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Sacramento Chapter Sons of the American Revolution

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Presidents Corner

Hope all is well in your life and world this fine day. I did not announce who our guest speaker for the Nov. 15th meeting will be. I talked to the VA on Oct. 18th in the hopes that they can provide someone from their outreach program who could provide a presentation about the VA programs offered, what they offer to Veterans and what President Trump has done to help the VA with new funding.

The person I talked to was very excited at the prospect of someone coming to one of our meetings to give a presentation. I gave her one of my cards and it did go to the supervisor of the Sacramento VA office. I did talk to them again on the Thursday, Oct. 24th and was told that they have been getting ready for an inspection visit by the Director of the VA from Washington D.C. at the new Sacramento Office of Veterans Affairs on Prospect Park Dr. in Rancho Cordova, Ca.



I was informed at that time that the supervisor of the office did receive my card, was quite excited about having a presentation given to the SAR and would be contacting me this week (between Oct. 28th and Nov. 1st) to confirm date and details for the presentation. I do expect to hear from them as I am trying to be somewhat of a pain in their derriere, so to speak. If I don't hear from them by midweek, I will be placing a call to them and possibly making a stop by their office on Thursday the 31st.

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 15, 2019, 7:00PM

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 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 6:00PM. The meeting will start promptly at 7:00PM

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Photos courtesy of Don Spradling

Presidents Corner (Cont.)

I have not done any research on what it is going to cost to mail out the new Challenge Coins for you all who would like me to mail them to you as I have not received the coins as of yet. As soon as I have them in hand, I will get that info and put it out for all to see. If you prefer to purchase your coins at one of our monthly meetings, that is perfectly acceptable.

Veterans Day is Monday Nov. 11th. We will be attending the Sacramento Veterans Day Parade. Our Color Guard, Kevin Allec, Craig Anderson, Rudy Rodriguez, Phil Noble, David Beach, Jim Faulkinbury, Russ Kaiser and Don Littlefield, will assemble at 10:00 am just to the north of the Crocker Art Museum at 3rd and N Streets. The Parade starts at 11:00 am, proceeds from 3rd and Capitol Mall East towards the Capitol. If you can make it GREAT.

Don't forget that the Nov. 15th meeting will be our last for the year. We will be honoring our Veterans at this meeting. I am looking forward to seeing you all at this final meeting of the year.

The first meeting of the New Year, Jan. 17th, will be 2 fold. 1). This is our awards dinner. We will be honoring those who have contributed to the betterment of the SAR. 2). This is also election month. I do hope to see all of you in January 2020 as well.

2020 MEMBERSHIP DUES

We are a month into our dues collection period, and so far 50% of our members have responded. We really appreciate your early attention to this. If you haven't received your dues notice for 2020, contact Craig Anderson immediately at craigandersonsar@gmail.com or (916) 257-7892. If you haven't sent in your 2020 dues yet, please respond by November 15th so that we can meet our reporting obligations the state society.

Through the generous support of our members we have been able to continue to offer quality programs in our communities, such as the **JROTC/ ROTC program, the Americanism Poster Contest, the Brochure Contest, the Knight Essay Contest, the Eagle Scout Recognition Program, the Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge Teacher Recognition Program, our School Guard Program, and our Community Service (Police – Fire – EMS) Recognition Program.** We thank all of you! Your membership dues and generous donations support all of these great programs. We are looking forward to a great 2020 with Sacramento Chapter Compatriot on Littlefield installed as President of the California Society.



2020 CASSAR Spring Meeting



The Sacramento Chapter will be hosting the 2020 CASSAR Spring Meeting on April 17th and 18th. The meeting will be held at the Murieta Inn and Spa, 7337 Murieta Dr, Rancho Murieta, CA 95683.

This is an important event for our organization; state officers are elected and installed at this event. Sacramento Chapter's, Don Littlefield, will be installed as the California Society President. As the host chapter, we need volunteers to help put this event together. Most importantly, please come out and show your support for Don by attending the Saturday evening gala banquet. There are limited rooms available at the hotel so make your reservations early. Use the following link to the Murieta Inn and Spa, group reservations page to make sure you get the SAR discount, <https://res.windsurfercrs.com/ibe/details.aspx?propertyid=14345&nights=1&checkin=04/16/2020&group=9750820>

For questions on how you can help, contact Don Littlefield or Craig Anderson.

SAR Positions

THANK YOU, COMPATRIOTS!

Mark Mozdy for agreeing to accept the nomination as Chapter Secretary for 2020. This is an important chapter role; the secretary is a key member of the chapter's executive committee.

George Brinlee for agreeing to become Guardian of the chapter flags.

Terrence Conklin, our Executive Vice President, for agreeing to handle the Chapter's medals and awards for the coming year.

Open SAR Positions

2020 is fast approaching and we still have a few vacancies we need to fill for the coming year.

1. We need a chairman for the Americanism Poster Contest. The duties consists of contacting and visiting selected schools, presenting the program and providing materials to the students, and after, a short time, picking up the posters, judging them, and then presenting awards to the students. The teachers in these schools are very receptive to our program and look forward to it each year. This program timing is generally in the first months of the year and must be concluded by April 1st. For more information, contact Don Littlefield.
2. We need a chairman for the Brochure Contest; it is offered to 8th grade students. Frankly it has been difficult to get school participation in this program. So, anyone with fresh ideas will be welcome. For more information, contact Carl Ahlberg.
3. The Knight Essay Contest is held in the late months of the year, and entries must be submitted to the chapter by December 31st. Historically, we get very few entries, but it is a very worthy program and we would like a committee chairman who could to give it a shot of energy. Contact Will Gunter if you would like to help.
4. The web master is key to keeping our organization in the public eye through the world wide web. Experience in web site development is essential. For more information, contact Don Littlefield

The First Shot of the Battle of Bunker Hill



Photo: Morphy Auctions

During the Battle of Bunker Hill On June 17, 1775, the patriot defenders were very low on ammunition and their commander, Col. William Prescott, was reported to utter the phrase, "Don't fire until you see the whites of their eyes". A 27-year old private, John Simpson, prematurely fired his musket. After the battle he was court marshaled for disobeying orders and received light punishment. He went on to serve honorably during the war and was discharged in 1783 as a Major. His musket has been in the possession of his descendants for over 240 years, but has now been put up for auction at Morphy Auctions in Denver, PA. It is a Dutch Type III, .79 Cal, musket with bayonet, provenance and extensive documentation. Many of these muskets were purchased during the war to supply the colonists. The musket sold at action for \$100,000 on October 21st 2019.

October Meeting Minutes

President Gunter called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Chaplain Jeff Goodwin led the invocation and Roy Adkins led the pledge of allegiance and Don Littlefield led the pledge to the SAR.

President Gunter recognized NSSAR and CASSAR Officers along with Chapter Past Presidents: Jim Faulkinbury, NSSAR Genealogist General/Past CASSAR President/Past President/Registrar/Sacramento Chapter/SAR; Don Littlefield, CASSAR Executive V.P./Past President/Current Treasurer Sacramento Chapter/SAR; Craig Anderson, Current CASSAR V.P. North/Current Secretary/past President Sacramento Chapter/SAR; Tom Chilton, Past President Sacramento Chapter/SAR, and Jeff Goodwin, Chaplain and Past President of the Sacramento Chapter. Tom and Ann Adams were recognized. Tom is past president of the Mother Lode Chapter and Chairman of the CASSAR Brochure Contest.



President Gunter recognized DAR members present: Marilyn Chilton, Sacramento Chapter; Ann Taylor, Regent, Sierra Amador Chapter; and Karen Faulkinbury Gold Trail Chapter. President Gunter recognized LAUX members present: Marilyn Chilton; Donna Spradling; and Mary Ann Goodwin.

President Gunter Introduced guests: Larry Brasher, Prospective member and President of the Sacramento Chapter Freedoms Foundation of Valley Forge; Compatriot Dave Paulsen's son David; Neil Elvick's Nephew Tim Elvick and his son Wade.

President Gunter asked Michael Hull to come forward and present the historical flags. The flags presented were the Gadsden Flag and the Liberty Flag.

President Gunter called Richard Mullins forward and presented him with the SAR Certificate of Patriotism and SAR War Service Medal for his service in the US Army during the Vietnam War.

President Gunter then gave the membership an update on the status of the new Chapter Challenge Coins; he estimated that they would be available by the end of October. He also gave the membership an update of the 2020 CASSAR Spring meeting that the Sacramento Chapter is hosting. He announced that we will need lots of help to put this on and encourage meeting attendees to volunteer to help.

Following dinner, President Gunter announced that compatriot George Brinlee has agreed to become Custodian of the Chapter Flags.

President Gunter then introduced the guest speaker, Jim Faulkinbury, who gave an interesting presentation on his recent trip to Scotland where he had the opportunity to explore the history of many Scots who helped America achieve her independence. After the presentation, President Gunter

awarded Jim with a certificate of appreciation.

President Gunter announced that we still do not have a guest speaker for November, but said he is working on it. He noted that during our November meeting we will be honoring our veterans.

President Gunter thanked Phil Noble for being the Calling Committee Chairman/ Cashier and Don Spradling for doing the photography. President Gunter asked for a motion to adjourn. The motion was made and seconded. Craig Anderson led the recessional, and Chaplain Jeff Goodwin led the benediction.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 PM. Tom Chilton led the singing of God Bless America

Respectfully Submitted
Mark Mozdy



This Month in History

243 years ago, on November 16 1776, the British and Hessians defeated the Americans at the Battle of Fort Washington in New York. The British suffered 84 killed and 374 wounded and the Americans had 59 killed, 96 wounded, and 2838 captured. As the British and Hessians entered the fort, the Hessians beat and killed some of the prisoners, stripped most of them of their personal possessions and clothing, and marched them off to captivity in New York City. As usual with



prisoners of war in the 18th century, the Americans were treated very harshly with inadequate shelter, starvation rations, and no medical care; in 18 months when a prisoner exchange was arranged for them, over 2000 of them were dead – mostly enlisted soldiers. This defeat marked a low point in General Washington's command; his army was losing troops rapidly because of expired enlistments, and he could ill afford the loss of these 3000 troops. Ft. Washington was the last in a long list of defeats since the Battle of Long Island in August; three days after the battle, Washington led his army in retreat to Pennsylvania. One young militia officer, who was captured that day, probably owed his life to a Lieutenant's commission he had received two months before the battle. He was imprisoned for a short time aboard a British prison ship in the harbor, then as an officer, was allowed to give his parole and sent to live in Flatbush on Long Island where he lived in the household of a Dutch Family. He was exchanged in December 1780. Lt. Hezekiah Davies was the Patriot ancestor of Craig Anderson.

Upcoming Chapter Community Events

VETERANS DAY

November 11th, 2019

Sacramento Veterans Day Parade will be held on Monday November 11th. Those signed up so far are: Kevin Allec, Craig Anderson, Rudy Rodriguez, Phil Noble, David Beach, Jim Faulkinbury, Russ Kaiser, and Don Littlefield.

We will start assembling at 10:00 a.m.; the assembly location is north of the Crocker Art Museum at 3rd and N Streets. The parade starts at 11:00 a.m., and proceeds East from 3rd and Capitol Mall to the State Capitol.



Find parking, or be dropped off near Crocker Arm Museum, and look for us near the front of the parade participants. We should consider car-pooling depending on our proximity to others. David Beach lives near Sacramento State, and he would have room for three or four, if his wife doesn't come.

Veteran Compatriots, if you don't have a period uniform, you could still come and walk with us, help us show the SAR Flag and celebrate your service to our country.

WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA

December 14, 2019 9:00 AM

National **Wreaths Across America** Day is dedicated to remembering the sacrifices veterans have made in wars since the American Revolution.

This is a call to arms for our Color Guard; Our Color Guard plays an important part of the opening ceremonies at Sacramento Valley National Cemetery, Dixon, CA. More details regarding the participation of our Color Guard will be provided in subsequent issues of the Courier. **Mark your calendars.** If you are not a member of the Color Guard, we encourage you to attend the Wreaths Across America event in Dixon, or at other participating cemeteries in our area.



VETERANS RECOGNITION



Last month we recognized two compatriots who have earned the SAR Certificate of Patriotism for their service to our country.

Richard Lee Mullins enlisted in the US Regular Army, February 1968 and served in Vietnam from October 1968 to October 1969, with A Company, 1st Battalion / 6th Regiment, 198th Light Infantry Brigade, Americal Division and Headquarters Company 26th Combat Engineers, Americal Division. For his service, Compatriot Mullins was Awarded the Combat Infantryman Badge, Purple Heart Medal, Army Commendation Medal, Vietnam Service Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Army Good Conduct Medal, Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross Medal, Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal, Expert Badge (Rifle M14), and 2 Over/Seas Bars. This SAR Certificate of Patriotism entitles Compatriot Mullins to wear the SAR War Service Medal.



Kirk Jeffery Gilles served in the US Army in the mid 1980's where he earned the Army Service Ribbon, Marksman Medal (M-16), 1st Class (Hand Grenade), and Army Lapel Button. This Certificate of Patriotism entitles Compatriot Gilles to wear the SAR Military Service Medal. Kirk and his family live in Exeter, CA and were unable to attend our meeting for a formal presentation so his certificate was mailed to him.

Sacramento Chapter members of the SAR Veterans Corps.

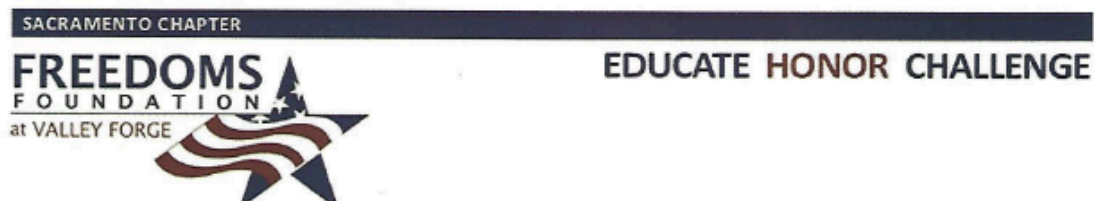
This year, our enrolled members in the SAR Veterans Corps, has increased by 51%. I know we have more vets out there so if you would like to be recognized for your service, please contact Craig Anderson and he will help you enroll.

673	184523	Roy	R.	Adkins	CA	Sacramento	MilServ
401	185659	Carl	E.	Ahlberg	CA	Sacramento	Vietnam
543	154755	David	S.	Allmuth	CA	Sacramento	Vietnam
77	180688	Wesley	C.	Anderson	CA	Sacramento	SpOps
78	180688	Wesley	C.	Anderson	CA	Sacramento	SpOps
666	180687	Dennis	C.	Anderson	CA	Sacramento	MilServ
27	164542	Seward	L.	Andrews, Jr.	CA	Sacramento	WWII
441	154982	Thomas	E.	Boyer	CA	Sacramento	MilServ
87	156802	Jim	L.W.	Faulkinbury	CA	Sacramento	MilServ
661	165611	Ernest	J.	Garcia	CA	Sacramento	Vietnam
713	187017	Kirk	J.	Gilles	CA	Sacramento	MilServ
55	134341	Archie	L.	McPherran	CA	Sacramento	WWII
653	210540	Richard	L.	Mullins	CA	Sacramento	Vietnam
58	108950	John	W.	Pefley	CA	Sacramento	WWII
73	145702	William	R.	Purcell	CA	Sacramento	Korean
667	145338	Bruce	E.	Purcell	CA	Sacramento	MilServ
66	151057	Theodore	M.	Robinson	CA	Sacramento	WWII
72	141324	Roy	S.	Stanford	CA	Sacramento	WWII
195	193833	Jimmy	L.E.	Stephenson	CA	Sacramento	SW Asia
196	193833	Jimmy	L.E.	Stephenson	CA	Sacramento	SW Asia
75	135034	Robert	L.	Wilson	CA	Sacramento	WWII

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Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge

FFVF has a great educational opportunity for students in grades 10 – 12. If any of our members have children or grandchildren in this age group that are interested in applying for this opportunity, details are in the flyer below.



2020 Spirit of America Youth Leadership Program



The Spirit of America Youth Leadership Program (SOA) is designed for high school juniors, but any student grade 10-12 may apply. In this four-day conference, high school students interact with experts on citizenship, democracy, the judiciary, the political process, and the free enterprise system. The program includes thought-provoking lectures, historical tours, and experiential workshops, all designed to develop leadership skills and deepen an understanding of the rights and responsibilities of engaged citizenship.

The Sacramento Chapter of Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge covers the full cost of this program. In 2020 we will be sending 90 students in 3 different groups (30 per group). The dates of the program are:

March 5-8*
March 12-15*
April 16-19*

*Students will depart on the overnight flight starting the Wed. evening before the program begins and arrive home Sunday evening.

Applications are accepted after Oct. 1. The deadline for applications is Dec. 1, 2019.

Applications on our website –
Sac.freedomsfoundation.org. Select **Students**, then **Spirit of America - SOA**

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Honoring Our Patriot Ancestors

John Arndt

SAR Patriot #: P-104605

Author: Jim Lucky William Faulkinbury

John Arndt, son of Jacob and Elizabeth (Geiger) Arndt, was born in Rockhill, Bucks Co., Pennsylvania on June 5th, 1748. He moved with his parents and siblings to the farm near Easton. He married first to Elizabeth Fiet of Sussex Co., New Jersey on December 13th, 1774. Elizabeth died in January 1776, shortly after the birth of her first child who had also died a couple of days earlier. Without a family he continued his occupation as a miller but the crisis with Great Britain quickly changed his occupation. He was asked by the county committee to take command of a company of rifleman for the Flying Camp. He was appointed Capt. in the First Battalion of Associators, part of the Flying Camp of ten thousand men commanded by Col. Hart. His company was ordered to Long Island. Capt. John Arndt's military career was short lived. At the Battle of Long Island, he was hit in the left arm by a small cannon ball on August 27th, 1776. The ball shattered his elbow and left him unable to use that arm. While in the hospital, being treated for his wound, the remaining members of his company were transferred to another officer. During the continuing battle many of the members of his company were killed. When he returned home, having recovered enough from his wounds, the parents of the lost members of his company brought charges of incompetence against him for their losses and he was put on trial. In his defense it was shown that he had been hospitalized and most of those killed were under the command of another officer while he was recovering from his wound. He was acquitted. In 1777, the new Pennsylvania government appointed him as Register for the Probate of Wills and Recorder of Deeds for Northampton County. On April 5th, 1779 he was appointed to be Commissioner of Exchange for Northampton County, and on October 20th, 1783 appointed to the Council of Censors representing Northampton County. Even though not responsible for the loss of his company at the Battle of Long Island, he declined ever applying for a pension from the state of Pennsylvania for his service. John married 2nd to Elizabeth Ihrie on August 12th, 1777 and had a family of ten children by this second marriage. In 1796 he moved from the farm near Easton to the town of Easton where he remained for the rest of his life. John Arndt died in Easton on 6 May 1814. His wife, Elizabeth, predeceased him there on 23 December 1811

John Arndt is the Patriot Ancestor of Sacramento Chapter compatriot, Jim Faulkinbury.

Flags presented by Flag Chairman Michael Hull at our October Meeting: The Gadsden Flag (L) and the Liberty flag also known as the Moultrie Flag (R).



COLOR GUARD CALENDAR

January 13, 2020 11:00AM

The Sacramento Chapter Color Guard has been invited to post the colors at the January meeting of the Sacramento Chapter DAR. Details and venue will be announced later.

March 6, 2020

The Sacramento Chapter Color Guard has been invited to post the colors at the California Society of the Colonial Dames 17th Century state conference at the Double Tree Hilton Hotel x on Point West Way. *"The first California organization meeting for Colonial Dames XVII Century was held in Los Angeles in 1948. In June 1949, 56 members met at the home of Mrs. George Kingman in Alhambra to elect officers and receive the charter. Mrs. French Harrington of Los Angeles was the Organizing State President. Two chapter Organizing Presidents were appointed at the state meeting on October 23, 1949. Williamsburg (Los Angeles), Plymouth (Alhambra) and Sleepy Hollow (San Diego) Chapters were organized in close succession, receiving charters in 1950 and 1951. Other chapters have been organized in various cities since then. California is a very large state and currently has 20 Chapters with approximately 575 members."*

EDITORS NOTE

This is the last issue of the Sacramento Chapter Courier for 2019. On behalf of my family, I wish all of our friends and Compatriots a Joyous Thanksgiving, a Merry Christmas, and a Happy New Year. We look forward to seeing everyone next year and an exciting 2020.

Craig and Sandy Anderson

COMING SAR EVENTS

**Next Dinner Meeting
November 15, 2019 7:00PM**

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