



# The Courier



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## Awards Banquet Speaker

### Ana Ramirez-Palmer

Regional Administrator for Northern California, Department of Corrections, and former Warden, Vacaville State Prison.

Being a warden of a prison is very much like being a city manager. We have 3400 permanent residents and about 1600 "commuters" come in everyday, twenty-four hours a day. Therefore I have all of the same concerns as any city manager would have. We have our own licensed hospital, our own school system, working and school opportunities. Basically everything that goes on inside a little city goes on here.

All wardens in the California system are governor appointees. To get to the point where a governor will appoint you, you have to have shown some abilities in other settings. So I have worked both in a prison as well as in headquarters, working on a variety of different programs all related to the prison mission. And I worked my way up.



**Ana Ramirez-Palmer**

**Please DO NOT bring items to donate. There will be NO RAFFLE at this event.**

Next meeting

**Saturday, October 13, 2012, 12:00 PM**

**Sacramento Yacht Club**

**3365 South River Road, West Sacramento**

**RSVPs with menu selections and payment are due Saturday, October 6, 2012.**

**Reservations are required to be Paid In Advance.**

Wives, guests and visiting compatriots are always welcome.

Come socialize at 12:00 PM. The meeting will start promptly at 1:00 PM.

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# President's Corner

Compatriots and friends,

October is the month for the Sacramento Chapter's signature event, our **Community Awards Banquet**, to be held at the Sacramento Yacht Club at 12 Noon, on Saturday, October 13<sup>th</sup>. As of Tuesday, September 25<sup>th</sup>, we had reservations for 38 SAR members and their guests, and 7 first responders and their guests. I must tell you that I am disappointed that only 19 of the 170 members of the Sacramento Chapter are attending. I had hoped that we would be able to fill the room with SAR members to welcome the First Responders, and to tell them how much we appreciate their service to our community. While we had asked for your reservations to be submitted on or before September 30, we will accept them if you call Don Littlefield or me on or before Saturday, October 6, 2012 and mail payment immediately.



Our new venue at the Cattlemen's Restaurant seems to be a good fit. At the June meeting, we had only one half the room, which made it a little crowded. However, the Cattlemen's representative has assured me that in the future we will have the entire room. We did have a problem with the sound system at the last meeting, but I believe that can be worked out. We will meet at the Cattlemen's Restaurant for both the November and December meetings.

Our December meeting will be a **luncheon** meeting. When we chose the Cattlemen's Restaurant, they had already booked all the evenings around Christmas, so we had no choice but to accept the luncheon time. I have arranged for a singing group from Vista del Lago High School to sing holiday and Christmas music for us after the meal. I understand that these young people are very talented, and should put on a good show. Mark your calendar now for 12 Noon on Saturday, December 22<sup>nd</sup> for the December meeting. We have invited the Mother Lode Chapter to join us for that meeting. More about that in the next edition of the Courier.

Also mark your calendar for Saturday, December 15<sup>th</sup>. This will be the fifth year that your Color Guard has participated in the Annual Wreathes Across America ceremony, held at the Sacramento Valley National Cemetery, near Dixon. It is always a very moving ceremony, honoring those veterans who have passed on before us. You do not have to be a member of the Color Guard to attend this ceremony. Just wear warm clothing!!

By now, each of you should have received your notice to pay your 2013 SAR dues. If you are going to renew your membership, I urge you to send your dues payment in ASAP so as to make the task of determining who is, and who is not going to renew their membership, easier for your officers. Thank you.

I look forward to seeing you at the Community Awards Banquet.

Yours in patriotic service.  
Tom

## Annual Community Awards Banquet

# The Sons of the American Revolution are proud to honor these fine individuals



### Deputy Mark Limbird

In January 2012, Deputy Limbird was on routine patrol when he saw two male subjects walking away from a closed business. While contacting these two suspicious males, one of them suddenly and violently assaulted Deputy Limbird. The assailant attempted to flee but was again stopped by Deputy Limbird, who had been inhibited by the assault. Again the male attacked, viscously striking Deputy Limbird in the head and shoulders. During this attack, Deputy Limbird and his aggressor fell fifteen feet from an embankment into the water of a creek below. The assailant, who had been armed with a stolen handgun, lost his weapon in the creek and was attempting to reacquire it as he continued to punch Deputy Limbird, who was now below him in the water. Although beaten, Deputy Limbird courageously drew his handgun and attempted to fire it in order to save his own life. Although the weapon did not fire, Deputy Limbird remained calm in the face of delay and was able to adjust his weapon to fire and stop this vicious and potentially lethal attack.



### Deputy Michael Duggins

In 2011, Officer Duggins was called in to assist West Sacramento PD Detectives with the investigations of victim that had been shot twice and was in critical condition. Based on the initial investigations it was determined that the victim was affiliated with Crip gang members and the suspect was a discharged parole affiliated with Norteno gang members. Officer Duggins initially assisted with gathering intelligence on the victim and suspect cellular phones by generating a "Cellbrite" report which produced substantial evidence in the case. Officer Duggins diligent efforts and keen investigative skills during the course of this investigation were instrumental in the apprehension of a shooting suspect and suspected drug dealer.



### Firefighter Tim Beard

For the 10 year anniversary of 9/11, Firefighter Beard envisioned a 5K Memorial Run to honor all the victims of 9/11. Although he had many hard working people behind him, this was Firefighter Beard's vision and he devoted 6 months of his personal time planning, developing, recruiting, fund raising and establishing relationships to make the 9/11 5K Memorial Run a memorable event for the greater Sacramento area. The event boasted more than 3,000 participants and raised thousands of dollars for the Sacramento Area Firefighter's Widows and Orphans Fund. Firefighter Beard also designed a Pentagon Memorial for the 9/11 event which housed the names of all the lives lost on 9/11. Participants were given American Flags which they placed next to each and every name. The Pentagon Memorial was an amazing site and invoked a tremendous amount of emotion and respect from all who witnessed it.

## October Meeting

# Sacramento Yacht Club



**Saturday, October 13, 2012, 12:00 Cocktails, 1:00 Meeting**

Directions to

**Sacramento Yacht Club  
3365 South River Road  
West Sacramento, CA**

**Take I-80 to the Jefferson Blvd exit, West Sacramento.**

**Follow the signs to Jefferson Blvd South**

**Take Jefferson Blvd/CA-84 South, drive approx. 4.0 mi**

**Turn left/East on Linden Road, drive 1.5 mi to its end**

**Turn right/South on South River Road, drive 1/4 mile**

**SYC is the blue-grey building on the left, next to the River.**

**Look for the SYC sign and the red blinking gate light.**

## September Meeting Minutes

September 21, 2012

President Tom Chilton called the meeting to order at 7: 00 PM.

Chaplain Jeff Goodwin gave the invocation. Ford Osborn led the membership in the Pledge of Allegiance, and Joe Moorehead led the Pledge to the SAR.

President Chilton recognized past and current presidents of the SAR and guests: Jim Faulkinbury, Sacramento Chapter Past President in 2005 and 2006 and CASSAR Vice President – North; Jeff Goodwin, Past President 2009 and current CASSAR Chancellor; Don Littlefield, Past President 2010 and 2011 and current Treasurer; Ford Osborn, Past President of the Silicon Valley Chapter SAR; and Alan Brookings, a member of the Gold Country Chapter SAR.

President Chilton recognized and welcomed DAR members present: Medora Allen, Marilyn Chilton, and Cynthia Fine from the Sacramento Chapter, Susan Broderick, Regent and Marge Borger, Past Regent 2006 – 2008 from the General John Sutter Chapter, Lee Lawson and Ann Taylor from the Sierra-Amador Chapter, Ellen Osborn, Past Regent 2002 – 2004 of the El Dorado Chapter, Susan Brookings, Vice-Regent of the Gold Trail Chapter, and Sarah Goodwin from the Lexington Chapter, in Lexington, KY.

Other guests recognized included guest speaker, Nate Eckler, new members Roy Adkins and his wife Martha, Ramon Gomez and his wife Tammy, and Larry Guile and his wife Laurie, prospective member Cal Norwood and his wife Sue, and Charla Lawson, granddaughter of Lee and Hal Lawson.

President Chilton announced that CASSAR Past President Wayne Griswold and several family members were involved in a serious automobile accident in early August. Wayne's wife Yoncie was seriously injured but is expected to recover. President Chilton asked the membership to keep the Griswold Family in their prayers.

Jim Faulkinbury presented and gave a historical overview of the French Alliance and Proctor Flags.

Three new members, Roy Adkins, Ramon Gomez, and Larry Guile were asked to come forward. Registrar Ron Carello introduced the new members and read their biographies. President Chilton administered the SAR oath and presented them with their membership certificates; and Registrar Carello pinned the SAR Rosettes on the new members. All members came forward to offer the customary welcoming handshake. Glen Fine was presented a Supplemental Certificate at the same time.

Sarah Goodwin gave a brief talk about the Lexington Chapter of the DAR.

The Color Guard Commander, Jim Faulkinbury, announced that the Sacramento Chapter would be participating in the Veterans Day Parade on November 11<sup>th</sup>.

After dinner, Russ Kaiser introduced the guest speaker for the evening, Nate Eckler, Director, Sacramento Delta Youth Maritime Association. Mr. Eckler gave an interesting presentation of the Sea Scout Program in Sacramento.

President Chilton presented Nate Eckler with the SAR Certificate of Appreciation and SAR Liberty Bell

Marilyn Chilton conducted the drawing. Those donating gifts were Tom and Marilyn Chilton, Don and Donna Spradling, Marge Borger, Jack Pefley, Jim and Karen Faulkinbury, Medora and Clair Allen, Don and Mary Ann Littlefield, and Craig and Sandy Anderson.

Russ Kaiser announced that our guest speaker for the October Awards Banquet would be Ana Ramirez-Palmer. President Chilton encouraged those who haven't yet made Awards Banquet reservations, to support this worthy event that recognizes Sacramento Area public safety employees.

President Chilton thanked Marilyn Chilton for her assistance with the raffle, Don Spradling for taking pictures, Vince and Don Littlefield for handling the door collections, and Don Littlefield for editing the newsletter. He then asked for a motion to adjourn. The motion was made and seconded.

Clair Allen led the Recessional; Chaplain Jeff Goodwin gave the Benediction. The members then sang "God Bless America" after which the meeting was adjourned at 9:10PM.

Respectfully Submitted

Craig Anderson  
Chapter Secretary

## New Members

**Roy Robert Adkins** was born at Camp Fort Jackson Military Base, Columbia, South Carolina. He graduated from Elk Grove High School.

Roy joined the United States Army in 1966 at 17 years of age during the Vietnam War. When he came home on leave, he married his high school sweet heart Martha. They have been married 44 years, have 2 daughters, 5 grandchildren, and a great grandson to be born this December.

Roy remembers a time of being always at the highest alert of readiness. It was when the North Koreans seized the Pueblo in January of 1968. It was 22 degrees below zero, and his unit was ready and waiting for the mission to retrieve the vessel. In 1968 Roy rotated to Peden Barracks, Germany where his wife join him a few months later. He was there when Russia invaded the Czechoslovakia Republic, and their nuclear options were being considered by NATO. Roy and his Artillery Unit were placed in the situation to take out the threat if need be. Roy was recently awarded the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal (AFEM) and the Korean Service Defense Medal (KSDM) for services in Korea. This was 45 years after Roy's service.

After Roy's discharge he was employed as a roof remover, later joining the Carpenters Union and becoming a roofing applicator. Later he became a Contractor owning and operating a roofing company for more than 25 years, when he was forced to retire because of his health.

Roy's application to join the Sons of the American Revolution was approved on August 16, 2012. His patriot ancestor, William Bingham Meade, was a Private in Captain Baker's Company. He enlisted in 1778 and again in 1779, and was wounded at the Battle of Cowpens.



**Roy Adkins**



**Ramon Gomez**

**Gene Ramon Gomez** was born in Sacramento, California and was raised in Sacramento and Chico. After a brief period in college at California State University, Chico, he decided to leave school and enlist in the United States Navy as a Data Systems Technician.

Ramon served onboard USS Fort McHenry (LSD-43) in San Diego, California, and Sasebo, Japan, and USS Essex (LHD-2) in San Diego, California. Among other distinctions, he achieved Top Secret clearance, served as Master Helmsman onboard both ships, and Work Center Supervisor in charge of all computing system repairs onboard the USS Essex. He was awarded the Navy Good Conduct Award, the Navy "E" Ribbon (2 times), the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, the Navy Unit Commendation, the Sea Service Deployment Ribbon (2 times), the Southwest Asia Service Medal, the National Defense Service Medal, the National Defense Service Medal Desert Storm/Shield, was a certified 9mm Sharpshooter, and exited the Navy as a Data Systems Technician 2nd Class (E-5) after 6 years of service.

Ramon then entered the commercial work force working in IT support, eventually developing a specialty in Information Security. He currently works for RagingWire Data Centers in Sacramento, California as an Information Security Architect, responsible for aspects of the security of several Fortune 500 companies.

His genealogy research has revealed to him just how deep the roots of Catholicism run in his family, and he is proud to continue his family's tradition of faith and fidelity. Ramon married Tammy Haur-Jiun Chi in March 2012, and they are expecting a daughter, Aila Raye Gomez, in November 2012. He has two children, Tsyana Jasmine Gomez, and Phoenix Alexandria Gomez, from a prior marriage.

## New Member

**Larry Guile** was born in Sacramento. He is a graduate of Christian Brothers High School. He attended Cosumnes River, Sacramento City, and Sacramento State colleges obtained his degree in Criminal Justice.

He later used this to start a career with the Sacramento County Sheriff's Department. There he worked in various assignments including Patrol, Security and Corrections, and Detectives. He retired from the County after 26 years of service. While assigned to patrol services he met with his wife, Lori, and they have been married over 17 years. They have a daughter, and grand daughter.

Larry has been researching his family genealogy over thirty years, and has compiled a personal database of over 9,000 family members. Several of his distant relatives were founders of the towns of Cackleytown (now called Mills Point) WV. Fort Frye, VA, and Laneville, IN.

His family has a several noteworthy ancestors including a Congressional Medal of Honor Winner (Frank S. Gile), and a United States Secretary of State (Walter Gresham), who served under President Grover Cleveland.

Larry's application to join the SAR was approved in of Aug 2012. His patriot being Major John Harbison. Haribison enlisted as private in the 5th Battalion of the Pennsylvania Militia and rose through the ranks under Brig. Gen. George Rogers Clark as a scout and Indian fighter. On November 3, 1807, John Harbison was commissioned a Major in the Clark County militia and Major Commandant of the Harrison County Militia on January 13th 1809. In 1810 Maj Harbison was elected to represent Harrison County in the legislative Council where he served six terms, from 1810 to 1815.



**Larry Guile**

## September Meeting Photos



Larry Guile, Ramon Gomez, Roy Adkins, Glen Fine

Photos courtesy of Don Spradling

## September Meeting Photos



Alan Brooking, President Tom Chilton, Russ Kaiser



Hank Henderson



Ramon and Tammy Gomez

## September Meeting Photos



Speaker Nate Eckler and President Tom Chilton



Chaplain Jeff Goodwin



Roy and Martha Adkins



Clair Allen



Craig and Sandra Anderson

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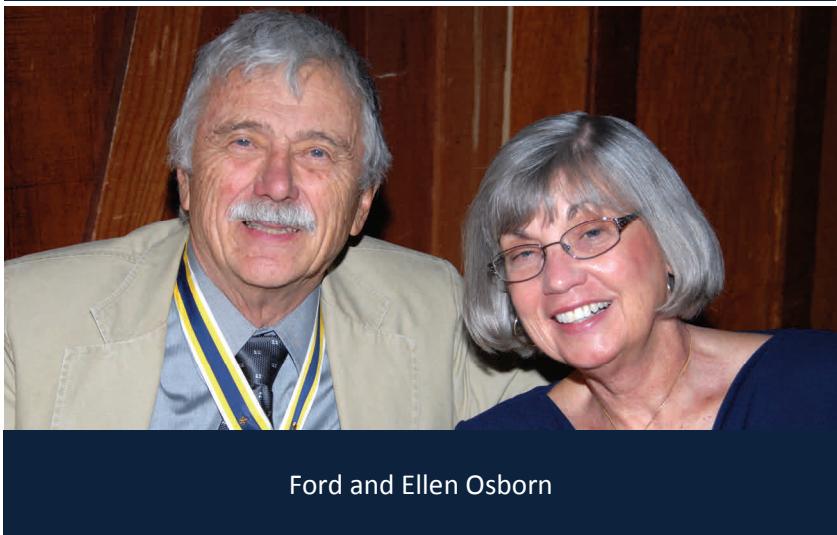
Tal and Sue Norwood



Susan and Alan Brooking



Don Clark



Ford and Ellen Osborn



9:00 AM Pacific Time  
Saturday, December 15, 2012

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## September Meeting Photos



Nate Eckler, Speaker



Medora Allen and Donna Spradling



Joe Mohamed and Ted Robinson



Karen and Jim Faulkinbury



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## Coming Events

**Veteran's Day — Sunday, November 11, 2012**

Sacramento Parade, Capitol Mall

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

Speaker to be announced — Cattlemens Restaurant

**9:00 AM Saturday, December 15, 2012**

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

**12:00 PM Saturday, December 22, 2012 — Luncheon Meeting**Vista del Lago High School Choral Group will provide Christmas Music  
Cattlemens Restaurant

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