lewis. He received his Master of Divinity from Boston Univ. School of Theology and his Doctor of Theology from Iliff School of Theology, Denver, CO., and Princeton University Graduate College as Visiting Fellow in the Department of Philosophy.

Dr. Lewis was active in service organizations and served as chaplain for Rotary, Lions and Exchange clubs throughout his career and as president of the Fresno Numismatic Society and several ministerial associations.

He was a life member of the National Huguenot Society where he served as U.S. chaplain.

Arnold was a lifetime member of the Sons of the American Revolution. He joined the SAR on January 28, 1970. During his 42 years with the SAR, he served as president of the Fresno chapter and as chaplain of both the California State Society and the Sacramento chapter.

Besides writing a column in retirement, he was a docent in the Sacramento Zoo for five years and gave countless programs to schools and service clubs. He also performed several weddings, presided at funerals, and did substitute preaching.

He was able to indulge in his love of geography and traveled widely from the North Pole to Antarctica, from China and Japan to India and the Holy Land as well as throughout Europe, Australia and New Zealand.

He is survived by his wife Mary of Elk Grove; sons Luther of Sacramento and Wilson of San Francisco; grandchildren Deana Roberts and husband Mike of Eagle Point, Ore., Catherine Lewis of Seattle and Kevin Lewis of Davis; and sister Carol Ford and husband Earl of Vestal, N.Y.

At his request, there are no services planned.



Dr. Arnold R. Lewis

## October Meeting Minutes

October 13, 2012

President Tom Chilton called the meeting to order at 1:00 PM.

Vice President Russ Kaiser announced and seated the Honorees.

Hal Lawson gave the invocation. The Color Guard Commander, Jim Faulkinbury, led the SAR Color Guard in posting the colors. Eric Hanson led the membership in the Pledge of Allegiance, and Joe Moorehead led the Pledge to the SAR.

President Chilton introduced the Law Enforcement and Fire Department guests, Captain Dave Torgerson of the Sacramento Sheriff's Department, and Battalion Chief Steve Turner of the Sacramento Metro Fire Department, Firefighter Tim Beard and his wife, Melissa, and Deputy Mark Limbird, and his wife Nicole.

President Chilton recognized CASSAR Officers, Past Presidents, and guests from other chapters: California Society President Keith Bigbee, and his wife Cyndy, Jim Faulkinbury, CASSAR VP North and Past President of the Sacramento Chapter (2005 and 2006) and his wife Karen, Del Hanson, Past President (1995, 1996, 1997) and his wife Linda. Del retired as Chief of Police of the Woodland, CA Police Department in 2002. Don Littlefield, Past President (2010 and 2011) current Treasurer, Newsletter editor, webmaster, and CASSAR Wreathes Across American Chairman, and his wife Mary Ann, Ford Osborn, Past President of the Silicon Valley Chapter SAR (1988), Jeff Sylvan current President of the Delta Chapter, Jim Young, Past President of the Mother Lode Chapter, Bob Leach of the Mother Lode Chapter, Eric Nielson, a prospective member, and Chuck Jamison, our Bagpiper.

President Chilton recognized new member Roy Adkins and his wife Martha.

President Chilton recognized and welcomed DAR members present: Medora Allen, Marilyn Chilton, and Lynn Robinson from the Sacramento Chapter, Ellen Osborn, Past Regent (2002-2004) of the El Dorado Chapter. Other guests recognized were guest speaker, Ana Ramirez-Palmer, and Lori Ford, Jeff Sylvan's oldest daughter. Guests of Russ and Christie Kaiser included Kelli Chairez, Christie's sister and Helen Korbmaker, Christie's mother. Konrad Stinchfield and his wife Tammie, and Greg Littell and his wife Sue.

From the Sacramento Yacht Club, President Chilton recognized Jan Lucas, Vice Commodore of the Sacramento Yacht Club and her husband Paul Carrass, Pete Little, Yacht Club Secretary, and Yacht Club Member Robert Logan. Russ Kaiser was recognized as a Past Commodore of the Sacramento Yacht Club (2008)

President Chilton gave a brief historical overview of the Society of the Sons of the American Revolution.

Jim Faulkinbury presented and gave a historical overview of the Philadelphia Light Horse Flag and the Bennington Flag.

After lunch, Russ Kaiser introduced the guest speaker, Ana Ramirez-Palmer, Regional Administrator for Northern California Department of Corrections and former Warden, Vacaville State Prison. She gave an interesting overview of her career with the California Department of Corrections and shared many of her experiences with the meeting guests. President Chilton presented Ana Ramirez-Palmer with the SAR Certificate of Appreciation and SAR Liberty Bell

Ernie Garcia called Battalion Chief Steve Turner forward, and Chief Turner gave an overview of the contributions that Sacramento Metro Firefighter, Tim Beard, has made to their organization and the community. Ernie Garcia then presented the SAR Fire Protection Medal and Certificate to Firefighter Tim Beard.

Ernie Garcia called Captain Dave Torgerson, Sacramento Sheriff's Department forward, and Captain Torgerson gave an overview of law enforcement career of Deputy Mark Limbird, and he related Deputy Limbird's recent heroic efforts while subduing an armed suspect. Ernie Garcia then presented the SAR Law Enforcement Medal and Certificate to Deputy Mark Limbird.

Marilyn Chilton conducted the 50/50 drawing. Jim Faulkinbury had the winning ticket, and he donated 100% of his winnings to the Sacramento Chapter.

President Chilton in his closing remarks, thanked Ana Ramirez-Palmer for her interesting presentation

Don Clark led the Recessional, and Hal Lawson gave the Benediction. The members then sang "God Bless America" after which the meeting was adjourned at 3:15 PM.

Respectfully Submitted  
Craig Anderson  
Chapter Secretary

## SAR Community Awards Recipients

### Sacramento County Sheriff's Deputy Mark Limbird SAR Law Enforcement Medal

In January of 2012, Deputy Limbird was on routine patrol when he saw two male subjects walking away from a closed business. While contacting these two suspicious males, one of them suddenly and violently assaulted Deputy Limbird. The assailant attempted to flee but was again stopped by Deputy Limbird, who had not been inhibited by the assault. Again, the male attacked, viciously striking Deputy Limbird in the head and shoulders. During this attack, Deputy Limbird and his aggressor fell approximately fifteen feet from an embankment into the water of a creek below. The assailant, who had been armed with a stolen handgun, lost his weapon in the creek and was attempting to reacquire it as he continued to punch Deputy Limbird, who was now below him in the water. Although beaten, Deputy Limbird courageously drew his handgun and attempted to fire it in order to save his own life. Although the weapon did not fire, Deputy Limbird remained calm in the face of this delay and was able to adjust his weapon to fire and stop this vicious and potentially lethal attack. The bravery displayed by Deputy Limbird during this event is just one example of his commitment to duty in the service and protection of our community.



Deputy Mark Limbird

### Sacramento Metro Fire District Firefighter Tim Beard SAR Fire Protection Medal

Firefighter Beard established a network of assistance and support to look after our fellow brothers and sisters. His passion was to ensure that the brotherhood we hold sacred in the Fire Service would persevere away from the firehouse and amidst the hardest of times. Firefighter Beard created the Bob Werner Committee in order to address these needs. The late Engineer Bob Werner personified the concepts of community involvement and helping others, which was a fitting title for Firefighter Beard's endeavor. The Bob Werner Committee was designed to help firefighters, support staff and their families in many different ways. Driving firefighters to doctor's appointments, taking care of household needs and providing emotional support to family members are just a few ways the Bob Werner Committee has served as a pillar of hope for firefighters and their families. Firefighter Beard has taken it upon himself to make countless phone calls and spend many of his precious off duty hours to make sure firefighters in need are made a priority, as well as organizing many work details and logistical time lines. Firefighter Beard's compassion and sincere dedication to taking care of his fellow firefighters are rare qualities and something Metro Fire should not only be proud of, but fortunate to have within their ranks. This is the true meaning of going above and beyond to help others.

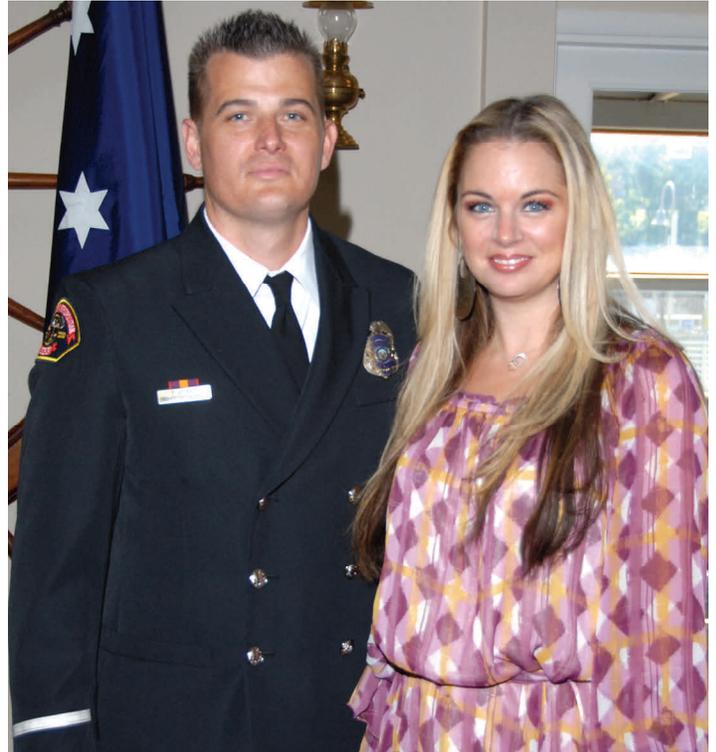


Firefighter Tim Beard

### Awards Banquet Photos



Sheriff's Deputy Mark Limbird and his wife Nicole



Sac Metro Firefighter Tim Beard and his wife Melissa



Sacramento County Sheriff Captain Dave Torgerson



Sac Metro Fire District Battalion Chief Steve Turner

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Color Guardsmen Jim Faulkinbury, Ford Osborn, Vince Gantt



Color Guardsmen Jim Faulkinbury, Ernie Garcia



CASSAR President Keith Bigbee, Cyndy Bigbee, VP North Jim Faulkinbury , Karen Faulkinbury (seated)



Guest Speaker Ana Ramirez-Palmer and President Tom Chilton

Photos courtesy of Don Spradling

# October Meeting Photos



Mary Ann and Past President Don Littlefield



Lori Ford and Delta Chapter President Jeff Sylvan



Delta Chapter President Jeff Sylvan, Hal Lawson and his son Robert Lawson



Clair and Medora Allen



Roy and Martha Adkins

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Ernie Garcia , Deputy Mark Limbird and his wife Nicole, and Sacramento President Tom Chilton



Ernie Garcia , Firefighter Tim Beard and his wife Melissa, and Sacramento President Tom Chilton

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CASSAR President Keith Bigbee and Sacramento Chapter Past President Don Littlefield



Ted and Lynn Robinson



Don Clark



### Delta Chapter News

Don Littlefield presents a gift of the SAR Podium Banner to the Delta Chapter. Receiving the gift is Delta Chapter President Jeff Sylvan

Photos courtesy of Don Spradling

## Veterans Day 2012

The Sacramento Chapter will once again participate in the Veterans Day Parade on Sunday, November 11, on the Capitol Mall in beautiful downtown Sacramento California.



## Coming Events

### **Veteran's Day — Sunday, November 11, 2012**

Sacramento Parade, Capitol Mall

### **Wreaths Across America — 9:00 AM, Sunday, December 15, 2012**

Sacramento Valley National Cemetery, 5810 Midway Road, Dixon, California

### **12:00 PM Saturday, December 22, 2012 — Luncheon Meeting**

Vista del Lago High School Choral Group will provide Christmas Music

### **7:00 PM Friday, January 18, 2013 — Dinner Meeting**

Dan Walters, Political Columnist, Sacramento Bee

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