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Dr. Ronald E. Geiger, D.C.

Dr. Geiger grew up in the Fair Oaks area and attended American River College, Sierra College and Sacramento State University prior to graduating with honors from Palmer College of Chiropractic in 1986. After graduation, Dr. Geiger worked in the clinic in San Carlos where the San Francisco 49ers received their chiropractic care. Patients on the Superbowl winning team included Joe Montana, Roger Craig, Russ Francis, Ronnie Lott and Jerry Rice. Working with the professional athletes became a passion, and he opened the doors to his clinic in Granite Bay with the intent of being close to the 49er's training camp in Rocklin. With his advanced training in sports injury treatment, he was sought after by many athletes and trainers, so in addition to his work with the 49ers, he began taking care of the Sacramento Kings, Sacramento's World Champion Jr. Lightweight Boxer Tony "The Tiger" Lopez World Heavyweight Boxing Champion Evander Holyfield, Professional Golfer "Chi Chi" Rodriguez, World Champion Kickboxer Dennis Alexio and many others.



The walls of Geiger Chiropractic are not only filled with pictures of famous athletes, but members of the community as well, as most of Dr. Geiger's attention is focused on treating family, friends and neighbors to the best chiropractic and natural healthcare has to offer. He has brought innovations and state of the art therapies to his clinic for the benefit of his community.

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Cattlemens Meal Selections:

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

Friday, October 17, 2014, 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 15** 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. Wives, guests and visiting compatriots are always welcome.

We are a 501(c)(3) non-profit charitable organization, EIN # 68-0004288

Current Officers**Russ Kaiser**

President

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

Vice President & Secretary

Ron Carello

Vice President & Registrar

Jim FaulkinburyColor Guard Coordinator
Genealogist**Jeff Goodwin**

Chaplain

Don SpradlingRegistrar
Guardian of the Flags**Neil Elvick**

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Americanism Poster Contest**Neil Zinn**Eagle Scout Program Chair-
man**Ernie Garcia**Chairman
Law Enforcement Program**Calling Committee****Carl Ahlberg, Chairman**Tom Chilton
Ernie Garcia
Alan Brooking
Roy Adkins**President's Corner****October Presidents message**

The Muskets have been silenced

I love California. I'm sitting on the back of my boat on the Sacramento River. Its early October and still 97 degrees, even though we are planning our Christmas program.

A reminder that next month are the elections of officers and we still need some officers such as Registrar.

The article title implies that something has happened and it has. There have been discussion at the State and National level about the liabilities of musket firing at public venues, especially parades. So far the insurance companies either won't cover us or have prices so prohibitive we can't afford it. So.....

The "experts" are saying it's not safe for the observers and we can't insure their protection. The other possibilities that may occur might be a dog getting scared and biting someone or some other such occurrence.

My personal feelings, being not only in the color guard but as an officer in this organization, is that while the State and National officers are entirely correct in their concerns considering today's litigious society, it is still a sad day. Many of the folks that come to watch us march are there to hear the roar of the muskets. A cheer rises from the crowd and the chant "fire 'em off again!" resonates through the crowd. Many times we just can't load and fire fast enough for them.

I have racked my brain trying to think of a way around this, even considering having a firing squad only at the reviewing stand, in a controlled area and having the reviewers announce that we will be firing the muskets so that no one is caught unaware. I am concerned however that most of the squad will not want to fire a single volley, and then spend the next hour or two cleaning their muskets for only a single round. Not to mention the few in the "guard" that will only come if the muskets are to be fired. Attendance is a problem as it is, so losing a few key participants intensifies the problem.

So for the time being our muskets have been silenced, at least at the parades.

Russ Kaiser

SARSAC President

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**Russ Kaiser, President**

Sons of the American Revolution—Sacramento Chapter

Meeting Minutes September 19, 2014

President Russ Kaiser called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Chaplain Jeff Goodwin gave the invocation, Don Littlefield led the membership in the Pledge of Allegiance, and Ramon Gomez led the Pledge to the SAR.

President Kaiser recognized Past Presidents of the Sacramento Chapter and guests: Jim Faulkinbury, CASSAR President and Sacramento Chapter Past President 2005 and 2006 and his wife Karen; Tom Chilton, Past President 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, Jeff Goodwin, CASSAR Chancellor, Past President 2009, and current Sacramento Chapter Chaplain, and Jeff Sylvan, Past President of the Delta Chapter and his wife Ursula.

President Kaiser recognized Joe Mohamed, VP Programs, Erie Garcia, Chairman Activities; Craig Anderson, Chapter Secretary; Carl Alhberg, SAR Calling Committee Chairman; and Don Spradling, SAR Photographer.

President Kaiser recognized and welcomed DAR members present: Marilyn Chilton from the Sacramento Chapter; Susan Brooking, Vice Regent, of the Gold Trail Chapter; Ruth Edmonson-Johnson, Past Regent and Ann Taylor from the Sierra-Amador Chapter; and Susan Broderick, Chaplain CAADAR District II and Regent of the John Sutter Chapter DAR.

Ernie Garcia introduced his guest, Phil Luga and Phil's son Josh.

President Kaiser introduced our guest speaker, Colonel Frasier Fortner, (USAF Ret.) and his wife Catherine, new members Michael Lee Hull and William Johnston Randolph, and prospective member Roger Kientz and his wife Diane, a member of the Solano Chapter DAR.

President Kaiser made several announcements:

President Kaiser attended Revolutionary War Days in Nevada City and marched in the parade with the Gold Country Chapter Color Guard.

President Kaiser and CASSAR President Jim Faulkinbury participated in Constitution Day at Sierra College where they handed out 800 pocket constitutions in one hour.

The Eagle Scouts has requested the Sacramento Color Guard in uniform at their Court of Honor on Oct 11th at 12:00PM.

The Sacramento Chapter annual awards banquet will be held on Oct 17th at the Cattlemen's Restaurant.

The El Dorado Chapter DAR has requested participation from the Sacramento Color Guard on October 25th at 10:00AM for the DAR District meeting they are hosting.

November 11th is the Sacramento Veterans Day Parade and we need participants.

We still need members to step forward and help with the Color Guard.

CASSAR President Jim Faulkinbury reminded the membership that the Fall CASSAR Board of Managers Meeting will be on November 6th through 8th in Petaluma, CA. During this meeting there will be several important issues to be voted on and currently there are no Sacramento Chapter members registered. He encouraged members to attend and have a voice in the decisions that will be made.

Present Kaiser announced that Clair Allen has fallen and has been in and out of the hospital; he is awaiting knee surgery. Compatriot Richard Tolman and is awaiting a kidney transplant. Compatriot Harry Hutton's wife, Roberta, passed away on August 1st.

President Kaiser talked about upcoming meetings this year: The August members meeting produced a list of candidates for Chapter officers that will be voted on. President Kaiser asked for any other members interested in holding an office to let him know. The December meeting will be a joint meeting with the Gold Country, Mother Lode, and Delta Chapter. It was pointed out that our meeting room capacity is only 80; seating will be limited, so make your reservations early.



Craig Anderson

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September 19th Minutes Continued

Alan Brooking and President Kaiser conducted the raffle. President Kaiser thanked those who brought gifts: Don and Donna Spradling, Tom and Marilyn Chilton, Jim and Karen Faulkinbury, Craig and Sandy Anderson, and Ron and Patty Proffer.

President Kaiser thanked Susan Brookings for her assistance selling the raffle tickets, Alan Brooking for being the Cashier, Don Spradling for taking pictures and maintaining the flags, Carl Alhberg for chairing the Calling committee, and Neil Elvick for editing the newsletter. A motion to adjourn was made and seconded.

Ernie Garcia led the Recessional and Chaplain Jeff Goodwin gave the Benediction. The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 PM.

Respectfully Submitted

Craig Anderson, Chapter Secretary

September Program

Photos by Don Spradling



Colonel Fortner and his wife Catherine



Russ Kaiser and Colonel Fortner



**Colonel Frasier Fortner,
USAF, Ret.**

Colonel Fortier has had a long and illustrious career as an Air Force Pilot. He is a well known speaker in the Sacramento area. He is also well versed in America's history and he light-heartedly recounted many instances of historical events that didn't quite happen exactly as we had pictured it.

News and Photos from September 19 Meeting

Photos by Don Spradling



Tom Chilton, Michael Lee Hull, Jim Faulkinbury, William Randall and Russ Kaiser



Michael Lee Hull and William Johnston Randall



Michael Lee Hull

Michael Lee Hull was born in Abilene, Texas on October 17, 1961. He grew up in Abilene and then graduated from Del Norte High School in Albuquerque, New Mexico in 1980. He graduated from Menlo College in Menlo Park, California with an Associates Degree in 1982.

Currently he operates his own business, Liberty Floor Solutions, a cleaning and restoration service for flooring in Sacramento. He has been a football coach at Sheldon High School for thirty years and also serves as a certified Olympic strength coach. He is married and has two children, a son and a daughter, who are both nationally ranked weight lifters.

Michael's application to join the Sons of the American Revolution was approved on July 31, 2014. His patriot ancestor, George Adam Koiner, was a Private in Captain Andrew McKee's Company in the 2nd Battalion, Cumberland County Pennsylvania Militia.

In addition he is a direct descendant of William Penn and a distant relative of Cordell Hull, who was Secretary of State under President Franklin Roosevelt.



William Johnston Randolph

William Johnston Randolph was born in Parkersburg, West Virginia on July 23, 1960, and spent his childhood in Parkersburg and then Wheeling, WV. He attended WV Community College, West Liberty University and West Virginia University, where he graduated with a Master of Science in Public Health.

Military Service: He joined the U. S. Army in 1986 and has served for 24+ years, retiring as a Military Police Company First Sergeant.

Bill is presently still in the process of transitioning in his Army Retirement. He is interested in spending this next chapter of his life working for Veterans causes and being involved with his church. His hobbies include music, Bill sings and plays the acoustic guitar, research and theological studies, and looks forward to digging deeper into his genealogy.

Bill's application to join the Sons of the American Revolution was approved in August, 2014. His patriot ancestor, Abraham Randolph was a Private in the North Carolina Militia for 3 months in 1780 and another 3 months beginning in September 1781. He was engaged at the Battle of Raft Swamp.

Photos from September 19 Meeting

Photos by Don Spradling

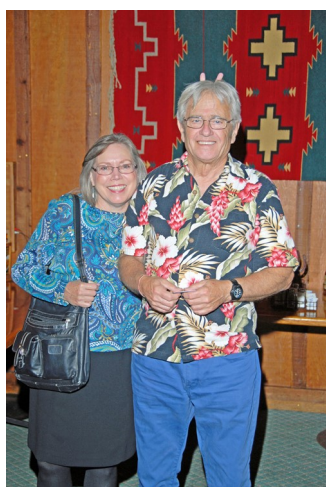


James Jeffries Goodwin, Ernie Garcia and Russ Kaiser. Ernie received Distinguished Service Award



Jeff Goodwin and Russ Kaiser

Two new supplemental ancestors for Jeff. He now has four. "Martin Judy Sr and Jr were born in Switzerland and came to PA and both fought in the "German" regiment against the Hessians. The second family was also a father son group but the son changed the spelling of their name. The father was Jefferys and the son spelled it Jeffries, my middle name. Both Judy and Jeffries received land in Kentucky where their descendants married into the Goodwin family where father was born in 1914."



Patty and Ron Proffer



From left to right: Helen Garcia, Ernie Garcia, Susan Brooking, Alan Brooking



From left to right: Joe Mohamed, Marilyn Chilton, Shirley Mohamed and Tom Chilton



Russ Kaiser and Donna Baca

Photos from September 19, 2014 Meeting

Photos by Don Stradling



Tammy and Ramon Gomez and children



**Scott Stiewig & guest Lynn Wilber
(DAR)**



**Ursula and Jeff Sylvan
Jeff is past president of
Delta Chapter**



**George and Ann Taylor
Ann is Regent, DAR Sierra Amador Chapter**



Paul Callahan, NSSAR ROTC contest chairman, Cameron Hoover, Joe Dooley, NSSAR President-General

Last spring, Cameron Hoover was the winner of the Sacramento Chapter essay contest for local ROTC students from this area. The topic for the essay was Friedrich Von Steuben and the role he played in the American Revolutionary Army. As the local winner, he was entered in the statewide contest, which he also won. He is pictured above receiving the award and check for winning the national contest.

Annual Awards Ceremony



**Deputy Paul Pfeifer
Sacramento Sheriff's
Department**



**Sergeant Randy Winn
Sacramento Sheriff's
Department**



**Officer Andrea Donohue
West Sacramento
Police Department**

The law enforcement officers pictured above will be honored during the awards ceremony at the October 17 meeting.

Elections

It's that time of year again. Election of officers for 2015 will be held at the November meeting. These are the candidates who have come forward for the elective offices so far:

- President—Craig Anderson
- Executive Vice President—Don Littlefield
- Secretary— Carl Ahlberg
- Registrar—Open
- VP Programs—Jim Warrick
- Treasurer—Don Littlefield

Still time to come forward for anyone who wants to run for the above positions.



Mark your calendar now!

For the 140th Fall Board of Managers meeting
of the

California Society

Sons of the American Revolution

November 6th – 8th, 2014

Sheraton Sonoma County - Petaluma

The gateway to California's Wine Country

Hosted by CASSAR and the Redwood Empire Chapter

Registration is \$135 and includes the Friday Luncheon, Saturday Luncheon and Saturday Banquet. Our special room rate is \$139 per night

The Sheraton Sonoma County is located at 745 Baywood Drive, Petaluma, CA 94954 just off US 101 and next to the Petaluma River. Airline service is available via Alaska Airlines from Los Angeles and San Diego to the Charles M. Schulz Airport in Santa Rosa.

Please Look for Your Registration form On-Line at www.CaliforniaSAR.org.

Coming Events

October 17, 2014—Regular Meeting
7:00 PM at the Cattlemens Restaurant
Speaker Dr. Ronald E. Geiger D.C.
Also annual awards ceremony.

November 21, 2014—Regular Meeting
7:00 PM at the Cattlemens Restaurant
Speaker to be announced
Elections for 2015 officers

November 6th-8th, 2014 - 140th Fall Board
of Managers meeting of the CASSAR.

December 19, 2014—Regular Meeting
7:00 PM at the Cattlemens Restaurant
Annual Christmas program "Vista Del Lago
Choral Ensemble"

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