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Tom McDonald

Tom McDonald, a highly regarded captain in the Los Angeles Police Dept. is the City of West Sacramento's new Police Chief; the swearing-in ceremony took place July 9, at City Hall.

Chief McDonald was the commanding officer for LAPD's Bomb Squad, Bomb K-9 unit and Hazmat unit. He also served as the patrol commanding officer in the Rampart and south central Los Angeles divisions. Chief McDonald replaced Dan Drummond, who had retired following nine years of service.

"We are very pleased to add someone with Mr. McDonald's leadership and background to our city's police department and management team," said West Sacramento City Manager Martin Tuttle. "His personality and expertise are a perfect match for the department and the community."

Among his varied assignments during his 30-year career, McDonald served as a gang officer, SWAT element member, and training officer. McDonald distinguished himself as an expert in crowd management during the 2000 Democratic National Convention in Los Angeles. Following the Sept. 11 World Trade Center attack in New York City, McDonald developed an award-winning counter-terrorism program, known as "Operation Archangel," designed to assess and protect key facilities in Los Angeles.

Chief McDonald, who joined LAPD as a police officer in 1983, received his Bachelor's degree in Organization Management from Biola University.



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Cattlemens Meal Selections:

Sirloin Steak	\$24.
Grilled Salmon	\$24.
Teriyaki Chicken	\$24.
Pesto Spinach/Cheese Ravioli	\$24.
(vegetarian)	

Friday, November 21, 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, November 19**, 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. Wives, guests and visiting compatriots are always welcome.

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

Current Officers**Russ Kaiser**

President

Don LittlefieldExecutive Vice-President
Treasurer and Webmaster**Craig Anderson**

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Law Enforcement Program**Calling Committee****Carl Ahlberg, Chairman**Tom Chilton
Ernie Garcia
Alan Brooking
Roy Adkins**President's Corner**

We have set the clocks back meaning winter is soon upon us. The Awards banquet was a huge success thanks to the hard work of Ernie Garcia, Don Littlefield, Alan Brookings, Joe Mohammed, Craig Anderson and Carl Ahlburg just to name a few along with Color Guard members David Beach, Vince Gant, Jim Faulkinbury and Don Spradling.

We have lots of activities still to come. First we have the Veterans parade in down town Sacramento. We need to form up about 9 AM down by the Crocker Art Museum so please contact me ASAP if you can participate. Next is November 18th. The Gold Country Chapter DAR has requested a Color Guard. Again, please contact me ASAP if you can help out. We have the regular meeting this month which will include elections. There are still a few key positions open so please step up and keep the momentum going.

December 13th is Wreath across America. If you have been there, you already know how special this is. If not, then you are really missing something. We need Color Guard participation so please put it on the calendar and contact me.

The December meeting will again be special with singers and several other Chapters all joining us for some Holiday Cheer. Please join us in Compatriot and Holiday companionship.

Russ Kaiser

SARSAC President

Boat361@aol.com

**Russ Kaiser, President**

November Election of Officers for 2015 The following nominations have been made. Additional nominations still can be made from the floor

President: Craig Anderson

Executive Vice President: Don Littlefield

Secretary: Carl Ahlberg

Registrar: Jim Faulkinbury

Treasurer: Don Littlefield

Sons of the American Revolution—Sacramento Chapter

Meeting Minutes September 19, 2014

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

Past President Tom Chilton gave the invocation. The Color Guard Posted the Colors. Phil Lugo led the membership in the Pledge of Allegiance, and Ernie Garcia 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; Tom Chilton, Past President 2000, 2001, 2002, 2004, and 2012, and his wife Marilyn, and Don Littlefield, Past President 2010 and 2011, current Executive Vice President, Treasurer, Webmaster, and CASSAR Chairman of the Wreaths Across America Program and his wife, Mary Ann.

President Kaiser recognized Joe Mohamed, VP Programs, Ernie Garcia, Chairman Activities; Craig Anderson, Chapter Secretary; Carl Alhberg, SAR Calling Committee Chairman; and Don Spradling, SAR Photographer.



Craig Anderson

President Kaiser recognized and welcomed DAR members present: Marilyn Chilton of the Sacramento Chapter; Susan Brooking, Regent, of the Gold Trail Chapter; Ann Taylor, Regent, Deborah Tasker-Brady, Recording Secretary, Sharon Murphy, First Vice Regent, and Ruth Edmonson-Johnson, Past Regent, of the Sierra-Amador Chapter.

President Kaiser introduced our community award presenters and honorees: from the Sacramento County Sheriff's Department: Chief Doug Lee and honoree's, Sergeant Randall Winn and his wife Nicole and Deputy Paul Pfeifer and his guest Danielle Chapman and his parents, Ray and Kathy; from the California Highway Patrol, Chief Nick Norton and Captain Michael Richard and honoree, Officer Jack Lowder and his wife Renee; and Wounded Warrior recipient Phil Lugo, MAJ. U.S. Army (Retired), his wife, Arlene, and their family Phil Jr., Josh, Jacqueline, and Gianna Lugo.

President Kaiser introduced our guest speaker, Dr Ronald E Geiger, new member Edward Arthur Strange, his wife, Charlot and their family, and prospective members Ed Maechler and Mike Brady.

President Kaiser asked CASSAR President Jim Faulkinbury and new member Edward Arthur Strange to come forward. CASSAR President Jim Faulkinbury introduced Edward Strange and read his biography. President Kaiser administered the SAR oath and presented them with his membership certificates. Jim Faulkinbury pinned the SAR Rosette on him. All members were invited to come forward to offer the customary welcoming handshake to our new member.

President Kaiser made several announcements:

November 11th is the Sacramento Veteran's Day Parade. We need participant.

We need Color Guard to present the Colors and the November 18th Gold Trail Chapter NSDAR.

We are still in need of volunteers to participate in the Color Guard.

President Kaiser presented Law Enforcement Commendation Certificates and Medals to Sergeant Randall Winn and Deputy Paul Pfeifer of the Sacramento Sheriff's Department, and to Officer Jack Lowder of the California Highway Patrol. Following the Law Enforcement presentations, President Kaiser presented the Wounded Warrior Coin and Certificate to Phil Lugo, MAJ, U.S. Army (Ret) for wounds suffered in Vietnam.

President Kaiser announced that Sacramento 2015 Officer elections would be held during the November meeting, and the December meeting will be a joint meeting with the Gold Country, Mother Lode, and Delta Chapter. He pointed out that our meeting room capacity is only 80 so seating will be limited; reservations should be made early.

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October 17th Minutes Continued

ing pictures and maintaining the flags, Carl Alhberg for chairing the Calling committee, and Neil Elvick for editing the newsletter. A motion to adjourn was made and seconded.

President Russ Kaiser led the Recessional and Tom Chilton gave the Benediction. The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 PM.

Respectfully Submitted

Craig Anderson, Chapter Secretary

October Program

Photos by Don Spradling

October's meeting featured the annual awards program, whereby various law enforcement officers and members of the military are recognized. This year's four recipients are pictured below and on the following page and are from the California Highway Patrol, the Sacramento Sheriff's Department and our Wounded Warrior Major Phil Lugo.



Major Phil Lugo, his wife Arlene, and their family



**Wounded Warrior, Major Phil Lugo
US Army, Retired**



**Above: Ernia Garcia, Sgt. Randall Winn, Deputy Paul Pfeifer ,
Russ Kaiser. Sgt. Winn and Deputy Pfeifer are officers in the
Sacramento County Sheriff's Department**



Randall Winn & Paul Pfeifer

News and Photos from October 17 Meeting

Photos by Don Spradling



Ernie Garcia, Chief Nick Norton, Jack Lowder, Russ Kaiser



**CHP Chief Nick Norton
and Jack Lowder**



Dr. Ronald E. Geiger and wife



Russ Kaiser and Dr. Ronald E. Geiger

Dr. Geiger is a chiropractor, who has been involved in treatment for sports injuries for professional teams such as the San Francisco 49ers and Sacramento Kings as well as being a spokesman for healthy diets and lifestyles.



Neil Elvick, Caden Elvick, Corin Elvick



Roy Adkins, Russ Kaiser, Don Clark

Photos from October 17 Meeting

Photos by Don Spradling



To the left is Edward Arthur Strange, holding his membership certificate, with his wife, Charlot, and their family. He was received as a new member during the October meeting.

Edward Arthur Strange was born on August 29, 1937 in Arapahoe County, Colorado. He moved to California with his family at age 2. He has lived on the same dairy farm in Galt since 1940. He served in the US Marine Corps from January 1957 to January 1960 as Corporal in the Marine Air Wing. He retired as a Stationary Engineer from the Safeway Corporation and the State of California. Currently he enjoys finding treasures at flea markets and he has just finished restoring a 1955 Ford Pickup.

His patriot ancestor is Tobias Tillman who was born in Orange County, North Carolina and who died in 1845 in Preble County, Ohio. In 1776 he served in the North Carolina Militia as a Volunteer Mounted Man in Captain W. O'Neal's Company of Horse, in Colonel Butler's Regiment and as a Minute Man.



Debbie Strange-Monseth, Charlot & Ed Strange



Ed receiving his membership certificate from President Russ Kaiser



Zachary Joshua Jones and Russ Kaiser

Zachary Joshua Jones is this year's Eagle Court of Honor

Photos from October 17, 2014 Meeting

Photos by Don Stradling



Chuck Cole



Alan and Susan Brooking



Evan Jonas

This Day in 1775

The Battles of Lexington and Concord, as well as the Battle of Bunker Hill had already been fought earlier in the year. Exactly 239 years ago on November 21, 1775 the English Parliament voted to confiscate all American ships and force their crews to join the Royal Navy.

Weaths Across America

Sacramento Chapter Members California Society Sons of the American Revolution

On Saturday, December 13th, the nation will honor those veterans who have faithfully served our country, have passed on, and are interred in cemeteries around the globe. Last year over 540,000 memorial wreaths were laid at over 900 locations in the United States and beyond. Wreaths Across America is funded by donations from the public; I have included in an attachment a Wreath Sponsorship Form for your use if you would like to honor a veteran by sponsoring a wreath for this event.

The Sacramento Chapter Color Guard will participate in the ceremonies at the Sacramento Valley National Cemetery near Dixon. This year, there are additional cemeteries participating in this program. I encourage you to attend an event near you.

Craig Anderson
Secretary, Sacramento Chapter

There is more information about this organization and the coming event on the following two pages.



In 2007, the Worcester family, along with veterans, and others who had helped with their annual Christmas wreath ceremony in Arlington, formed Wreaths Across America™, to continue and expand this effort, and support other groups around the country who wanted to do the same. This nonprofit organization continues the Arlington tradition as part of its mission to Remember, Honor and teach.

In 2013, Wreaths Across America and our national network of volunteers laid over 540,000 memorial wreaths at over 900 locations in the United States and beyond. We accomplished this with help from 1659 fundraising groups, many corporate contributions, and donations of trucking, shipping, and thousands of helping hands. Our annual pilgrimage from Harrington, Maine to Arlington National Cemetery is known as the world's largest veteran's parade, stopping at schools, monuments, veteran's homes and communities all along the way to remind people how important it is to remember, honor and teach.

Proceeds place a wreath at one of the participating cemeteries; help support our fundraising partners, educational and veteran's services outreach. Please note that all sponsorships are sent directly to the location and no wreaths are sent to the individuals purchasing sponsorships.

We welcome all to join us at any Wreaths Across America ceremony. If you would like to participate or help bring sponsored wreaths to your local community, please contact us and we will help connect you with other groups already working in your area.

Schedule of Events

Sunday, December 7, 2014

Start of World's Longest Veterans Parade from Maine to Arlington National Cemetery
and participating locations

Monday, December 8, 2014

State House wreath-laying ceremonies in all 50 States and Puerto Rico

Saturday December 13, 2014

please check with your local location leader for start times.

Simultaneous wreath laying ceremonies at over 900 locations all across the country and beyond.

For more information visit www.WreathsAcrossAmerica.org, or call 877-385-9504.

You can also email info@wreathsacrossamerica.org



Wreath Sponsorship Form

*Sponsored wreaths are placed on the grave markers at state, national veterans cemeteries as well as local cemeteries each December. Wreaths may be purchased online at www.WreathsAcrossAmerica.org

If you wish to make your sponsorship with a credit card please visit our website for a secure online transaction.

Name: _____
 Address: _____
 City: _____
 State: _____ Zip: _____
 Phone: _____
 Email: _____

Please make checks payable to:
Wreaths Across America TM
 PO Box 249

Columbia Falls, ME 04623 Questions?
 Please call 877-385-9504

Thank you for your Sponsorship and joining us in our
 mission to Remember, Honor and Teach!

****SORRY- WE CAN NOT TAKE GRAVE SPECIFIC REQUESTS***

Sponsorship	Price	Quantity	Total
Individual= 1 Wreath	\$15.00		
Mailed "In Honor" card= If you wish to send a mailed honor card telling someone of your sponsorship-see "In Honor" section below. *Card will not be mailed if the \$2 fee is not included.	\$2.00		
Family= 4 Wreaths	\$60.00		
Small Business= 10 Wreaths	\$150.00		
Corporate= 100 Wreaths	\$1500.00		
Merchandise available on WAA Website			
		Grand Total	

Please note that all sponsorships are sent directly to the location and no wreaths are sent to the individuals

In Honor of:

Please provide email of "In Honor Of" recipient, or mailing address so a card can be sent notifying them of your sponsorship in their honor. (if you have a specific message please write it on the back of this sheet and we will include it.)

Email: _____

In Memory of:

This name will be listed on our online memory wall, please provide name, rank, branch of service and state resided

Branch of Service: _____

Coming Events

Tuesday November 11, 2014
Veteran's Day Parade
Downtown Sacramento

Saturday December 13, 2014; 9:00 AM PST
Wreaths Across America
Sacramento Valley National Cemetery
5810 Dixon, CA

November 21, 2014—Regular Meeting
7:00 PM at the Cattlemens Restaurant
Speaker to be announced
Elections for 2015 officers

December 19, 2014—Regular Meeting
7:00 PM at the Cattlemens Restaurant
Annual Christmas program “Vista Del Lago
Choral Ensemble”

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