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Veteran Appreciation Banquet Speaker

William "Big Sarge" Hansen

William "Big Sarge" Hansen served in the USMC from 1986 - 1996. He was a combat veteran in Heavy Weapons Infantry, serving in Desert Storm, Somalia, and the Iraq War, where he suffered fractures in his neck and spine and several concussions when his convoy was hit by an improvised explosive device (IED).

From 2002 - 2014 William served in the California National Guard Infantry and Munitions, taking part in the Noble Eagle (airport and base security), Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom Military Operations.

William is a public motivational speaker who has spoken on many topics over the years. Everything from veteran issues, Wounded Warriors, CrossFit, physical training concepts, basketball and wrestling coaching, and reintegration of veterans and society. Since 2013 he does PTSD counseling through fitness for Wounded Warriors and in January of 2014 he started the Warriors Reborn team which allows Wounded Veterans to compete in CrossFit, Power lifting, Strongman and Olympic lifting events. He is a trainer at Lifetime Fitness in Folsom.

William is the father of four daughters and "one cute granddaughter".



Cattlemens Meal Selections:

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

Next meeting

Friday, November 16, 2018, 7:00 PM

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 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.

Officers for 2018

Don Littlefield

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Craig Anderson

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Eagle Scout Co-Chairmen

Calling Committee

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Roy Adkins

David Beach

Ernie Garcia

Will Gunter

David Paulsen

President's Corner

Compatriots and friends,

The Sacramento Chapter will hold its Veteran's Appreciation dinner, at Cattlemens Restaurant, Rancho Cordova, on Friday, November 16, beginning at 7:00 pm. Our 10 "Honored Veterans" will be wearing name tags to help our members recognize them. Please look for these name tags, shake their hands and thank them for their service.

We are privileged to have as our guest speaker, Bill Hansen. William started his military career as a USMC heavy weapons infantry NCO. He served in Desert Storm and Somalia. He coached high school basketball, wrestling, football and cross country. After 9/11 - he joined the California National Guard. He served as a team leader in the Infantry for Homeland Security in Egypt and in Iraq.

William's MSNBC's "Wounded - The Battle Back Home" Documentary was shown January 26, 2014 on the show "Taking the Hill". He will speak on veteran issues, Wounded Warriors, and reintegration of veterans and society. In January of 2014, he started the Warriors Reborn team which allows Wounded Veterans to compete in CrossFit, Power lifting, Strongman and Olympic lifting events.

Changing the subject... we are facing serious leadership gaps within the Sacramento Chapter as we look to 2019. We already are lacking a permanent Secretary, Courier Editor, Meetings Program Chairman, as well as several other significant holes throughout our organization. The same handful of members cannot continue to bear multiple responsibilities year-after-year to keep this chapter moving forward on a smooth chartered course. It's not who we are as descendants of American Patriots, it's not fair to the Sacramento Chapter, and it's not in keeping with our Mission to: unite and promote fellowship among the descendants of those who sacrificed to achieve the independence of the American people. We need at least a dozen members to step up and help lead this chapter. *We need your help.* It's as simple as that. Lend us a hand. See Page 3 of *The Courier* for all of the openings. Thank you in advance for stepping up!

Hurry... on November 8-10, the California Society Sons of the American Revolution will hold their 143rd Annual Board of Managers Meeting at the Lake Natoma Inn, 702 Gold Lake Drive, Folsom, CA. This is an excellent opportunity to meet compatriots from around California and even a few national society officers. Visit <http://www.californiasar.org/> for all of the details. *Compatriots can attend the business meetings free-of-charge.*

Mark your calendar now to attend Wreaths across America, on Saturday, December 15, 9:00 AM, at Sacramento Valley National Cemetery, 5810 Midway Rd., Dixon, CA.

I look forward to seeing you at our November 16 Veterans Appreciation banquet.

Yours in patriotic service.

Don Littlefield

President, Sacramento Chapter





Sacramento Chapter Compatriots

Our recent Constitution Day fundraiser was a huge success due to the generosity of the community, our members, and the incredible dedication and hard work of a few of our chapter members. This event allowed us to celebrate our country's great constitution, increase our visibility in our community, highlight the many youth programs that we sponsor, and raise needed funds to support our youth programs. However, if we are to continue these programs and community events in the future, we need to address a critical issue facing our chapter.

Next year we will have some of our current chapter officers moving into state leadership positions or retiring and moving out of state. Consequently, our chapter leadership has critical staffing needs that we must address before the end of the year. The list below outlines our current status of officers for 2019. Many of these positions do not require huge amounts of member's time, but are critical to our mission if we are to continue with our existing programs. Please help our chapter by volunteering to participate in a chapter leadership position next year!

Anyone who has questions regarding any of these positions may contact Craig Anderson directly at craig.anderson@sarsac.org or by telephone at (916)257-7892.

President – Vacant

Executive VP – Vacant

Secretary – Vacant (Craig Anderson can mentor)

Treasurer – Don Littlefield

Registrar – Scott Brooks (Jim Faulkinbury is the mentor)

Program Chairman – Vacant (any of us can mentor)

Color Guard Commander – Vacant (Russ Kaiser is the mentor)

Courier Newsletter Editor – Vacant (Don Littlefield is the mentor)

Calling Committee Chairman – Phil Noble

Meeting Cashier – Phil Noble

Web Master – Vacant (Don Littlefield is the mentor)

Law Enforcement Program Chairman – Del Hanson and Michael Hull

Veterans Program Chairman – Carl Ahlberg can assist and mentor

JROTC Chairman – Roy Adkins

Poster Contest Chairman – Vacant (Don Littlefield is the mentor)

Brochure Contest Chairman – Vacant (Carl Ahlberg is the mentor)

School Guard Coordinator – Vacant (Carl Ahlberg is the mentor)

Eagle Scout Program Chairman – David Reid

Flag Chairman – Mike Hull

Guardian of the Flags – Craig Anderson

Knight Essay Program Chairman – Vacant (Jim Faulkinbury is the mentor)

Chapter Photographer – Don Spradling

October Meeting Minutes

October 19, 2018

The regular meeting of the Sacramento Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution, was called to order at 1906 on October 19, 2018, in Rancho Cordova by Donald Littlefield.

Present: Membership as recorded on the attendance roster.

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

After the Pledge of Allegiance, Invocation and the SAR Pledge, Don Littlefield gave a brief introduction to the history and purpose of the Sons of the American Revolution. This was followed by an introduction of the Chapter Officers, Past and Present, guests and Members of the DAR in attendance. After the introductions, the membership and assembled guests took part in an End of Watch Ceremony lead by Russ Kaiser for Sacramento Chapter member Dennis Sperry who passed in September and for those Law Enforcement and Fire Personnel lost in the line of duty this year.

Longevity awards were presented to four Sacramento Chapter members for sustained membership and service to the SAR (Ford Osborn, 31 years; John Chiles, 27 years; Del Hansen and Tom Chilton, 25 years). A Distinguished Service Medal was also presented to Michael Brady for his service to the Chapter as he leaves California for Maine, and finally, two new members were inducted into the SAR, Mike Smith, and Brendan Harris.

The Guest speaker for this month's meeting was the Sacramento County District Attorney Anne Marie Schubert. DA Schubert provided the membership with an interesting presentation regarding the uses of DNA and genealogical "detective" work as a new and exciting tool that is being used to solve cold cases. Ms. Schubert also answered several questions from the assembled members regarding the current state of law enforcement and community policing in the Sacramento Community. At the conclusion of her talk, DA Schubert was presented with a Certificate of Appreciation and a replica Liberty Bell as a thank you from the Sacramento Chapter.

At the conclusion of the featured speakers presentation, the Chapter Leadership, along with the Guests from the Sacramento Metro Fire Department, the Sacramento Police Department and the Sacramento County Sheriff's Department presented SAR medals and certificates for Fire, Law Enforcement, Life Saving, and Heroism to the assembled honorees.

At the conclusion of the awards ceremony, the meeting was concluded with a motion to adjourn, the recitation of the SAR recessional and a benediction.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 2130 by Donald Littlefield.

Minutes submitted by: Michael Brady, Chapter Secretary

Approved by: Don Littlefield, President

In Memoriam

Dennis Robert Sperry

The Sacramento Chapter lost compatriot Dennis Robert Sperry on September 24, 2018.

Dennis was born on November 2, 1944, in Cambridge, Minnesota, and spent his childhood there until 1958, when he moved to Los Altos, CA. After graduating from Fremont High School in Los Altos, he attended Great Lakes electronics school in Chicago. He returned to Minnesota, where he enlisted in the United States Navy. He served as an Electronics Technician 2nd Class aboard the aircraft carrier Ticonderoga in the Tonkin Gulf. The Ticonderoga made the first air strikes against North Vietnam. Dennis held a top secret clearance.

After leaving the service, Dennis and his brother opened and operated a Gulf Service station in Camarillo and later lived in Carson City from 1976 to 1996. Dennis became President and CEO of the Davis NAPA Auto Parts, which he owned with his older son, Robert, and his wife, Linda.

He married Linda in Camarillo, CA, and they were together for 51 years. In addition to Linda, Dennis leaves behind sons; Robert and Steven, and 4 Grandchildren.

Dennis was a Boy Scout Leader for 24 years and served the Sacramento Chapter as our Scouting Program Chairman for several years.



In Memoriam

Douglas Eugene Cross

Douglas Eugene Cross was born on May 7, 1930, in Smithfield, Nebraska, spent his childhood in southwestern Idaho, and graduated from High School in New Plymouth, Idaho. He was married to Barbara Kathryn Bailey for 53 years. Doug and Barbara had two adult children, Michelle Kay Cross Haakenson, and Julie Renee Cross Lucca. Barbara passed in 2004. In 2011, Doug married Wilma Camilleri, of Citrus Heights.

Doug retired from the Bank of America, where he spent most of his 35-year career as a courier. His hobbies include travel, genealogy, softball, and raising cattle and registered American Quarter Horses.

Doug's application to join the Sons of the American Revolution was approved on February 21, 2001. His patriot ancestor, Alaim Blain, was a private in Capt. John Heard's Company, 4th Regiment Continental Dragoons. The 4th's most notable engagement was the Battle of Cowpens January 17, 1781, where the British were soundly defeated. Some historians call Cowpens the American Cannae, scene of Hannibal's defeat of the Romans in 216 B.C., near Barletta in southern Italy. In 2013, received a Supplemental Star for another patriot ancestor, James Cooper.



Visitation: Fri, 11/09/2018, Noon-8 PM: Herberger Family Funeral Chapel, 9101 Elk Grove Boulevard, Elk Grove, CA
Funeral: Sat., 11/10/2018, 11 AM, Warehouse Christian Ministries, 9933 Business Park Dr, Sacramento, CA 95827

Farewell and Best Wishes

Michael Brady, Chapter Secretary, retires and relocates

Mike's application to join the SAR was approved on July 2, 2015. Soon after that, we persuaded Mike to join our Calling Committee, and then last year he took on the biggest job of all, Chapter Secretary. October 16, was Mike's last day of going into the office and on October 18 he left California and relocated with his wife DJ, and their dog, to Bridgeton, Maine.

The Chapter presented Mike with the Chapter Distinguished Service medal. It is the highest medal that can be awarded by a Chapter President to a Compatriot in recognition for that Compatriot's conspicuous service to the Chapter during the president's administration.

Also, it is almost never that we lose an Officer to retirement and relocation. To memorialize this historic event, we gave Mike a small token of our appreciation for his years of service to the chapter. It is a plaque with an SAR Challenge coin attached that reads "Michael Lee Brady — In recognition of your Distinguished Service on behalf of the Sacramento Chapter 2015-2018, Sons of the American Revolution."

Thank you, Mike! Safe and happy trails!



SAR Mission

The Objects of this Society are declared to be patriotic, historical, and educational; to unite and promote fellowship among the descendants of those who sacrificed to achieve the independence of the American people, to inspire them and the community-at-large with a more profound reverence for the principles of the government founded by our forefathers; to foster true patriotism; to maintain and extend the institutions of American freedom.



New Members

Brandon Harris, Biography

Brendan Alexander Harris was born in Fairfax, Virginia on October 8th, 1984 and he currently lives in El Dorado Hills.

Education: Bachelor of Arts Degree in Military History from Southern New Hampshire University, currently completing Master of Arts in Military History.

Occupation: Employed with the Sacramento County Sheriff's Department for six years. Some of his previous assignments include Auxiliary Youth Services Deputy, defensive tactics instructor, and Corrections Deputy. Current assignment is to the Court Security Division.

His hobbies include: Enjoys traveling and spending time with his family. Researching and traveling to historical sites. His current free time is taken up by raising his son and working on his Master's Thesis (subject will be in either the Civil War or Revolutionary War time period).

Other information: Brendan lived in several states (Virginia, Arkansas, and Michigan) before settling in California. Before being in law enforcement Brendan was a high-school rugby coach and former player himself. Two of his great-aunts are members of DAR. .

His application to join the Sons of the American Revolution was approved on 20 July 2018. His patriot ancestor, Patrick Cassidy, served by paying the Bedford County, Pennsylvania 1783 Supply Tax.



Brendan Harris, New Member

Mike Smith, Biography

Mike Smith was born in Chicago, IL in 1942 and moved to a ranch in California with his mother in 1943 along with his twin brother. His father was a B-17, later B-24 pilot with the U.S. Army Air Force in the SW Pacific Theater. He attended a small one room, school through the 6th grade. He graduated from high school in Victorville, CA in 1960 and went to work as a dairyman and attended college at the same time. He tried to enlist in the military in 1962, but due to hearing loss as a result of an explosion while working as a seasonal firefighter he was rejected. In 1970 moved to northern California and was a Braille transcriber/proofreader for the visually handicapped, working with the Calif Dept for the Visually Handicapped.

In 1971 he went to work as a laboratory tech for a medical bio-research company in Davis and at the same time also attended U.C. at Davis with classes in medical sciences. Over the 38 years he rose to up to the level of President and CEO of the company and retired in 2008. During his work in medical research he was also a volunteer fire fighter for 40 years, with the last 5 years as a paid professional assistant fire chief in Yolo County. He is also a certified forensic fire investigator. He was a member of the Yolo County Arson/Bomb Investigation Unit for many years.

He is married to his wonderful wife, Ardyce, for over 47 years, with two children and 4 grandchildren. Currently lives in Dixon, and was a former elected city councilman.



Mike Smith, New Member

Long Term Commitments to the SAR and to the Sacramento Chapter



John Chiles, 27 years; **Del Hanson**, 25 years, President 1995-96-97; **Tom Chilton**, 25 years, President 2000, 2001, 2002, 2004, 2012; and **Ford Osborn**, 31 years, President Silicon Valley Chapter 1988.

WEIGHTED FLAG STANDS: A FINAL "THANK YOU"

In 2000-2001, Tom Chilton, had the idea of purchasing flag stands that members could purchase for the Sacramento chapter at \$50 each to honor a family member, group, patriot ancestor, etc. The stands would belong to the chapter. Tom purchased the flag stands, the name plates, and built the boxes to hold the stands. They have been kept in the Chilton garage until September 17, 2018, when, following the Constitution Day Event, they were moved to Roy and Martha Adkins property.

24 members and one church group purchased the flag stands. The Sacramento Chapter still owns and occasionally uses these well maintained weighted flag stands for special events.

Dedicated to:

California Spanish Soldiers
Rubin Rozier
James Stephenson II
Nicholas Selheilmer
Thaddous Gage
Andrew McPherran
Police/Fire Victims of 9-11
Benjamin Glidden
Thomas Andros
Bryan Nolin
Walter Herbert Saxon
Benjamin Bowman, Sr.
George Chilton
Ernest Kenter
Daniel Davis
William Brand
Moses Cox
David Blaisdell
Harrison Gammon
Michael Messinger
George Anderson, Sr.
Horatio Turpin
Electious Thompson

Purchased by:

Alrego/Blake Family
Alrego/Blake Family
Mark D. Stephenson Family
George Tyler Marsh Family
Jim Malinovsky
Archie McPherran
John Presnall and Family
Arthur E. Glidden Family
Scott Stiewig Family
Don L. Stockett Family
Carmichael Presbyterian Church
William R. Purcell Family
Thomas H. Chilton, Jr. Family
Virginia Kenter and Family
Ron Barker Family
Emory Claude Morgan Family
William E. Cox Family
Thomas H. Chilton, Jr. Family
Jeffrey Gammon Family
Paul N. Eckles Family
Bill Spradling Family
Jack Pefley Family
Delwin Hanson Family

October Meeting Photos



12 Years of Sacramento Chapter Leadership

Del Hanson (Center) — 3 Years (1995, 1996, 1997)

Tom Chilton (Right) — 5 Years (2000, 2001, 2002, 2004, 2012)

Don Littlefield (Left) — 4 years (2010, 2011, 2017, 2018)

CALIFORNIA SOCIETY — RECORDING SECRETARY NEEDED

Jim Blauer, California Society SAR Recording Secretary, is stepping down. This is a critical position. You have to attend both the Spring and the Fall meetings and keep accurate minutes of both. The minutes are the official record of our meetings, are referenced and researched throughout the year, and are posted on our web site once approved. If you are interested, please contact:

Ron Barker, Nominations Committee, Ron0729Con@comcast.net

October Meeting Photos



Sacramento County District Attorney
Anne Marie Schubert



9:00 AM Pacific Time
Saturday, December 15, 2018



Sac PD Officer Beth Glynn and Tina Mortensen

October Meeting Photos



**Sacramento Metro Fire - Fire Safety Commendation Award
Reserve Fire Fighter Dennis Berry and Fire Engineer Dat Phan**



**Sacramento Police Department - Law Enforcement Awardees
Officer Beth Glynn, Officer Lilia Vasquez, Officer Ben Gray, Officer Carlos Martinez**

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Sacramento Sheriff's Department
Lt. Steve Dutra, Deputy Nicholas Russell and Deputy Andy Gibson



Robert S. Pepper (Robert S. and Star Pepper Foundation) and Don Littlefield

October Meeting Photos



Craig Anderson and Roy Adkins



Ernie & Helen Garcia



Ford Osborn



Mary Ann Littlefield, Ellen Osborn, Sandy Anderson, Donna Spradling

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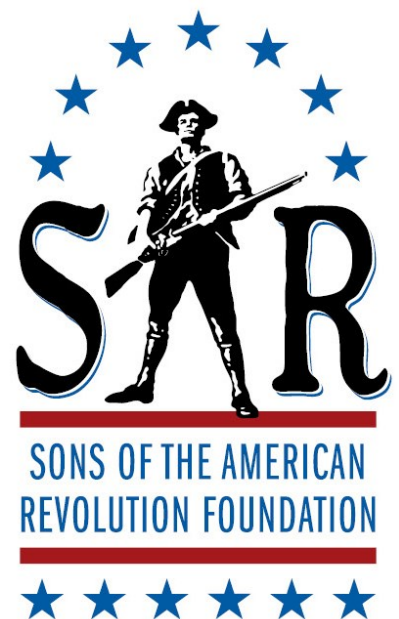
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Kathy & Phil Noble



Tom Jones & his Guest



Coming Events

California Society 143th Annual Board of Managers Meeting — November 8-10, 2018

Lake Natoma Inn, 702 Gold Lake Dr., Folsom, CA

Veteran's Day — Sunday, November 11, 2018

City of Sacramento Parade, Capitol Mall

7:00 PM Friday, November 16, 2012 — Dinner Meeting

Bill Hansen, Wounded Warrior — Cattlemens Restaurant

9:00 AM Saturday, December 15, 2018

Wreaths Across America — Sacramento Valley National Cemetery, Dixon, CA

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