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Annual Community Awards Program

Igor Birman, born in the Soviet Union in 1981, has seen his dedication to promoting the cause of freedom propel him to the position of one of Capitol Hill's most loyal defenders of personal liberty. Handpicked by Tom McClintock in 2009 as Chief of Staff for his Congressional Office, Igor became the youngest Chief of Staff in Congress and took an active role as Tom's senior policy and strategy advisor. A proud U.S. citizen from the age of nineteen, Igor and his family legally immigrated to the United States from the Soviet Union in 1994 after more than a decade of Soviet refusals to issue an exit permit.

At the age of thirteen, Igor started high school in Northern California two weeks after arriving in the United States. By the time he was 16, he had already enrolled as a full-time student at UC Davis where he received a degree in Political Science and gained attention for defending conservative principles as a student columnist. Igor holds a Doctor of Law from Emory University where he chaired the Federalist Society, and was admitted to the State Bar of California at the age of 25. An instrument-rated private pilot and an avid skier, Igor grew up in California and maintains a deep bond to the land he and his family have called home for the past 19 years.

With articles and op-eds published around the country and appearances on talk-radio, NPR, C-SPAN, and other California and national outlets, Igor has received attention not just for promoting American principles, but for embodying them, too. Having seen firsthand the misery that tyrannical government inflicts upon its people growing up in the Soviet Union, Igor has dedicated his life as a U.S. citizen to ensuring that the United States stays true to the ideals of its Founding Fathers, and remains a beacon of freedom and prosperity for the rest of the world. Igor resides in Rancho Cordova.



Cattlemens Meal Selections:

10 oz. Rib Eye Steak	\$24.
Grilled Salmon	\$24.
Teriyaki Chicken	\$24.
Pesto Spinach/Cheese Ravioli	\$24.
(vegetarian)	

Annual Community Awards Program
Friday, October 18, 2013, 7:00 PM
Cattlemens Restaurant
12409 Folsom Blvd., Rancho Cordova

If the telephone committee has not taken your reservation and menu selection(s) by **Wednesday evening, October 16**, please call Don Littlefield at (916) 985-6544 directly and leave a message by noon on Thursday. We strongly encourage reservations be made in advance. All reservations are guaranteed. Don't be a "no show." Wives, guests and visiting compatriots are always encouraged and welcome.

Officers for 2013**Russ Kaiser**

President

Don LittlefieldExecutive Vice President,
Treasurer, and Webmaster**Craig Anderson**

Vice President & Secretary

Ron Carello

Vice President & Registrar

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Genealogist**Jeff Goodwin**

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Don SpradlingPhotographer
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Ernie GarciaChairman
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Ed Heidig

Russ Kaiser

Don Littlefield

President's Corner

Fellow Compatriots,

The days are a bit shorter, the mornings a little colder and the leaves are starting to change color. That can only mean one thing: it's time for our annual awards dinner. Ernie Garcia is working feverishly to obtain the recipients for this year's awards. We should have quite a line up again. Tom told me that our speaker, Igor Birman, gave a very interesting presentation when he spoke at the UC Davis ROTC Banquet last spring. We are looking forward to hearing him speak at the awards banquet. I would hope that you have already marked your calendar for this fantastic event. Be sure to contact Don Littlefield and get your reservations in early. Space could be limited.

Last month we lost Chuck Highbough. We have a great article about Chuck in the newsletter, but I would like to comment here about him. I had several opportunities to meet and talk with Chuck. I had the pleasure in presenting him with the President's award for his past service to SAR along with Tom Chilton, Jim Faulkinbury, Ernie Garcia, and Don Littlefield. Chuck was his old friendly self and it was great to meet with him and his family. Chuck was the ultimate volunteer. He was instrumental in getting the color guard going and many other programs. In a way, I wouldn't be here without Chuck and volunteers like him.

November will be our elections for next year. We have many openings to fill for next year not to mention the on-going programs like color guard. Please take this time to think about how you can step up and support SACSAR.

Yours in patriotic service.
Russ



More about our speaker – Igor Birman

Mr. Birman understands the tax-exempt status of our organization as a 501(c)3 and the requirements imposed by IRS regulations to maintain that status. He will not be discussing any issues or answering questions that would appear to support a political candidacy.

Obituary

Charles Haden Highbaugh

Charles Highbaugh passed away on Thursday, September 19, 2013, after a long struggle with Myelodysplastic Syndrome (MDS). Born on September 12, 1941, in Billings, Montana, Chuck spent his childhood in Hardin, Montana.

Chuck joined the United States Navy and served as a Navy Aircraft Controller from 1960 through 1963. His last tour of duty was on Midway Island. After his discharge, he graduated from Bryant and Stratton College of Commerce College with a degree in accounting and moved to the Sacramento area where he worked as a corporate controller. He later owned a financial services firm. His hobbies included golf, treasure hunting, travel, acting, and film production.

Chuck's application to join the Sons of the American Revolution was approved on May 14, 1986. His patriot ancestor, George Highbaugh, was a Hussein soldier. He deserted his officers by jumping ship off the coast of Florida, and later surrendered to the Americans in Georgia. There he joined a small force of Continental soldiers under Capt. Mundergoose near Sansberry, GA. He later joined a force of Americans against the British in the battle of Briar Creek in South Carolina where he was wounded and taken prisoner by the British. He escaped and joined the American troops again near Savannah, GA. He fought with the French and Americans against the British in 1782. Three months later he was discharged at Savannah. George Highbaugh received a pension for his service to his country.



**Chuck Highbaugh
1941 - 2013**



**Chuck explains a detail about the
Revolutionary War to a 5th grade
student (2004)**

Revolution. He has made a significant contribution to the success of the Sacramento Chapter. He was also a 43 year member of the Elks and numerous other organizations.

He is survived by his wife, Dee, his son, Kevin Charles (Kris) Highbaugh, his daughter, Cheryl Lynn Highbaugh, grandchildren K.C. (Kevin Charles, Jr.), Megan and Marshall. He also leaves behind his mother, Madeline, and sister, Kris. A Celebration of Life was held for Chuck on Sunday, October 6, 2013, at the Serbian Orthodox Church in Fair Oaks.

Chuck is also a descendant of Solomon Kissinger. Solomon Kissinger was a Private in the Militia serving in Capt. James Samuel's Company from Jefferson County, VA. His company engaged the Shawnee Indians while serving under General George Rogers Clark. He also served as a guard of the station and the tar burner.

Chuck Highbaugh served our Chapter as vice president in 1988 and 1989, and as its president in 1990, 1991, 1993, 1994, 1998, and 1999. He was the Chapter Color Guard Commander, and coordinator for the history presentations to 5th grade students for many years. He has been awarded the SAR Centennial Medal (National) (1990), the Meritorious Service Medal (Sacramento) (1993), the Bronze Good Citizenship Medal (1996), the Liberty Medal (National) (1999), the numerous Past Presidents pins, and the President's Award (2013) for his service to the Sons of the American



**Chuck displays a CASSAR ribbon
the Color Guard was awarded as
Dee looks on (2004).**

Minutes - September 20, 2013 Meeting

by Craig Anderson

President Russ Kaiser called the meeting to order at 7: 00 PM. Past President Tom Chilton gave the Invocation. Sean Jones led the membership in the Pledge of Allegiance, and Ernest Garcia led the Pledge to the SAR.

President Kaiser recognized past presidents of the Sacramento Chapter and guests: Jim Faulkinbury, CASSAR Executive Vice President and Past President 2005 and 2006, and his wife, Karen, Tom Chilton, Sacramento Chapter Past President in 2000, 2001, 2002, 2004, and 2012, and his wife, Marilyn, Don Littlefield, Past President 2010 and 2011, current Executive Vice President, Treasurer, Webmaster, and CASSAR Chairman of the Wreaths Across America Program, and his wife, Mary Ann. President Kaiser also recognized Jeff Sylvan, President of the Delta Chapter, and his wife, Ursula. He also recognized Craig Anderson, Chapter Secretary, Carl Alhberg, SAR Calling Committee Chairman, Ernie Garcia, SAR Chairman of Activities, and Don Spradling, SAR Photographer.

President Kaiser recognized and welcomed DAR members present: Medora Allen, Libby Hulse, Cynthia Fine, and Marilyn Chilton from the Sacramento Chapter, Lee Lawson and Ann Taylor of the Amador-Sierra Chapter, Peg Wilson, past Regent of the General John A Sutter Chapter, and Susan Brooking, Vice Regent of the Gold Trail Chapter.

President Kaiser also recognized our guest speaker, John McGinness, new member of the Sacramento Chapter Tal Norwood, and prospective member Phillip Goold. Jim Faulkinbury presented a historical overview of the Taunton and Cowpens Flags.

Our new member, Tal Norwood, was asked to come forward. Past President Tom Chilton introduced him and read his biography. President Kaiser administered the SAR oath and presented him with his membership certificate, and Past President Tom Chilton pinned the SAR Rosette on him. All members came forward to offer the customary welcoming handshake.

Supplemental certificates were presented to Robert and Hal Lawson for their ancestor Abraham Overbaugh, a 2nd Lieutenant in Capt Anthony Abiel's Company of Col Anthony Van Bergen's Regiment of the Albany, NY county militia.

Jim Faulkinbury announced that the Color Guard would be participating in the Veteran's Day Parade and volunteers are welcome to participate. He also announced that volunteers are still needed for the Annual CASSAR Spring Meeting, which the Sacramento Chapter is hosting. Past President Don Littlefield encouraged Sacramento Chapter Members to show support for the incoming CASSAR President Jim Faulkinbury and register to attend the Saturday evening banquet. President Kaiser also announced that the Sacramento Chapter is in dire need of volunteers to participate in the various chapter duties both as Chapter Officers or Committee Chairmen or members of committees.

President Kaiser also announced that Carl Alhberg and Vince Gantt are recovering from surgery. Rich Tolman, a Vietnam War Veteran, is undergoing kidney dialysis. Chuck Highbaugh continues his fight with MDS. Russ Kaiser, Don Littlefield, Tom Chilton, Jim Faulkinbury, and Ernie Garcia recently presented him with the President's Award. Past President Tom Chilton described the great contributions Chuck Highbaugh has made to the Sacramento Chapter, including the creation of the current chapter Color Guard. It is felt that without Chuck Highbaugh's efforts, the Sacramento Chapter may have ceased to exist.

Past President Littlefield presented the Chapter Treasurer report; he reported that the Sacramento Chapter currently has \$17,379 in its bank accounts.



New Member - Tallmadge Floyd Norwood

Tallmadge (Tal) Floyd Norwood was sworn in as a new member at our meeting held on September 20, 2013. Tal "Pinball" Norwood has been a Shriner Clown (see photo to the right) for over 39 years and is a charter member of both the Ben Ali Shrine Clowns and the Western Shrine Clown Association. His application to join the Sons of the American revolution was approved on September 3, 2013. His patriot ancestor, William Anson Floyd, was a delegate from New York to the Continental Congress in 1774-1783. He was a signer of the Declaration of Independence.



Minutes - September 20, 2013 Meeting (continurd)

After dinner, President Kaiser introduced the guest speaker for the evening, John McGinness. Sheriff McGinness served for many years as a member of the elite Sheriff's Motorcycle Detail, where he was a training officer and team leader. He also served as a CSI investigator, homicide detective and department spokesman. Sheriff McGinness promoted through the ranks and ultimately commanded the Centralized Investigation Division until he was appointed Under-sheriff in March of 2001. He served as Under-sheriff until elected Sheriff in 2006. During his presentation, John discussed the importance of the US Constitution and Bill of Rights and how many of our freedoms guaranteed by the constitution are being threatened. He also discussed why he believed that organizations like the SAR are important in helping safeguard our freedoms.

President Kaiser thanked John for a very interesting presentation and presented him with a SAR Certificate of Appreciation and a Liberty Bell.

Don Littlefield conducted the raffle. President Kaiser thanked those who brought gifts, including Mary Ann and Don Littlefield, Donna and Don Spradling, Marilyn and Tom Chilton, Craig and Sandy Anderson, Shirley and Joe Mohamed Sr., George and Ann Taylor, Susan and Alan Brooking, Glen and Cynthia Fine, Jim and Karen Faulkinbury, and Vince and Jeni Gantt.

Don Littlefield announced that the guest speaker for the October Community Awards Dinner would be Igor Birman, Chief of Staff for U. S. Representative Tom McClintock (R-CA 4th District), and that the speaker for the November meeting would be Maj. Brian Shul (USAF ret), a SR71 Blackbird pilot.

President Kaiser thanked Don Littlefield for his assistance selling the raffle tickets, Don Spradling for taking pictures and maintaining the flags, and Tom Chilton for editing the newsletter. A motion to adjourn was made and seconded.

Joe Mohamed led the Recessional; Tom Chilton gave the Benediction. The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 PM, followed by the singing of God Bless America.

Respectfully Submitted
Craig Anderson, Chapter Secretary

Wreaths Across America Saturday, December 14, 2013, at 9:00 AM



Worcester Wreath Co. and its involvement with the Arlington project was inspired when at the early age of 12 years old, as a Bangor Daily News paperboy, Monill Worcester won a trip to the Nation's Capital. It was a trip he would never forget, and Arlington National Cemetery made an indelible impression. In later life, he recognized that his success as a businessman was in large part due to the values of this nation and the veterans who made the ultimate sacrifice for their country.

In 1992, Worcester Wreath Company of Harrington, Maine, found themselves with an excess of wreaths nearing the end of the holiday season. Seeing an opportunity to make a boyhood dream a reality, efforts to do something special with those wreaths began in earnest. With the help of Maine Senator Olympia Snowe and the Maine State Society of DC, arrangements were made for the wreaths to be placed at Arlington. Again an impression was made and he vowed to bring the wreaths every year.

In 2006, in response to thousands of e-mails and letters, Worcester Wreath expanded its wreath donations nationwide. With the help of the Civil Air Patrol and many others, ceremonies were held simultaneously at 230 locations. From the snow banks of Alaska to the sands of Iraq our nation's heroes were honored. From here Wreaths Across America was born.

The Sacramento Chapter's Color Guard, along with other Color Guards, will participate in the Wreaths Across America ceremony held at the Sacramento Valley National Cemetery in Dixon. CASSAR Executive Vice President Jim Faulkinbury will read the message from NSSAR President-General Joe Dooley. This event will be held on Saturday, December 14, 2013, at 9:00 AM. Mark your calendar now, and plan to attend this inspiring event. Wear warm clothing as it is sometimes very cold.

Photos from the September Meeting

Photos by Don Spradling



President Russ Kaiser presents John McGinness with the SAR Certificate of Appreciation.



President Russ Kaiser presents Hal and Robert Lawson with their Supplemental Certificates for their patriot ancestor, Abraham Overbaugh.



L-R: Don Littlefield, Joe and Shirley Mohamed, and John McGinness



Bob and Peg Wilson

Photos from the September meeting

Photos by Don Spradling



Clair and Medora Allen,
and her sister, Libby Hulse.



Mary Ann and Don Littlefield



Helen and Ernie Garcia



David Beach and his
daughter, Sarah

More photos from the September meeting

Photos by Don Spradling



Roy and Martha Adkins



Evan Jonas



Ernie Garcia and Sean Jones



Susan and Alan Brookings

Coming Events

November 1-2, 2013 Fall Board of Manager's Meeting at the Hacienda Hotel (LAX airport in El Segundo, CA (all members are welcome)

November 15, 2013 - Regular Meeting
7:00 at the Cattlemens Restaurant
Featured speaker - Maj. Brian Shul (USAF ret)

December 14, 2013 - Wreaths Across America
Sacramento Valley National Cemetery
Dixon, CA 9:00 AM

December 20, 2013 - Regular Meeting
7:00 PM at the Cattlemens Restaurant
Christmas music will be provided by
Vista del Lago High School

January 17, 2014 - Regular Meeting
7:00 PM at the Cattlemens Restaurant
Speaker to be announced

February 21, 2014 - Regular Meeting
7:00 PM at the Cattlemens Restaurant
Speaker to be announced

March 21, 2014 - Regular Meeting
7:00 PM at the Cattlemens Restaurant
Speaker to be announced

April 10-13, 2014 - Annual CASSAR Membership Meeting at the Embassy Suites in Sacramento. Samuel Adams (aka Rex Ruth) will be the featured speaker. Jim Faulkinbury will be installed CASSAR President. All members and their guests are welcome. Mark your calendars now!

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