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November Program



Chris Lambert, Jr.

Chris Lambert Jr. was born in Enid, Oklahoma in 1949. His father, Chris Sr. (deceased), was a Marine Drill instructor and a combat-wounded WWII Veteran. Chris continued the family military tradition and joined the USMC in August of 1967 after graduating from Santa Monica High School. Chris is the recipient of three Purple Hearts while assigned to Alpha Co, 1/5 rifle platoon in the Republic of Vietnam. Two of his three Purple Hearts were received during the same lengthy firefight at Troui River Bridge with the first wound on 3/31, and the second 4/1/68. Other major battles included Hue City, Operation Huston I and II, and Baxter Garden.

Chris is happily married to wife and best friend, Susan. Her father, Norman Crowther (also deceased), was a Marine Veteran of Guadalcanal, and many other South Pacific battles during World War II. Chris and Susan have four grown children (two daughters and two sons, one an Army veteran of the Afghanistan War), and are enjoying six grandchildren as well. Currently Chris is the chaplain for the Folsom California Chapter 385 of the Military Order of Purple Heart, a Mather VA Chaplain's Office Volunteer, and is involved with a variety of 12 step programs for the past three and a half decades. The focus of his efforts is on helping returning veterans with combat related issues while maintaining a sober Christian life.

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Meal Selections

Ribeye Steak \$30

Baked Chicken \$25.

Friday, Nov 17, 2017 7:00 PM
Carmichael Elks Lodge BPOE 2103
5631 Cypress Avenue
Carmichael, CA 95608

If the telephone committee has not taken your reservation and menu selection(s) by **Wednesday evening, Nov. 15, 2017**, please call Michael Brady at (916) 647-3716 directly and leave a message by noon on Thursday or mlbrady@sbcglobal.net. We strongly encourage reservations be made in advance. All reservations are guaranteed.

Don't be a "no show." Wives, guests and visiting compatriots are always encouraged and welcome.

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President's Corner Sept. 2017

During our November dinner meeting we will be recognizing our nation's military veterans and honoring several Purple Heart recipients who have served our nation. We are also delighted to welcome Chris Lambert, Jr., Chaplain, for the Folsom California Chapter 385 of the Military Order of Purple Heart as our guest speaker. Chris is the recipient of three Purple Hearts while serving in Vietnam. This promises to be a great program and I encourage you to join us. Also as part of our November program, we expect to be inducting several new members. Please join me in welcoming them to the SAR and to Sacramento Chapter. Seek them out, say hello and introduce yourself.

**Don Littlefield**

Our November Meeting will be held at the Carmichael Elks Lodge BPOE 2103, 5631 Cypress Avenue, Carmichael. We will offer two main courses, a Ribeye Steak for \$30 or Baked Chicken for \$25. We will be meeting in the Lodge Room. We will be returning to Cattlemens Restaurant, in January.

2018 dues notices were sent out by email in October 4th. A second notice was sent on October 26th to members who had not yet paid. We make every effort to collect Annual Dues by October 31 so that we can complete our Chapter Dues Reconciliation and submit it to the State by November 30. We still have nearly 50 members who have not paid their dues for 2018. If you have not yet paid your 2018 dues, we urge you to do so before the end of November. Please take immediate action and pay your 2018 dues. For our life members, these notices are a mechanism we use to verify the personal data we have on file for you; so we appreciate you returning these notices to us showing any changes in your contact information or verifying that the information that we have is correct. For those interested, life memberships are available; the costs for these are based on the age of the member. Anyone interested in obtaining additional information on these memberships may contact our Chapter Registrar, Jim Faulkinbury, or me.

The California Society held their Board of Managers meeting November 3-4, in Irvine. Several topics of note were discussed. Chapters are encouraged to secure Liability Insurance to protect members in the event of a law suit. These policies are estimated to cost between \$500 and \$800. The California Society may soon mandate each Chapter have a Liability policy. Also, any member, that interacts with children under the age of 18 on behalf of the SAR must successfully complete the BSA Youth Protection Training course offered online and provide the Chapter Secretary with their completion certificate. The BSA site is at <https://my.scouting.org/>. You will first need to create an account.

I look forward to seeing everyone on Friday, November 17th, at the Carmichael Elks Lodge.

Minutes from September 2017 Meeting

Sons of the American Revolution – Sacramento Chapter Minutes Sacramento Chapter Meeting, October 20, 2017

The regular meeting of the Sacramento Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution, was called to order at 1906 on October 20, 2017, in Rancho Cordova by Donald Littlefield.

Present

Membership as recorded on the attendance roster.

This Months Meeting is the SAR's Annual First Responder Recognition and Awards meeting.

Honorees Included:

- ◆ C. Anderson, Sacramento PD
- ◆ L. Cameron, West Sacramento PD
- ◆ J. Ellis, Sacramento PD
- ◆ R. French, Sacramento County Sheriffs Department (Represented by his Family)
- ◆ E. Kane, Sacramento PD
- ◆ A. Nelson, California Highway Patrol
- ◆ M. Novak, Sacramento PD
- ◆ N. Tayler, Sacramento PD
- ◆ J. Wacker, Sacramento PD



Michael Brady
Chapter Secretary

Guests and Presenters representing Sacramento Area Law Enforcement included:

- ◆ K. Palmer, Dep. Chief, Sacramento County Sherriff - Speaker
- ◆ J. Morgado, LT, Sacramento PD, Presenter
- ◆ M. Saporito, LT, Sacramento County Sherriff, Presenter
- ◆ R. Strange, Dep. Chief, West Sacramento PD, Presenter
- ◆ B. Straw, LT, California Highway Patrol, Presenter

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Donald Littlefield at 7:06 pm.

Invocation: The invocation was delivered by the Chapter Chaplain, Jeff Goodwin.

Pledge of Allegiance: The Pledge was led by Jim Fosdyck, President, California Society SAR.

SAR Pledge: The SAR Pledge was led by Russ Kaiser

Opening Comments: Introduction of the SAR to Honored guests. Don Littlefield explained the history, purpose, and mission of the SAR to the various guests attending this meeting.

Guests in attendance Included;

- C. M. Chilton, Sacramento Daughters of the American Revolution
 - J. Faulkinbury, Sacramento Chapter Registrar and CAR Capitol Chapter Senior President
 - J. Fosdyck, President, California Society SAR
 - Lee Lawson, Sierra Amador Chapter of the DAR (Guest of G. Taylor)
- Don also introduced all of the Sacramento Chapter Officers, Past and Present who were in attendance at the meeting.

New Members – Induction: Chris Johnson was inducted into the SAR and welcomed by all of the members present.

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Flag Presentation: M. Hull introduced this months flags, the Taunton and Gaston Flags. A brief history of each was given to the members and guests.

Remarks by the Executive VP CASSAR: Don invited Jim Fosdyck, Exec VP CASSAR to address the assembled membership. Jim discussed gains in the memberships for the NSSAR and encouraged all to recruit new members. Jim also discussed the upcoming fall meeting of the CASSAR to be held in November in Irving, CA.

General Chapter Business: Don Littlefield gave a brief update on the condition of A. Brooking, Past Chapter President (he is doing well).

Don also reminded the members present that annual dues were due and encouraged all to address this early. The Monthly Chapter Raffle was conducted: Gifts for this months raffle were donated by; Don & Mary Ann Littlefield, Don and Donna Spradling, Joseph Lucas, Craig and Sandy Anderson, Doug and Wilma Cross, Jim and Karen Faulkinbury, Marilyn and Tom Chilton, Mike and DJ Brady and Joe and Shirley Mohamed.

Dinner: Dinner was served to the membership.

Guest Speaker (@ 2025): Deputy Chief Palmer gave a brief speech thanking the SAR for their honoring of local law enforcement and the services that they provide to the community. He thanked the membership and wanted to ensure that we knew how much the law enforcement community appreciated our support and the positive message that we were sending to the community.

At this point Chapter Leadership, along with the Guests from the CASSAR and NSSAR presented Law Enforcement medals and certificates to the honorees (see the list of guests and presenters above). R. French's medal was presented posthumously; he was represented by seven members of his family: Kara Mitchell (Deputy French's girlfriend), Joe Bynoe, Kaylen Bynoe, Evelyn Bynoe, Landon Mitchell, Lori Mitchell and Matt Mitchell. In addition to the Medal Present-ed to the family in Deputy French's name, each family member was presented with a SAR "Victory or Death" Challenge Coin. Each recipient was warmly thanked by the assembled members and received a standing ovation as thanks for their service to the community.

Mike Hull thanked Delwin Hanson for his efforts in charing this year's law enforcement awards presentation. Special thanks were also given to E. Garcia, Past Law Enforcement Awards Chair for his support of this year chair and workgroup.

Recessional: The recessional was led by P. Noble

Benediction: Jeff Goodwin, Chapter Chaplin

Agenda for Next Meeting

Members were reminded that November Meeting will be held on 11/17 at the Elks Lodge in Carmichael.

Adjournment: Carmichael Elks Lodge

Minutes submitted by: Michael Brady, Chapter Secretary

November Speaker (Continued from page 1)

Chris has spoken before a Congressional Sub-committee regarding the value of Veterans Centers. In 2012 and 2014 he was the guest speaker at the Capitol Memorial Purple Heart Day, Sacramento Capital. More recently, he spoke at David Grant Medical Center (Travis Air Force Base) relaying the importance of empathy and speaking with the Veteran, and not at them. 2014 Chris was the Guest of Honor at the Marine Ball at Harvey's Lake Tahoe. Current projects include working to reintroduce combat Veterans and their families transitioning into civilian life. Chris and his wife draw from three generations of combat family history, father, self, and son.

October Program

Photos by Don Soradling

These two flags were featured



Taunten Flag: First raised in 1774 in Taunten, Massachusetts after the citizens drove Loyalists from the town



The Gadsten Flag was used in the early Revolutionary era as a symbol of Independence and Freedom

The October program honored law enforcement officers from the Sacramento and West Sacramento Police Departments, the Sacramento County Sheriff's Department and the California Highway Patrol. The following photographs were taken during the program as the awards were presented and Chief Deputy Kris Palmer, of the Sacramento Sheriff's Department, delivered the main address.



Sacramento Police Department Officer Michael Novak, Mike Hull (SAR), Sgt. Colby Anderson, Officer Joseph Ellis, Officer Jason Wacker, Officer Nicholas Tayler, Lt. Jason Morgado, Officer Emily Kane, Don Littlefield (SAR), Del Hanson (SAR)



Above: Kara Mitchell, girlfriend of Deputy French, receives the Medal for Heroism on behalf of the deceased.

On the right: Our speaker for the evening, Chief Deputy Kris Palmer from the Sacramento Sheriff's Department and Don Littlefield.



Program October 2017 Meeting

Photos by Don Spradling



Officer Aaron Nelson & wife Jennifer



Officer Michael Novak & wife Allison



Mike Hull, Deputy Chief Rob Strange, Don Littlefield & Del Hanson with the Law Enforcement Commendation Medal for Detective Louis Cameron, who was absent.



Sacramento County Sheriff's Dept. Chief Deputy Kris Palmer, Kaylen Bynoe, Lori Mitchell, Kara Mitchell (family of deceased Deputy Robert French)



Sgt. Joseph Ellis & wife Nikki



Officer Jason Wacker and Lt. Jason Morgado

October 2017 Program

Photos by Don Spradling



Honorees from the Sacramento Police Department are the ones holding the certificates: Officer Michael Novak, Sgt Colby Anderson, Officer Joseph Ellis, Officer Jason Wacker, Officer Nicholas Tayler, Officer Emily Kane



Emily's dad, Sacramento PD Officer Emily Kane, her beau, Emily's mother

New Member



New Member, Christopher Johnson, taking the oath

Biography of Christopher Donald Johnson

Christopher Donald Johnson was born in Rockford, Illinois on November 23rd, 1971 and currently lives in Fairfield, California. He is married to Jennifer Rebeca Crowell. He is the oldest of two brothers and two sisters. His family moved to Southern California in 1976. Chris married his high school sweetheart Jeni and they have three children; Nigil, Colin and Alexia. Chris and Jeni both attended Chapman University with undergraduate focus on Psychology and Sociology respectively.

Chris served two separate times in the California Army National Guard. He served from 1989 through 1992. During this period his unit was activated for service during the Los Angeles Riots. After his initial service obligation was complete, he had a 10-year break in service before re-enlisting after the 9-11 attacks. In 2003 his unit was activated in support of Operation Noble Eagle. After his return he served in various Armored and Military Police units and again was activated in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom in 2009. He retired from the military in 2014. His awards include; The Bronze Star, The Meritorious Service Medal, and The Army Commendation Medal among others.

Chris enjoys spending time with Jeni and they collect a variety of antiques and cars. When they are not enjoying driving around in their 1951 Ford or 1960 Oldsmobile, they're attending car shows and antique swap meets.

His application to join the Sons of the American Revolution was approved on May 26th, 2017. His patriot ancestor, Daniel Stover, served in the 6th Company of the 1st Battalion, Cumberland Co., Pennsylvania Militia. He also provided patriot service as a tax payer on the rolls of the 1781 Cumberland County tax list.

October 2017; Casual Hour Before Meeting

Photos by Don Spradling



Helen & Ernie Garcia



Martha & Roy Adkins



Matthew Bowdish



Joseph Lucas



Joe & Shirley Mohamed



Mary Ann & Don Littlefield



Wilma & Doug Cross



**Sarah Beach (DAR), a friend, and
David Beach (SAR)**



Joe Moorehead (SAR) and Phil Noble (SAR)

Best Wishes to Alan Brooking for a quick and full recovery



Alan Brooking

Dear, Dear Friends.....

Alan completed his course of chemo & radiation this week! The good news is he's become stronger and has gained a few pounds during this grueling eight weeks of therapy. The not so good news is that recovery doesn't begin for about two weeks post treatment. It takes that period for the body to adjust before healing begins - then three to six months before some sort of new normal is achieved. Of course, there will be the battery of tests to determine the efficacy of the treatment, but those are a month or so off, and we know they'll provide confirmation of his treatment's success. R&R translates around here to Rest & Recovery!

We cannot thank you enough for all the wonderful expressions of faith and encouragement you've provided. It's so humbling to realize just how many people are in our orbit and how kind and caring you've all been.

It does take a village to get thru something like this. It would be an impossible task without our amazing support system. Your positive energy has sustained us and is definitely an essential part of the positive outcome we know will result.

From the bottom of our hearts we thank you. We so look forward to 2018 as we're counting on the new year being filled with good health and a chance to express our thanks in person.....

Alan

Links

SAR Sacramento Chapter photos from our dinner meetings can be accessed and downloaded at
<https://sar.smugmug.com/>
& enter **Patriot**

Information for assembling a uniform or militia outfit is now online at:
<http://www.sar-sacramento.org/uniforms.shtml>.

Coming Events

WREATHS across AMERICA

Saturday December 16, 2017, 9:00 AM

Sacramento Valley National Cemetery

5810 Midway Road, Dixon CA

November 17, 2017—Regular Meeting

Veterans Appreciation Night

Elks Lodge BPOE 2103

5631 Cypress Ave., Carmichael, CA 95608

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