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Jenny Stocks

Jenny is currently a fifth grade teacher at a small K-8 school called Newcastle Elementary/Charter school, just southwest of Auburn. Although she teaches all the subjects, history has been her favorite going back to her high school days.

She is a graduate of Colfax High School and obtained her teaching credential from CSU Chico. She was this year's chapter selection for the SAR Valley Forge Teacher Recognition program and was California's selection to attend workshops and tours of historical areas around Valley Forge and Philadelphia.

In addition to the Valley Forge program she was part of the Teaching American History grant program in 2012 in which she was able to tour Boston, Lexington, Concord, Lowell, and Plimoth Plantation with 38 other teachers. Plimoth Plantation is a living history museum in Plymouth, Massachusetts.

She has an online blog about her trip which can be viewed at www.stocksrocks5th.blogspot.com. This has many photos of the places she visited and shows many of the places where the history of our then young republic took place. It promises to be a most interesting program.



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Members are invited and encouraged to email Craig Anderson (craig@winfirst.com) with any suggestions for good speakers and contact information if available.

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Cattlemens Meal Selections

Ribeye Steak	\$30.
Sirloin Steak	\$25.
Grilled Salmon	\$25.
Lemon Chicken	\$25.
Pesto Spinach/Cheese Ravioli	\$25.
(vegetarian)	

Friday, October 16, 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 18**, 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

It appears that winter is finally approaching with the first (hopefully of many) storms of the season upon us.

Our community awards dinner was a great success thanks to Ernie Garcia and Del Hanson; thank you both for obtaining candidates and acquiring a great guest speaker in Albert Najera. Thanks also to CASSAR Executive VP Ron Barker and Mother Lode Chapter President Tom Adams for attending this event.

During our November meeting, I will open the floor for 2016 officer nominations. We are always looking for help in all positions; one where we especially need help is the Secretary position. The chapter secretary has a pretty full plate, and we are looking for someone who can spare an hour or two a month to help with some of these duties. The success of our chapter is only possible through your participation; if you have never been involved – now is the time to step forward. Any time that you can give us will be very helpful and will be appreciated.

Compatriot David Stuart Allmuth celebrates 15 years as a member of the Sons of the American Revolution this month. His application was approved on November 20, 2000. Thank you, David, for your support!

Our dues collection period is on going this month, and at my last update a few days ago, 44% of our regular members have renewed their dues. Your dues support the great educational outreach programs in which our chapter participates, such as the Valley Forge Teacher Program, Americanism Poster Contest, Eagle Scout Scholarship Program, The Enhanced JROTC program, the Knight Essay Contest, and others. If you haven't received your dues notice, please contact the Chapter Secretary, Carl Ahlberg or myself. If you haven't yet sent in your dues, I encourage you to do so as soon as you can.

Sadly, October 12, we lost one of our compatriots, Ted Robinson. Ted was a veteran of WWII and a member of the Sacramento Chapter since 1997. A memorial service will be held for Ted on 2PM November 20th at Sierra Arden United Church of Christ, 890 Morse Ave, Sacramento, CA. I will also conduct a short memorial for Ted at our dinner meeting that evening.

Craig Anderson
Chapter President



Craig Anderson

Minutes of October 16, 2015 Meeting

Sons of the American Revolution – Sacramento Chapter

Meeting Minutes October 16, 2015

President Craig Anderson called the meeting to order at 7:06 PM and gave the invocation. Tom Chilton led the Pledge of Allegiance and Ernie Garcia led the membership in the pledge to the SAR.

President Anderson introduced the following:

CASSAR Officers and Past Presidents:

Ron Barker, California Society Executive Vice President, Secretary of the Gold Country Chapter, and dual member of the Sacramento Chapter

Jim Faulkinbury, NSSAR National Trustee, CASSAR Past President and Sacramento Chapter Past President 2005 and 2006 and Chairman CA Society Nominations Committee

Tom Chilton, Past President 2000, 2001, 2002, 2004, 2012 and current youth activities chairman

Don Littlefield, Past President 2010 and 2011, current Executive Vice president, Treasurer, Webmaster, and CASSAR Chairman of the Wreaths Across America Program

Tom Adams, President, and Vince Adams of the Mother Lode Chapter
Ford Osborn, Past President Silicon Valley Chapter 1987

Carl Ahlberg, Chapter Secretary

Alan Brooking Registrar, Calling Committee Chairman, and CA Society DAR Liaison

Ernie Garcia, Chairman Activities

Don Spradling, SAR Photographer

Roy Adkins, Chairman JROTC/ ROTC Program



Carl Ahlberg, Secretary

DAR members:

Sacramento Chapter: Marilyn Chilton; Medora Allen

Gold Trail Chapter: Susan Brooking, Regent; Karen Faulkinbury

Solano Chapter: Diane Kientz

Sierra Amador Chapter: Deborah Tasker Brady

CASSAR LAUX members:

Marilyn Chilton, Susan Brooking, Karen Faulkinbury and Donna Spradling

Guests:

Sacramento County Sheriff's Department/Rancho Cordova Police Department Division

Medal recipient: Detective Kevin Warren and Guest: Sergeant Greg Johnson, Department Rep: Lieutenant Steve Dutra

California Highway Patrol

Medal Recipient: Officer Patrick Talley, his guest: Ms. Collette Bonnett Department Rep: Sgt. Brian Maynard.

West Sacramento Police Department

Medal Recipient: Officer Sean Saylor and his wife Alma. Department Rep: Deputy Chief DeAnna Stevens, Sgt Art Camacho

The Sacramento Chapter's 2015 Americanism Poster Winner Ryan Yi, and his parents Rick and Elisa and their daughter Emily.

New Member Michael Brady

Prospective members Gerald Miller and Roger Kientz

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President Anderson shared that on Monday, October 12th, we lost compatriot Ted Robinson, long time member and supporter of the SAR. He served for many years as the chairman of our JROTC/ ROTC committee. He was an NSSAR honored veteran of WW2 who had received the NSSAR certificate of patriotism for his service as a US Naval officer. Services will be held on November 20th. We'll provide more details as we learn them.

He also shared compatriot Jeff Goodwin will be undergoing major surgery at the end of October, and asked that you keep him in your thoughts and prayers for a speedy recovery

President Anderson announced we are looking for guest speakers for 2016 and asked for suggestions of who might be a good guest speaker for our meetings. He asked ideas to be written down on the cards placed on the tables. Those members who would be willing to help on a committee to review these suggestions and choose the speakers were asked to check the box and include their name. Also, this is the 2016 SAR dues collection period, and asked any member interested in Life Membership to see him after the meeting.

CASSAR Past President Jim Faulkinbury presented a historical overview of two flags. The Bedford Flag was present at the first battle of the Revolution, the battle of Concord, April 19, 1775. It is the oldest flag known to exist that was used in the Revolutionary War. It was originally made for the Massachusetts Bay Colony Militia during the French and Indian War. The second flag had 13 red and green stripes, called the George Rogers Clark Flag. George Rogers Clark was the highest ranking military officer assigned to the Northwest Territory. He helped weaken the influence of the British in the northwest Ohio River area which ultimately brought the Northwest territory to the United States at the end of the Revolutionary War.



CASSAR Past President Jim Faulkinbury announced that the National Society has proposed replacing the SAR Rosette with a gold colored SAR pin to signify membership in the SAR and enhance the SAR brand to the public.

President Anderson asked Tom Chilton and Don Littlefield to come forward and present the SAR National Society Americanism Poster award to Ryan Yi. Ryan was a 5th Grade student at Sandra J Gallardo Elementary School, Folsom, CA. and was accompanied by his parents Elisa & Rick Yi and sister Emily. Ryan won the Sacramento Chapter Poster Contest and went on to win at the state level and now at the national level. He was presented with a beautiful framed certificate and a check from NSSAR.

President Anderson asked Alan Brooking to come forward to introduce new member Michael Brady. Compatriot Brooking introduced our new member, read his biography and pinned the SAR Rosette. Our new member was asked to say a few words and then all members were asked to come forward to offer the customary welcoming handshake.

Dinner was served.

After dinner President Anderson introduced U S Marshal Albert Nájera. Our speaker was sworn in on October 28, 2010 to be the United States Marshal for the Eastern District of California. He rose through the ranks of the City of Sacramento Police Department to become the Chief of Police, a position he held from 2003 to 2008. He grew up in Sacramento, and has traveled around the world to lead anti-terrorist and emergency operations training sessions. He was

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also deployed to New Orleans in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina to assist local law enforcement there. Members gave Albert Nájera a warm welcome.

Marshal Nájera shared that he started working for law enforcement as a student trainee at age 19 and became a police officer at 21. He worked up through the ranks and during his last 5 years with Sacramento he was the Police Chief. In 2010 he applied to be one of the 94 US Marshals. He shared that every US Marshal is sworn in by the President of the United States and the first Marshal was sworn in by George Washington. As a US Marshal he has the right to deputize other law enforcement to work with the Marshal's office which has authority to enforce any Federal Law. Marshals are traditionalists tied to the Constitution and their main responsibility is to go after fugitives and protect Federal judges.

Marshal Nájera thanked SAR for honoring law enforcement officers because today officers are scrutinized more than ever. Many members asked questions.

President Anderson presented U S Marshal Albert Nájera with a Certificate of Appreciation and a Liberty Bell.

President Anderson asked Activities Chairman Ernie Garcia to come forward to present the Law Enforcement Awards. Ernie Garcia thanked the officers for their service to the community. He first asked Lt. Steve Dutra to share a biography of Detective Kevin Warren's stellar career as a 20 year veteran officer. Detective Warren is a leader in his department and donates much of his time to the community and especially youth activities. He was presented with a SAR Law Enforcement Commendation Certificate and Medal.

Our second officer to be honored was Officer Patrick Talley and Sgt. Brian Maynard shared that officer Maynard has been with the CHP for 9 years. While on patrol at night he discovered a house on fire and not knowing if anyone was inside, officer Talley entered the burning house and checked for occupants. There were no humans, but he did rescue two pets. He was presented with a SAR Law Enforcement Commendation Certificate and Medal.

The third presentation went to Officer Sean Saylor. Deputy Chief DeAnna Stevens shared that Officer Saylor was selected for this award by his peers for his outstanding work ethic, and his work as a School Resource Officer and commitment to public service. In his department he is the go-to guy to get things done. He was presented with a SAR Law Enforcement Commendation Certificate and Medal.

President Anderson announced that our guest speaker for our November meeting will be Jenny Stocks of New Castle Elementary School. Ms Stocks was our chapter's selection for the SAR [Valley Forge Teacher Recognition Program](#). She received a scholarship from the California Society to attend workshops and tours of historical areas in and around Valley Forge, and Philadelphia. She will join us in November to share her experiences. This promises to be a great program.

The raffle was conducted and the following members were thanked for bringing raffle prizes: Susan and Alan Brooking, MaryAnn and Don Littlefield, Karen and Jim Faulkinbury, Sandy and Craig Anderson, Patty and Ron Proffer, Tom and Marilyn Chilton and Ford and Ellen Osborn.

President Anderson thanked Albert Nájera for a great program, honorees Detective Kevin Warren, Officer Patrick Talley, and Officer Sean Saylor for their service protecting our communities, Susan Brooking for selling the raffle tickets, Don Spradling for taking pictures and maintaining the flags, Alan Brooking for chairing the Calling committee, acting as cashier, and conducting the raffle, and Neil Elvick for editing the newsletter

A motion to adjourn was made and seconded. President Anderson led the Recessional, and gave the Benediction and the members sang "God Bless America." The meeting was adjourned at 9:03 PM.

Respectfully Submitted

Carl E. Ahlberg,
Chapter Secretary

Obituary for Theodore M. Robinson

Theodore M. Robinson

Our compatriot, Ted Robinson, who highlighted our March regular monthly meeting with a program in which he recounted some of his adventures in the Pacific Theater during WWII, passed away at his home on October 12, 2015, at the age of 96. A memorial service for Mr. Robinson will be held at 2 p.m. Nov. 20 at Sierra Arden United Church of Christ, 890 Morse Ave., Sacramento, followed by a reception. The service will be preceded by a private burial with full military honors.



Theodore M. Robinson was born Aug. 14, 1919, in Seattle, Wash., and moved as an infant to Flushing, N.Y. where he was raised. Mr. Robinson is widely remembered as for his part in helping rescue Lt. John F. Kennedy and his crew in August 1943. A short time later, Mr. Robinson's PT boat was also sunk in action, and he and Kennedy spent three months sharing a tent while recuperating at a U.S. base in the South Pacific. Later in life he authored an autobiography "Water in My Veins; The Pauper Who Helped Save a President." He has been a popular speaker at numerous events around the Sacramento area.

Ted, as he was popularly known, had an active and interesting life after his service in the Navy. Before his service in the Navy he had earned a degree in Business from Duke University and after his Navy service he served for many years as a long range planning engineer for Pacific Bell in Sacramento. Besides his business career he was involved in numerous community and charitable projects which included service on the Sacramento County Recreation and Park Commission, service with the Sacramento Tree Foundation and he served as president of the Sacramento Suburban Kiwanis in which he helped establish the Kiwanis Family House at UC Davis Medical Center. He has been a member of our SAR Chapter since 1997.



Above: Ryan Yi with his winning poster and holding the framed award. Ryan was the local Chapter winner in the Americanism Poster Award contest, and then went on to win the state and national awards as well.



The Yi family from left to right: his mother Elisa, Ryan, his sister, Emily, and his father Rick

SAR Community Awards Medal Recipients

Photos by Don Spradling



President Craig Anderson, Detective Patrick Talley, Ernie Garcia, Lt. Brian Maynard



Medal Recipient

**Officer Patrick Talley
California Highway Patrol**



Medal Recipient

**Detective Kevin Warren
Sacramento County Sheriff's
Department/Rancho Cordova
Police Department Division**



President Craig Anderson, Detective Kevin Warren, Ernie Garcia, Lt. Steve Dutra



Medal Recipient

**Officer Sean Saylor
West Sacramento Police
Department**



President Craig Anderson, Officer Sean Saylor, Ernie Garcia, Deputy Chief DeAnna Stevens



Albert Nájera and Craig Anderson

Albert Nájera is a US Federal Marshall and former Sacramento Police Chief. He gave a presentation about his career and about the duty of the US Marshalls, which is to apprehend fugitives and to protect federal judges. Marshalls have the authority to enforce any federal law. The first US Marshall was sworn in by George Washington.

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Photos by Don Spradling

New Member Michael Lee Brady

Michael Brady was born in Santa Ana, California and spent his childhood in Southern California and Camp Lejeune, NC. He graduated from Nevada Union High School in Grass Valley, CA. He was married to Deborah (DJ) Tasker-Brady 31 years ago. They have 4 children and 9 grandchildren. DJ is a DAR member, Sierra Amador Chapter.

Michael is a Retired US Army SSG, with 24 years of service, including 11 years of active duty and 13 years of National Guard and Reserve Service, including Cold War era service and 1 year of Active Service after 9/11.



Alan Brooking, Michael Brady, Craig Anderson

Michael works for the California Department of Corrections, where he is a Chief Nurse Executive. His hobbies include reading, travel, history and camping. His application to join the Sons of the American Revolution was approved on June 29, 2015. His patriot ancestor, Thomas Drake served as a Lieutenant in Co. G, 19th Infantry and the First Regiment, Hunterdon Co. New Jersey Militia, where he was injured.



Michael Brady



**Conni and Ron Barker,
California Society Executive
Vice President**



Inga And Carl Ahlberg



Donna Spradling, Helen Garcia, Susan Brooking



Ernie Garcia, Jim Faulkinbury, Alan Brooking



Medora and Clair Allen



Roy Adkins

News from Color/School Guard Chairman

December means the Wreaths Across America once again and once again, we need support. It would be great to find out now who will be interested in participating. If there was anything I have learned marching and drilling with the Delaware Regiment, it's that if you want to look sharp, it's practice, practice, practice and I would like to get some practice in before December.

Very soon I will be sending out the packets to the schools for the School Guard program. I am already getting requests from some new schools for participation and we hope to continue to grow this program. This of course means that we will need your support. Last year we visited 15 schools with basically the same folks each time. It is important that we grow this program and that we have more than the core of 4 or 5 folks to draw from. The current folks have done a great job with the program meaning that it's important that you contact me ASAP to talk about helping out this year.

The 2014-2015 year was a great one for the SACSAR Color Guard. We are hoping to make this season even better. If you have any interest at all in any of the Color Guard programs, please don't hesitate to contact me and let's see how we can grow our Guard.

Russ Kaiser, Color Guard Chairman

Patriot Biography

David Blaisdell - a Patriot of the American Revolution

Born February 21, 1736, in Amesbury, Massachusetts, David Blaisdell was a son of David and Abigail (Coby) Blaisdell. David's great-grandfather, Ralph Blaisdell, immigrated to this country from England in 1635, sailing on the ship Angel Gabriel, and landing at Pemaquid Point, Maine. The day after they landed, the great storm of August 15, 1635, destroyed the ship and most of their belongings.

David married Judith Jewell, daughter of Joseph and Ann (Quimby) Jewell on December 24, 1755, in Amesbury, Essex County, Massachusetts. From this union there were eleven children. After Judith's death, he married Sarah Currier Bagley, the widow of Valentine Bagley. David was an accomplished tall clock maker. Several of his tall clocks can be seen today in the New Hampshire Antiquarian located in Hopkinton, NH. Two of David's homes, located on Kenwick Court in Amesbury, are still occupied today.

David enlisted on November 11, 1777, as a private in Capt. Oliver Titcomb's Company, Col. Jacob Gerrish's Regiment, serving for almost three months. He enlisted again October 10, 1780, serving in Capt. Richard Titcomb's Company, Col. Nathaniel Wadsworth's Regiment, serving for three and one half months. Besides being a clockmaker, David was a blacksmith and made most of the medal work for the frigate, Alliance, and other ships built in Amesbury. Later David went to Cambridge, where he used his skills to repair old muskets and other arms for the Continental Army.

David Blaisdell died in 1794, and Judith Jewell Blaisdell died January 5, 1786. Both are buried in the Bartlett Cemetery in Amesbury. Judith's headstone is still there, but David's has been removed. Townspeople tell us (in 2003) that it was recently taken, and are working to have it returned.

The Blaisdell name has been spelled several different ways over the last 380 years, including Blaisdell, Blasdel, Blasdell, Bleasdell, and probably other ways. David Blaisdell is the patriot ancestor of Thomas Holly Chilton, Steven Chilton, Trevor Thomas McCarthy, Thomas Charles Whitham, Marilyn Blaisdell Chilton, and others.

Instructions for Submitting Patriot Biographies

Patriot biographies, such as the one above, are being solicited by the national organization. To submit your patriot ancestor biography to the national organization submit about 500 words as a Microsoft email attachment to patriotbios@sar.org. 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. It would be appreciated if a copy could also be sent to neilel@aol.com or to craiga@winfirst.com so that the bio could also be presented in future Courier editions.

Coming Events

November 20, 2015—Regular Meeting
7:00 PM at the Cattlemens Restaurant
Speaker Jennie Stocks, Valley Forge
Contest Winner

December 18, 2015 -- Regular Meeting
This meeting cancelled due to the
unavailability of the meeting room.

WREATHS across AMERICA

9:00 AM, Saturday, December 12, 2015
Sacramento Valley National Cemetery
Dixon, CA

January 22, 2016 — Regular Meeting
7:00 PM at the Cattlemens Restaurant
Speaker to be announced

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