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Mayor Kevin Johnson to attend the October Awards Banquet

Sacramento City's Mayor **Kevin Johnson** will attend the Second Annual Awards Banquet, to be held on Saturday, October 16, 2010, at the Lion's Gate Restaurant. By now all of you should have received an invitation to this event. If you did not receive your invitation, please call President Don Littlefield for more information.

Again this year, we will recognize those first responders from our community who have been designated by their respective services as deserving of special recognition. The awardees can be found on pages 4 and 5 of this edition of the Courier.

The Awards Banquet is our opportunity to say thank you to those brave men and women who protect us each and every day. They put their lives on the line so that we may be safe. We hope to see you at the Lion's Gate Restaurant on October 16th.



Meal Selections

New York Steak	\$36.00
Spinach/pine nut stuffed Chicken	\$30.00
Butternut squash ravioli	\$30.00

Includes beverage, dessert, tax, and tip.

October 16, 6:00 PM at
The Lion's Gate Hotel



The festivities start at 6:00 with a no host bar and hors d'oeuvres. The ceremony begin promptly at 7:00.

President's Corner - Don Littlefield

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On October 16 at the Lions Gate Hotel and Conference Center (the former base Officer's Club) at McClellan Business Park, we will recognize several individuals for their exceptional performance during the past year and celebrate all of the men and women of the Sacramento area Sheriff's Department, Police Department, Metro Fire District and the California Highway Patrol who go to work every day to make the Greater Sacramento area a safe place for us to live, work and play.

Joining with us in this event will be Sacramento Mayor Kevin Johnson. I think it is important to note that Kevin was born and raised in Sacramento, grew up here, honed his athletic prowess here and then went off to college and the NBA and had a career that was graced with All-Star honors, a Team USA World Championship and numerous other awards.

Maybe more important long-term, have been Kevin's initiatives and his commitment to the community. In July 1989, he founded the St. Hope Academy (Help Our People Excel) in Sacramento to benefit youth by providing educational, cultural and spiritual opportunities. As a result of his work, Kevin was recognized by then-President George Bush in 1992 as one of the "1,000 Points of Light." In addition, he won the J. Walter Kennedy Citizenship Award from the NBA and the Sports Illustrated for Kids' Good Sport Award in 1990-91. He was named USA Today's "Most Caring Athlete" in 1995 due to his humanitarian efforts and contributions to the community. In 1997, Johnson was inducted into the World Sports Humanitarian Hall of Fame.

Act now! Space is limited. We have just 10 seats still available for the Banquet. While we would have preferred that all reservations were made prior to October 1st, we still have until Sunday, October 10 to accept any last minute reservations before we must give the Lions Gate our final dinner count. If you want to show your support for these everyday heroes, enjoy a night with Mayor Kevin Johnson, Sheriff McGinness, and other ranking officers from Metro Fire and Sacramento Police Department, and help make the Sons of the American Revolution proud to be the single sponsor of this event then pick up your telephone and call me now at 916-985-6544. Don't miss the opportunity to enjoy this wonderful event.

For those of you planning to attend, Mary Ann and I look forward to seeing you there!

Don

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Arnold Lewis Honored on his 90th Birthday



Fifth District Supervisor Don Nottoli, left, completely surprised Dr. Arnold Lewis on the occasion of his 90th birthday when he dropped in at the Lewis home to present Arnold with a plaque from the Sacramento County Board of Supervisors naming July 18th as “Dr. Arnold Lewis Day”. Arnold is the author of the weekly “For Kids of all Ages” column that appears in the Elk Grove Citizen. The photo was taken by Mary Lewis, Arnold’s wife, who graciously gave her permission to reprint this photo and story.

Arnold Raymond Lewis was born in Binghamton, New York, and spent his childhood in Binghamton. He graduated with a Bachelor of Arts Degree from Taylor University, (Upland, Indiana) in 1942, earned his Master of Divinity Degree from Boston University in 1947, and his Doctor of Theology Degree from ILIFF School of Theology in 1950. He is married to Mary Hull Lewis. Arnold has two adult children from a previous marriage: Luther Lewis is an attorney in Roseville, and Wilson Lewis is with the Public Utilities Commission in San Francisco. Lesley Lewis, a third son, died in 1982.. Arnold also has two grandchildren.

Arnold is a retired United Methodist Minister serving for 44 years in churches in Michigan, Colorado, California, and Brazil. His hobbies include traveling, writing, collecting postcards, and collecting books on the 16th and 17th centuries, especially about the Huguenots. He is a life member of the National Huguenot Society, a member of the Sons and Daughters of the Pilgrims, and a life member of the SAR. His application to join the SAR was approved on January 28, 1970. His patriot ancestor was Jacob Meixell. Jacob Meixell served his country as a private in the Pennsylvania Militia.

First Responders to be Recognized at the October 16th Awards Banquet



Deputy James Petrinovich will be awarded the SAR Law Enforcement Medal

Deputy James Petrinovich is a 28-year-old, 7-year veteran of the department who was involved in the following incident:

On January 15, 2009, at 10:50 PM, Sacramento County Sheriff's Deputy Petrinovich stopped a vehicle in the area of 44th Street and Perry Avenue. Deputy Petrinovich approached the vehicle, which was occupied by a 58-year-old male driver and two female passengers (53- and 41-years-old respectively). He asked the driver to step out of the vehicle so he could speak to him behind the car. As Deputy Petrinovich and driver were standing behind the car, the driver attacked the deputy. During the ensuing struggle, Deputy Petrinovich felt the suspect grab his handgun in an attempt to remove it from its holster. As Deputy Petrinovich fought with the suspect to maintain control of his gun with one hand, and believing he was in imminent danger of death or great bodily injury, he drew a knife from his duty belt with his free hand and stabbed the suspect in the upper body. The suspect stopped fighting at that point and was handcuffed by Deputy Petrinovich and other deputies who had arrived on scene. Paramedics transported the suspect to a local hospital where he was treated for his wounds. After the suspect, a 58-year-old ex-parolee, was treated for his wounds he was booked into the Sacramento County Main Jail on charges including: resisting arrest and possession of a stolen, loaded firearm



Deputy James Petrinovich

Reserve Firefighter Robert Driver exemplifies the pride and spirit of the fire service. He has been a Reserve Firefighter with the Sacramento Metropolitan Fire District for over 17 years. The Reserve Firefighter Program provides the District with additional emergency personnel to respond to incidents within our jurisdictional boundaries. This program dates back to the 1930's when both Rio Linda Fire District and Elverta Fire District were founded. The reserve firefighter mission statement is to *protect life and property by performing firefighter, first responder medical and other assigned duties using skills obtained through experience, education and training.*



Firefighter Robert Driver will be awarded the SAR Emergency Medical Services Commendation Medal.

With the recent consolidation of the 2 reserve fire stations into one, Fire Station 116, Rob was the cog in the wheel that made it happen. This consolidation was a group effort although Rob went above and beyond to make sure what needed to be done was completed.

Reserve firefighters are 'at-will' employees and are 'paid-by-event' although sometimes extra hours are needed to get the job done. Rob is one of those employees who is more than willing to put in the extra hours to get the job done. He is recognized as a trustworthy employee and gets along well with the other reservists.

In his community, Rob serves as an Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) for the Rio Linda Football League for which he gives up many Saturdays to make sure games are covered. As the recipient of the Reserve Firefighter Peer Recognition Award on April 8, 2010, Rob was acknowledged for his outstanding individual efforts and for representing Metro Fire in an exemplary manner.



Reserve Firefighter Robert Driver

First Responders to be Recognized at the October 16th Awards Banquet

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Sergeant Susan Feenstra is being nominated for her many years of dedicated and valuable service to the Sacramento Police Department and especially to the Peer Support program for which she was a co-founder in 1988. Since that time, she has organized the program, facilitated training, and planned retreats for the program participants. Sergeant Feenstra has dedicated hundreds of volunteer hours to direct and operate this program. In 2009, the Employee Services Unit was established as a project team to focus on stress management options for our employees. After months of working on projects relating to the health and wellness of employees, the Unit was made full-time. Sergeant Feenstra now leads this Unit and the Peer Support Team which includes two officers and 60 volunteer peers (both sworn and civilian). This team, which has served hundreds of employees, routinely makes resource referrals to professional counseling services for issues relating to critical incidents, finances, substance abuse, relationships, medical issues, career, death, and dying. Sergeant Feenstra's leadership will further the Unit's mission in developing and coordinating programs which promote the emotional and physical health of the Department's employees.



Sergeant Susan Feenstra
will be awarded
the SAR Law
Enforcement Medal.

In addition to being involved with employee wellness throughout the years, Sergeant Feenstra has been a field supervisor of "Patrol and Problem Oriented Policing" teams for 15 years. Working predominantly in the Oak Park neighborhood, she has built a reputation of being a problem-solver. She still attends community meetings because of the trust and rapport she has built with the community members. Sergeant Feenstra has endeared herself so much with these citizens that some continue to call her for help and advice on neighborhood issues as well as personal mentoring. Sergeant Feenstra believes deeply in the community policing approach and has instilled this philosophy in all of the officers she has worked with. The programs that she helped start in Oak Park continue to operate and flourish today because of her leadership.



**Sergeant Susan
Feenstra**

Sacramento Chapter Meeting Schedule

(Mark your calendars now!)

Saturday, October 16, 2010 - 7:00 PM

Heroes Award Banquet
Lions Gate Hotel

Friday, February 18, 2011 TBA

Lial Jones, Crocker Arts Museum
TBA

Friday, November 19, 2010 - 7:00 PM

Johnny Duskow, Sacramento River Cats Baseball
Buggy Whip Restaurant

Friday, March 18, 2011 - 7:00 PM

Sean Jones, Former U-2 Pilot
Buggy Whip Restaurant

Friday, December 17, 2010 - 7:00 PM

Christmas Program
Buggy Whip Restaurant

Friday, April 15, 2011 TBA

TBA
Buggy Whip Restaurant

Friday, January 21, 2011 - 7:00 PM

Doug Webster, California Maritime Academy
Buggy Whip Restaurant

Saturday, May 21, 2011

Youth Awards Banquet
Carmichael Elk's Lodge

The American Revolution – Month By Month - October 1780

by Andrew J. Stough III, Edited by Harold Rogers

If Washington and Congress thought they had permanently taken care of the Indian question, then they must have been surprised when spring came in 1780. It had been a hard winter for the Indians after the two punitive expeditions in 1779. They survived the winter on the bare necessities received from the British. With the coming of warm weather their vitality returned amid a smoldering resentment against the Americans that turned into a bonfire of hate and a desire for revenge.

Britain was aware of their feelings and put them to good use in their fight against the rebels. Sir John Johnson, Britain's agent in the Central Valley, united the tribes and organized raids against the vulnerable American frontier. The raids began in April. The first to suffer was the settlement of Harpersville, then attacks against the Dutch settlements along the Catskills. Villages and isolated farms were burned, their inhabitants killed or captured.. In May, the tempo increased and the Mohawk Valley was again brutally exposed to the Indian's wrath. Militia reinforcements were immediately sent to the affected areas. Militia protection was a deterrent, but could not stop the Indian hit and run attacks. The raids continued sporadically until August when Canajoharie was attacked. Forts built to protect the inhabitants were ignored by the invading Tories and Indians. Inhabitants gathered within the forts were saved, but everything outside the forts was burned. The Schoharie Valley was next to feel the Indian and Tory wrath. Every living thing outside the fort was destroyed.

In September, Johnson was in the vicinity of Montreal to begin the formation of an army consisting of "Greens," British regulars, Hessian Jaegers and 200 of Butler's Rangers. Johnson marched to the Susquehanna, where he was joined by Brandt with a large number of Indians. On October 16th, they attacked and laid siege to a fort referred to as the Middle Fort. Several days later, unable to over-run or batter down the fort, he moved on to Lower Fort. Attacking it without success, he set about to burn all buildings and drive off or take any domestic animals, leaving the area barren.

The raiding stopped after a battle at a town called Stone Arabia was sacked and burned. 1,500 men and a large band of Oneida Indians under Van Rensselaer arrived to reinforce the garrison of Fort Paris, which stood in the now destroyed town. The advantage now appearing to be on the Patriot's side. Van Rensselaer convinced the commander of Fort Paris, Colonel John Brown, that he should attack with the promise that Rensselaer would circle behind and attack Johnson's force from the rear. Brown marched out and attacked the enemy with great vigor, but Van Rensselaer did not appear as promised. Although outnumbered 10 to 1, Brown's men fought valiantly and did not retreat until a third of them had been killed, including Brown.

On October 19th Johnson reappeared near the fort. Van Rensselaer was not present, but his officers and the Oneidas engaged Johnson with such ferocity that Brandt's Indians broke and ran, Sir John and his troops following them. Van Rensselaer reappeared and assumed command. Instead of following up the advantage gained by Johnson's rout, he ordered a retreat, failing to follow up the rout of Sir John's forces. Had he done so it is probable that Sir John would not have escaped to fight another day. This was the end of Indian raids in the north until the spring of 1781.

Further south, John Sevier, with 300 men bolstered by 400 Virginians, descended upon the Cherokee, ravaging the country side as well as destroying the towns of Chota and Chicamauga in the same manner as expeditions had in 1776. October 2nd is noted by the hanging of Major John Andre. He went to his death as willingly as had Nathan Hale. Both died heroes, magnificent in their willingness to die for their separate causes. Both maintained great dignity as they arrived at the end of their separate roads.

Now to France and Jones. After a month of stormy weather had come to an apparent end, Jones was ready to complete his journey across the Atlantic. Saturday, October 7th, Jones set Ariel on a course for America. On the 8th, with Ariel not yet clear of the coast, there was a sudden shift of wind and a storm such as no man on the crew had seen before. With his ship dismasted and near shoaling on the off-shore reefs, Jones was in the greatest battle of his life to save his ship. Finally able to head Ariel into the wind, he spent the next two days staying off the rocks. Two days later (the 12th) Ariel was again at anchor in Lorient for repairs. Where she remained for the next two months.

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The American Revolution – Month By Month - October 1780

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In June, Cornwallis had sent Major Ferguson with the American Volunteers (Tories) to occupy the back-country in the district of Ninety-Six. (See note). From this point Ferguson began recruiting or accepting Tory Volunteers to join his Tory Regulars for an assault on the settlements in Tennessee. If anyone refused to pay allegiance to the King, he promised to burn their homes or settlements, hang their leaders, and put the rest to the sword and bayonet.

The Tennesseans were outraged! A hardy breed who had stood their ground with Indians were not about to stand still for such a challenge from the hated British and Tories. Furthermore, they would not wait to be invaded. With around 1,000 men, they set forth over the mountains to take the war to the enemy on his own ground. Ferguson, being harassed by the “backwatermen”, called on Cornwallis for reinforcements. Meanwhile, he moved his troops to King’s Mountain. With a steep and rocky rise of 60 feet above the surrounding land, it was a natural position for defense. Feeling secure, Ferguson issued the challenge that “he defied God Almighty and all the rebels out of Hell to overcome him”.

On October 7th, the Patriots encircled the position and, with a war whoop, signaled the assault as men began climbing the hill amidst a withering fire from above. For awhile Ferguson and his bayonets kept the top secure – still the Patriots came on! Avoiding the bayonets and firing from behind trees, the backwoodsmen were dropping Ferguson’s men like flies. Several white flags were raised by the Tories, but the flags were cut down by Ferguson who refused to surrender to rebels and bandits. Ferguson tried to cut his way out of the battle but was shot from his horse and died. Tories crowded into a hollow but found no shelter there. To cries of “Tarleton’s Quarter and Buford”, the infuriated Whigs shot them down as they stood. Several attempts were made by the remaining Tories to parley, but to no avail. This was a long awaited revenge for the killing of patriots by the Tories in past years and could not easily be stopped..

It was all that the Whig officers could do to stop the carnage, but finally the killing stopped. Of the 1,000 Tories involved, 157 were killed, 163 wounded so badly that they were left where they fell, and 698 were made prisoners. The patriots lost 28 killed and 62 wounded.

The prisoners were taken to Gilberttown, where a hue and cry was heard for a court to try those men who were known to have committed atrocities against the local Whig population and the hanging of prisoners. Twelve were condemned and ten hanged. The remaining prisoners were delivered to Gates at Hillsboro. It was an all American battle. The only Briton present was Ferguson. Tory support for the King once avid, now began a decline, from which it would not recover.

King’s Mountain, coming on the heels of previous defeats, was an outstanding success, encouraging those who were on the verge of giving up hope of a victory against a British led attack on American forces in the south. Congress reconstitute The Southern Army, calling on Washington to name its commander.

The months ahead might not appear victorious for the Americans, but any victories by the British would be hollow and debilitating of their strength, leading in another eight months to Yorktown and effectively the end of the war.

Note: For map readers, Ninety-Six, Waxhaws, and other towns of note can still be found on current maps.

References: Schlessinger’s “Almanac of American History”; Wards “The War of the Revolution”; Morison’s “John Paul Jones”; Lancaster’s “The American Revolution” ; Utey and Washburn’s “Indian Wars.”

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President Don Littlefield presents RoseMary Covington, September's speaker, with the SAR Liberty Bell.



September speaker RoseMary Covington, and her husband, Andre Morgan.



L-R: Donna Spradling & Marilyn Chilton



L-R: Robert Schroeder, and Peg and Bob Wilson



L-R: Del McCardell, Hal Lawson, and Jim Faulkinbury



Russ and Christie Haiser

More Photos from the September 17, 2010 Meeting

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**President Don Littlefield
and Past President Tom Chilton**



Patty & Ron Proffer



L-R: Jim Warrick and Don Spradling



Clair Allen



John Vawter

Minutes of the meeting held on September 17, 2010.

by Jim Faulkinbury, Secretary

The meeting was called to order at 7:06 pm by President Don Littlefield. Following the Invocation by Doug Cross, the Pledge of Allegiance, and the SAR Pledge led by John Vawter, President Littlefield welcomed the attendees back following the summer break. He then introduced Past Chapter Presidents in attendance, Tom Chilton, Jim Faulkinbury, and Jeff Goodwin. DAR members in attendance were Peg Wilson of the John A Sutter Chapter, Medora Allen, Marilyn Chilton, and Cynthia Fine of the Sacramento Chapter, and Lee Lawson and Ann Taylor of the Sierra-Amador Chapter. Tonight's speaker, RoseMary Covington and her husband, Andre Morgan, were introduced next, and Russ Kaiser and his wife, Christie, were introduced.

Concerns for our members included mention of Jeff Goodwin's surgery and subsequent infection from which he has now recovered, Woody Robertshaw who just had surgery to remove two melanomas from his nose, Gale Nelson who had a heart attack and subsequent 5-way bypass surgery in Salt Lake City and is now doing well, Helen Garcia who was hospitalized for pneumonia, and Medora Allen's sister, Elizabeth Hulse, who is very ill. It was also reported that Zach Amis and his wife have a new baby.

Don then told of the August special meeting of the membership to go over planning for speakers, staffing of our youth programs, and the October 16th Award Banquet. During that successful meeting, Sean Jones volunteered to be the Knight Essay Contest Chairman, and Del McCardell volunteered to be the Eagle Scout Chairman with the assistance of Dennis Sperry. Del gave a report on the status of the Eagle Scout program indicating that Dennis had recently contacted the Executive Director of the local BSA District who will help us promote both the Eagle Scout Contest and the recognitions of new Eagle Scouts at their Courts of Honor. Del asked for anyone who is interested in helping at Courts of Honor to let him know. Don then talked about the October 16th Awards Banquet, where we will recognize the Sacramento Police and Fire Departments, the Sheriffs Office, and possibly the National Guard. Mayor Kevin Johnson will be present for the awards. The banquet is a semi-formal event at the Lions Gate Hotel in McClellan Park. Suits, tuxes, kilts, and Color Guard uniforms are appropriate dress.

Don then read a letter that he recently received from a Master Sergeant stationed in Iraq, thanking him and the Intel staff for their donations of care packages, telling how much they are appreciated. Don suggested that any members of the Chapter who would like to donate or pack packages do so since it is a worthwhile program. He then talked about the letter enclosed in the recent 2011 dues notice mailings, which talks about the Center for Advancing America's Heritage (CAAH), and that the Sacramento Chapter's Executive Board has voted to match any donations on a \$1 to \$1 basis up to \$7,500, and will pledge \$15,000 to the CAAH to help complete the development of this important facility. The pledge will be met in the next two to three years.

Tom Chilton then made a motion to add 2nd and 3rd place prizes to the Americanism Poster Contest - \$50 for 1st place, \$25 for 2nd place, and \$15 for 3rd place. Jeff Goodwin seconded the motion and it passed without any opposition. Don then briefly described the Wreaths Across America program that the Sacramento Chapter supports in December to place wreaths on the gravesites at the Sacramento Valley Veterans Cemetery in Dixon. This is a National Program for every National Cemetery, held at 9:00 AM in Dixon to correspond to the 12:00 PM program at Arlington National Cemetery. He then announced that today, September 17th, was an important day in our history since this was the day the Constitution of the United States was signed in 1787. Jim Faulkinbury was then asked to describe the flags tonight, the French Alliance and Proctor's Battalion flags.

Following dinner, our speaker, Sacramento Regional Transit Assistant General Manager for Planning, RoseMary Covington, gave a presentation on the RT system in Sacramento. She told of how the transit systems in most cities declined between the time we were children and when we became adults, primarily due to the growth of cities into the suburbs where lower cost housing could be found. It is now harder to provide adequate transit, and more people drive rather than use transit. However, more driving is detrimental to both the environment and the pocket books. Sacramento was one of the early implementers of a rapid transit system, beginning in 1978, with a move into light rail and is a model for other light rail systems in the country. The major problem facing RT in Sacramento is now funding. Sacramento only receives 3/8s of one cent from sales taxes to support operations while most cities receive a full one cent. Federal funding will help with 50% of the one-time capital expenditures to expand the system, but funds are held until the area can demonstrate that they have sufficient funding for the ongoing operational expenses. As a result of the recession, Sacramento RT has been forced to cut services, but it is hoped that if the economy stays stable within the next 2-3 years,



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by Jim Faulkinbury, Secretary
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the system will once again be in full service and more effective than it was before. The planning process is trying to address the issues of adequate bus services to handle the connections to light rail as well as safety and security concerns of the ridership. There is a Transit Action Plan to look at the entire trip experience. Providing information about the services available – schedules, routes, etc., and improved security, is part of the plan. Currently, there is live video on all buses, trains, and stations to provide better security. RT would like to reach the point where a light rail train will run every 7 ½ minutes and buses on the various routes will be available every 10-15 minutes. RoseMary also talked about the plans to expand light rail service to Cosumnes River College and to the Sacramento International Airport. Following the presentation, President Littlefield presented RoseMary with a replica of the Liberty Bell.

The meeting ended with the fund raiser conducted by Mary Ann Littlefield and Marilyn Chilton. Those donating gifts were Clair & Medora Allen, Tom & Marilyn Chilton, Doug Cross, Jim & Karen Faulkinbury, Vince & Jeni Gantt, Hal & Lee Lawson, Don & Mary Ann Littlefield, Jack Pefley, Ron & Patty Proffer, Don & Donna Spradling, George & Ann Taylor, and Harlan Tougaw.

President Littlefield thanked Mary Ann and Marilyn for their assistance, Don Spradling for helping with the pictures, and then asked for a motion to adjourn. Del McCardell led the Recessional followed by the Benediction by Doug Cross. Those present then sang “God Bless America” after which the meeting was adjourned at 9:28 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Jim Faulkinbury, Secretary

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