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October Program

Chief Deputy Kristofor Palmer Sacramento County Sheriff's Department

Chief Kristofor Palmer started his career with the Sacramento County Sheriff's Department in September of 1994. As a Deputy, he worked assignments at the Court-house, Main Jail, North Patrol and the Sheriff's Department's Special Enforcement Detail/SWAT Team. As a Sergeant, Kris supervised at the Rio Cosumnes Correctional Center, Main Jail, Security Services Division and the Gang Suppression Unit of the Impact Division. As a Lieutenant, he served as a Watch Commander in the North Patrol Division, Executive Lieutenant of North Patrol, Impact Division and the Professional Standards Division.

In 2015, he promoted to the rank of Captain and was responsible for overseeing the North Patrol Division. Kris promoted to the rank of Chief Deputy in charge of Contract and Regional Services in 2017.

Kris is dedicated to servicing the community and frequently volunteers for many community events, neighborhood and business watch meetings.

Kris received a Bachelor of Science Degree in Criminal Justice, and is married to his wife, Faith. Kris and Faith have two daughters and two grandchildren.



Kristofor Palmer

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Cattlemens Meal Selections

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| Ribeye Steak | \$30. |
| Sirloin Steak | \$25. |
| Grilled Salmon | \$25. |
| Lemon Chicken | \$25. |
| Pesto Spinach/Cheese Ravioli | \$25. |
| (vegetarian) | |

Friday, Oct. 20, 2017 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, Oct 18, 2017**, please call Michael Brady at (916) 647-3716 directly and leave a message by noon on Thursday or mlbrady@sbcglobal.net. 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.

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Brochure Contest**Mike Hull & Del Hansen**

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Michael Brady

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President's Corner Sept. 2017**Presidents Message
October 20, 2017**

Our October meeting is our annual First Responders awards dinner. Del Hanson, Mike Hull, and Ernie Garcia have put together a great program for the evening. We will recognize nominees from the California Highway Patrol, Sacramento County Sheriff's Department, Sacramento Police Department, West Sacramento Police, and from the FBI. You will be amazed at the events these individuals faced and the actions they took to protect human life and protect our community. Given the social unrest we are facing in this country, this is our opportunity to thank all First Responders who place themselves on the line each-and-every day to make our communities a safe and more civil place for us to live, work, and enjoy our friends and families.

**Don Littlefield**

2018 dues notices were sent to members having email addresses the first of October. This year, we have also offered a credit card payment option for those interested. If you haven't received your 2018 Dues Notice, please contact our Registrar, Jim Faulkinbury, or me, as soon as possible. We will be mailing hard copy 2018 Dues Notices to all who have not paid by October 15, 2017. We need to have 2018 Dues Notices returned to us by November 1, to allow us time to prepare the dues reconciliation for the State Society. This include all Life Members as well and Annual Members. We need to validate our membership roster each year before it is sent to National. In addition, please make sure you update the personal information on the notice when you send it back; it's your opportunity to update your phone numbers, postal service mail, and internet email addresses. We appreciate your diligence in remitting your payments and confirming your contact information.

And, please mark your calendars now... our Friday, November 17, Veterans Appreciation meeting will be held at the Carmichael BPOE Elks Lodge 2103, 5631 Cypress Avenue, Carmichael, CA. The meeting will commence at 7:00 PM as usual.

Minutes from September 2017 Meeting

Sons of the American Revolution – Sacramento Chapter

Minutes Sacramento Chapter Meeting, September 15, 2017

Since Sacramento President Alan Brooking has stepped down from his office due to his health and the need to undergo medical treatment, Past President Faulkinbury called the meeting to order at 7:00 and explained how, under our Chapter Bylaws, the Executive Vice President will become the new Chapter President in the absence of the elected President. He then called on CASSAR President Jim Fosdyck and c, Don Littlefield, to come up to have the swearing in of Don by CASSAR President Fosdyck. Following the swearing in, President Littlefield took over the meeting. Jeff Goodwin gave the Invocation, The Luther Burbank High School NJROTC Color Guard presented the Colors, Derek Brown, CASSAR Executive VP led the Pledge of Allegiance, and Joe Moorhead led the Pledge to the SAR.

President Littlefield next introduced the National and State Officers and Sacramento Past Presidents who were present. They included CASSAR President Jim Fosdyck and his wife Un Hui Yi who is President of the CASSAR Ladies Auxiliary; CASSAR Executive Vice President Derek Brown and his wife Janet who is a member of the CASSAR Ladies Auxiliary; CASSAR Past President, Sacramento Chapter Past President, and current Sacramento Chapter Secretary, Registrar, and Genealogist, Jim Faulkinbury who is also the Sr. President of the Capitol Society Children of the American Revolution; CASSAR Secretary and Sacramento Chapter Past President Craig Anderson; Sacramento Chapter Past President and current Sacramento Chapter Color Guard Commander and CASSAR Color Guard Adjutant North, Russ Kaiser; Past Sacramento Chapter President Tom Chilton and his wife Marilyn who is a member of the Sacramento Chapter DAR and the CASSAR Ladies Auxiliary; Sacramento Chapter Past President and current Sacramento Chapter Chaplain, Jeff Goodwin; Carl Ahlberg, Sacramento Chapter VP of meetings and Chairman of the Brochure Program and our new School Guard Coordinator with his wife Inga; Mike Brady, Chairman of the Calling Committee with his wife Deborah who is a member of the Sierra-Amador Chapter DAR; Phil Noble, our new Chapter Cashier; Michael Hull, Co-Chairman of the Community Awards Program and Law Enforcement Liaison, and custodian of our historic flags; Roy Adkins, Chairman of the ROTC/JROTC Program; Don Spradling, our long-time Chapter photographer and Guardian of the Flags, Ann Taylor, Regent of the Sierra-Amador Chapter DAR

Our other guests were prospective members, Brian Charter, and George Perrin with his wife Florence and Wesley Carter, a guest of Roy Adkins.

Following introductions, Michael Hull was asked to come forward and discuss the two historic flags he brought tonight --- the Proctor's Battalion and the Pennsylvania 1st Continental Regiment also known as the 1st Rifles.

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Jim Faulkinbury, Secretary



Proctor's Battalion



Pennsylvania 1st Continental Regiment

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President Littlefield then asked CASSAR President Fosdyck and CASSAR Executive VP, Brown to give their remarks. They discussed the upcoming Board of Managers meeting in Irvine in November and the April 2018 Annual Meeting at the Concord Hilton. CASSAR President presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Jim Faulkinbury for his wife, Karen who was unable to attend, for her support of the Ladies Auxiliary during the April 2017 Annual CASSAR Meeting. Ladies Auxiliary President Un Hui Yi discussed the fund raising for the November meeting and Janet Brown discussed the “make-believe ice cream social” as a fund-raiser for the Ladies Auxiliary. The objective is to donate the amount that would be spent for an ice cream at one of the various ice cream parlors in our area. The funds raised by the LAUX go towards CASSAR programs including the youth programs and the 2019 Congress to be held in California.

Color Guard Commander, Russ Kaiser, mentioned the recent participation of the Chapter Color Guard in the presentation of the Colors for the FBI meeting held in Sacramento earlier this month.

As Sr. President of the C.A.R., Jim Faulkinbury gave a pitch for support of that organization which is part of the SAR youth programs. Following his remarks, President Littlefield asked for a motion to donate \$250 for the Capitol Society. The motion passed. As Chapter Secretary, Jim also discussed the plans for this year’s dues collection to be started soon with an email notice to all members in hopes of reducing the cost of mailings. The second notice will be sent to those whose dues are outstanding by snail mail.

President Littlefield then gave our concerns about a couple of our members recent health issues. Alan Brooking is undergoing chemo-therapy for throat cancer to be followed by further treatment for non-Hodgkin’s Lymphoma, and Don Clark recently had a stroke.

We then recessed for the dinner meal.

Following dinner, JROTC Chairman Roy Adkins introduced our guest speaker, Commander Thomas Jones, a member of the Sacramento Chapter and the Sr. JROTC Instructor at the Luther Burbank High School Naval JROTC program. He brought with him the Luther Burbank HS JROTC Color Guard which presented the Colors to start our meeting and also members of their Rifle Team that demonstrated their skills in the manual of arms. He briefly discussed his background as a Naval Aviator, how he now enjoys the role of Sr. Instructor for the JROTC program, and the benefits of that program and the opportunities that it provides to the cadets. He noted that the cadets in the program have provided over 5,000 hours of community service and that 100% of the cadets in the program graduate from High School with many receiving college scholarships.

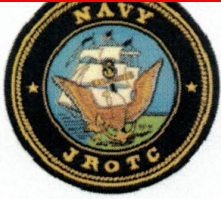
Following the program, President Littlefield presented Commander Jones with a Certificate of Appreciation and a Liberty Bell for his program. He also presented a Certificate of Appreciation to the Luther Burbank Color Guard and Rifle Team and an honorarium for their participation. He then announced that our October meeting will be our annual Community Awards – First Responders recognition program.

The raffle was then held. Those donating gifts were, Don & Donna Spradling, Phillip & Kathleen Noble, Jim & Karen Faulkinbury, Evan Jonas, Carl & Inga Ahlberg, Craig & Sandy Anderson, Ron & Luann Hollis, Michael & DJ Brady, Harlan & Sidney Tougaw, Jeff & Mary Ann Goodwin, and Tom & Marilyn Chilton. Following the raffle, President Littlefield thanked Phil Noble for being the Cashier, and conducting the raffle, Don Spradling for taking pictures and maintaining the flags, Neil Elvick for editing the newsletter, and Kathy Noble, Marilyn Chilton, and Donna Spradling for all their efforts and hospitality.

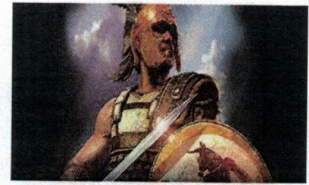
He then asked for a motion to adjourn which was followed by Phil Noble leading us in the SAR Recessional. Chaplain Goodwin gave the Benediction after which we sang *God Bless America* as the Luther Burbank NJROTC Color Guard presented the Colors. The meeting was adjourned at 9:17 PM.

Respectfully submitted

Jim Faulkinbury, Secretary



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September 19th, 2017

SAR Sacramento Chapter,

Thank you for the opportunity to speak at our recent September dinner meeting. Your support of our cadets is impressive and most welcomed. Our cadets very much appreciated the opportunity to demonstrate their skills and enjoy dinner with the SAR members. I asked the cadets what they thought of the historic flag presentations and other meeting agenda items; they really enjoyed meeting the SAR members, performing and learning about the flags and the historic significance our SAR organization. They were also very thankful for the opportunity to learn more about American history from such esteemed teachers.

Finally, thank you for your generous donation of \$250.00 to the Luther Burbank High School Navy JROTC, "The Titan Battalion." In recent years school district and Navy funding have been drastically reduced to JROTC programs; your donations make a significant and positive impact on our ability to provide outstanding cadet leadership training.

SAR Sacramento Council clearly realizes the importance of supporting excellence in leadership training and we salute you! Your donations will help fund several cadet leadership training opportunities throughout the 2017-2018 school year including:

1. Area-13 NJROTC Drill Championships; Reno, NV; March 3rd, 2018
2. Navy NJROTC Drill Championships, Tacoma, WA; April 21st, 2018
3. Cadet college orientation visits to several universities.
4. Over 50 cadets will attend summer leadership training in summer 2018 including:
 - a. Northwest Leadership Academy
 - b. Nationals Drill Camp
 - c. Basic Leadership Training
 - d. Cyber Patriot ~ Computer & Cybersecurity training
 - e. Aerospace Leadership Academy
 - f. American Legion Boy's State and Girl's State Leadership Summits

Please visit our website to see your sponsor page for the SAR Sacramento Council as a Titan Navy JROTC sponsor ~ see the "Donors" tab at: www.LutherBurbankNJROTC.com

Again, thank you for your ongoing and outstanding support of the Titan Battalion Navy JROTC!

Warm Regards,

Commander Tom Jones USN (Retired)
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Program for September 2017 Meeting

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**Commander Tom Jones
USN Retired**



**Don Littlefield and Commander Tom Jones
Received Certificate of Appreciation
and Liberty Bell**



**Luther Burbank H. S. NJROTC
Presenting the Colors**



NJROTC Honor Guards Doing Maneuvers



**Luther Burbank H. S. NJROTC
& Cert. of Appreciation**



**NJROTC with Commander Jones & Roy Ad-
kins, Chairman Chapter ROTC/JROTC Program**

September 2017 Meeting

Photos by Don Spradling



**CASSAR President, Jim Fosdyck, swearing in
Executive Vice President, Don Littlefield as Chapter President**



**Michael Hull, discussing the two
historic flags displayed**



**Prospective member, Wesley Carter,
and Roy Adkins**



**CASSAR Executive Vice President Derek Brown
and his wife Janet**



**CASSAR Executive Vice President Derek
Brown & Don Littlefield**

September 2017 Meeting

Photos by Don Spradling



Jim Faulkinbury Sr., Registrar & Genealogist; President, Capitol Society Children of the American Revolution; Past CASSAR & Sacramento President



Carl Ahlberg, Vice President of Meetings



Joe Moorhead, Don Littlefield, Philip Noble



Past Sacramento Chapter President Tom Chilton and his wife Marilyn, a member of the Sacramento Chapter DAR and the CASSAR Ladies Auxiliary



Susan & Tal Norwood



Will Gunter & Evan Jonas

Stories from the American Revolution

Benjamin Franklin in the Cockpit

Benjamin Franklin spent much time in England in the 1750's and again beginning in 1764, both times to support action to limit the Penn family's political influence in Pennsylvania. He was already well-known as a printer, scientist, author and inventor and he became a popular figure in London and at this time Franklin still loved anything British. But his fascination with all things British began to wane with the subsequent unpopular laws that Parliament was passing.

Back in America these laws were beginning to cause increasing friction between Britain and the Colonies and this was especially so in Massachusetts. The Royal Governor there, Thomas Hutchinson, became deeply unpopular and demonstrations by the local populace became almost daily occurrences. At about this time Franklin came into possession of some secret British government documents, letters that had been written by Governor Hutchinson and other Massachusetts officials. One of the letters contained this sentence "There must be an abridgement of what are called English liberties."

Franklin discretely passed these letters (leaked them) to the Speaker of the Massachusetts legislature who then passed them on to Samuel and John Adams. Despite advice from Franklin not to publish them, they did so and the British became outraged. Speculation upon who was the culprit that did this was rampant and went on for several months. Finally Franklin confessed that it was he who was the culprit.

When Franklin was called before a meeting of Privy Council he wrongly assumed it was for another reason. The Privy Council consisted of a group of the King's most trusted advisors and Franklin was shocked to find out that its purpose now was to attack him for his actions in leaking these documents. He made the case for himself that the letters "were written by public officers to persons in public stations, on public affairs." He asked to be represented by a lawyer, and so a hearing was scheduled. Before this hearing was held news arrived from America about the Boston Tea Party. This hearing couldn't have come at a worse time.

The room where the hearing was held was called the "Cockpit." The name comes from the time of Henry VIII when cockfights were held there. It must have been the most humiliating experience of his life. The room was packed. Franklin stood motionless for the next hour while he was repeatedly verbally assaulted before the leaders of London society. This hour in the "Cockpit" changed Franklin's allegiance forever. When he returned home in May 1775 he was almost immediately appointed as a delegate to the 2nd Continental Congress.



Franklin in the Cockpit. The fancy velvet suit he wore here would be worn again in 1783 when he was signing the Treaty of Paris that ended the Revolutionary War. He considered that a form of revenge.

Links

SAR Sacramento Chapter photos from our dinner meetings can be accessed and downloaded at <https://sar.smugmug.com/> & enter **Patriot**

Information for assembling a uniform or militia outfit is now online at: <http://www.sar-sacramento.org/uniforms.shtml>.

Coming Events

November 17, 2017 —Regular Meeting
Veterans Appreciation Night, Elks Lodge BPOE
2103, 5631 Cypress Ave., Carmichael, CA 95608

November 11, 2017 - Veterans Day Parade
11:00 AM on Sacramento's Capitol Mall

October 20, 2017 — Regular Meeting
7:00 PM at the Cattlemens Restaurant
Annual Community Awards – First Responders
Recognition Program

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