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September's Program

Sheriff John McGinness spent over 27 years with the Sheriff's Department before retiring in 2010. He is a highly decorated veteran with a background in many high profile assignments.

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.

Sheriff McGinness is an Adjunct Professor of Criminal Justice, Communications, Leadership and Professional Studies with California State University. After retiring, he accepted a position as host on Sacramento's top rated News Talk radio program broadcast on AM 1530, KFBK.

Sheriff McGinness holds a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Criminal Justice with a minor in Public Administration and a Master of Science Degree in Emergency Services Administration from California State University, Long Beach. He is also a graduate of the prestigious West Point Leadership Institute. He was appointed to the POST Commission by Governor Schwarzenegger in 2007.

Sheriff McGinness lives in Folsom with his wife, Peggy, and their two children.



Cattlemens Meal Selections:

10 oz. Top Sirloin Steak	\$24.
Grilled Salmon	\$24.
Teriyaki Chicken	\$24.
Pesto Spinach/Cheese Ravioli	\$24.

Next meeting

Friday, September 20, 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, September 18**, 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.

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Ernie Garcia

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President's Corner

Fellow Compatriots,

I hope you have all had a happy and safe summer. As we get ready for our September 20th meeting and the rest of 2013, we are again reminded of our commitment to SAR. Our chapter is in need of help in almost every department and task. I ask you to step forward and help us continue to be the success we are. We need help with making phone calls and co-chairing the position while Carl Ahlburg is recovering, finding a replacement for our Registrar, Ron Carello who is being pulled away due to scheduling conflicts, finding a replacement for Tom Chilton, who is publishing the newsletter, assisting Jim Faulkinbury and the special events committee, and especially with the color guard, the "showcase" of the chapter.

October 18th will be 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 next month. I would hope that you have already marked your calendar for this fantastic event.

Yours in patriotic service.

Russ



Minutes - June 21 Meeting

by Craig Anderson

President Russ Kaiser called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Past President Tom Chilton gave the invocation. Ron Proffer led the membership in the Pledge of Allegiance, and Ernie 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 Treasurer, 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, and Scott Lawson, a Sacramento Chapter member who lives in Southern California.

President Kaiser recognized and welcomed DAR members present: Medora Allen and Marilyn Chilton from the Sacramento Chapter, and Susan Brookings, Vice Regent of the Gold Trail Chapter.

Other guests recognized were Richard Noonan, our guest speaker from the Sacramento Railroad Museum, Kirk Giles and his daughter, Kelsey, David Reid, and Bob Chapman and his wife, Bernadine. Kirk is a new member, and both David and Scott are prospective members.

Jim Faulkinbury presented a historical overview of the Proctor's flag and the French Alliance flag.

Our new member, Kirk Gilles, was asked to come forward. Past President Jim Faulkinbury introduced him and read his biography. President Kaiser administered the SAR oath and presented him with his membership certificate, and Past President Jim Faulkinbury pinned the SAR Rosette on him. All members came forward to offer the customary welcoming handshake. Compatriot Chris Stephenson was asked to come forward. President Kaiser announced that Chris has enlisted in the US Army and will be leaving for basic training in mid July. President Kaiser thanked him for his upcoming service and presented him with a SAR Challenge Coin.

Treasurer Don Littlefield reported that the Sacramento Chapter received a check for \$500 from Health Net Foundation's "Heart and Soul" Program. This award was obtained for the Sacramento Chapter by Compatriot Bob Rectenwald.

Past President Jim Faulkinbury announced that the Sacramento Chapter will participate in the Carmichael Elks 4th of July Parade. Ernie Garcia announced that the Color Guard will participate in the ceremony at Pershing Square in the Presidio of San Francisco honoring the founding of San Francisco on June 27th 1776. SAR members are invited.

Other announcements included the passing of Christie Kaiser on May 29, 2013. Member George Taylor had back surgery and is convalescing.

After dinner, President Kaiser introduced the guest speaker for the evening, Dick Noonan. Richard N. "Dick" Noonan is Manager of Railroad Operations for the Sacramento Southern Railroad, California State Railroad Museum. He joined the Museum as a Docent in November 1981, and was a member of the original railroad crew which began operation in June 1984. He is a Steam Locomotive Fireman, Locomotive Engineer- Diesel Service, Brakeman, and Trainmaster.

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

President Russ Kaiser and Treasurer Don Littlefield conducted the raffle. Don Littlefield thanked those who brought gifts. We lost the list of donors, but we thank those who brought gifts and those who bought tickets for their contributions to the chapter.

President Kaiser thanked Mary Ann Littlefield for her 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. Eric Neilson led the Recessional and Tom Chilton gave the Benediction. The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 PM.

Respectfully Submitted
Craig Anderson, Chapter Secretary



Notes From the 123rd National Congress Kansas City, Missouri July 6 -10, 2013

by Jim W. Faulkinbury

For those arriving on July 5th, an optional tour of the Steamboat Arabia Museum was available. The Arabia sank in 1856 loaded rich with goods. It quickly sank into the mud as the current ate the mud away around it taking it ever deeper. A few years later the course of the Missouri River changed slightly leaving the Arabia 65 feet below the surface of land for the next 132 years when it was finally rediscovered and restored into a museum.

Saturday July 6th included another optional tour of Kansas City and, in the evening, the Host Society Reception held in the National World War I Museum. The Museum was open for viewing of the exhibits during the reception, and held many artifacts from the Great War.

Sunday began the official activities of the Congress. I attended the Color Guard Breakfast with over 110 members of the National Color Guard attending the Congress. That was followed by a meeting of the Mexico Society where I was elected Secretary/Treasurer of MXSSAR. After lunch, the Color Guard formed for an inspection by President General, Stephen Leishman, and then marched to the Grace Holy Trinity Cathedral for the annual Memorial Service. Following dinner on our own, the finals of the Orations Contest were held. It was a real treat to listen to the six finalists give their entries.

The real business of the Congress began on Monday. I attended the Council of State Presidents Breakfast after which the Color Guard once again



Grace Holy Trinity Cathedral



Color Guard marches to the Cathedral.

formed for the Presentation of the Colors for the opening session of the Congress. The morning session heard the reports by the General Officers and Committee Chairmen. This was followed by the Youth Awards Luncheon where the National Society winners of the Eagle Scout, Knight Essay, Orations, and JROTC contest winners were recognized and received their prizes. The winner of the National Americanism Poster Contest was also named. CASSAR's entry from the Gold Country Chapter came in 2nd place. After lunch, the business session resumed with more reports, and then the debate and vote on proposed Bylaw changes. This year the delegates voted on 11 Bylaw changes. Most were



California and Western District members who attended the 2013 National Congress held in Kansas City, Missouri. Sacramento members include Jim Faulkinbury (front row - far left), Ron Barker (8th from the left in the back row, and Lindsey Brock, a dual member from Florida(back row far right).

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for things like membership and responsibilities on standing committees, how future Bylaw proposals could be submitted, or notifications using email rather than snail mail. One was a change in the investment policy for the various NSSAR funds to allow more flexibility in dealing with market changes. All but one of the 11 changes passed. The one that failed would have increased the fees for Supplemental applications from \$40 to \$80. I suspect we haven't heard the last of this proposal but at least until next year, the supplemental fees, as well as all other fees and dues, will remain the same. Another significant item was a visual presentation, by a company specializing in museum design, depicting the vision for what the NSSAR Museum could look like. After the presentation, the delegates moved to fund the initial stages of that vision. The Museum is projected to be completed for the opening of the 2015 Congress in Louisville. If you look at the home page on the NSSAR website, you can see video updates of the progress as the structure is nearing completion. After another dinner on our own, the Recognition Night ceremony was held. The six members of the Minuteman class of 2013 were recognized and presented with the Minuteman Medal after which the various State and Chapter Awards were presented. CASSAR received nineteen (19) Partners in Patriotism certificates for CASSAR and eighteen (18) chapters, eighteen (18) Liberty Medals/oak leaf clusters & certificates for members who were 1st line signers on 10 new member applications in 2012, two (2) Robert E. Burt Boy Scout Volunteer Awards, the Sen. Robert A. Taft Award for the State Society with the largest number of new members in 2012-2013, the Syracuse Award for State Society with the most new chapters in 2012-2013, the Eugene C. McGuire Award to State Society enrolling largest number of sons, grandsons, and nephews of SARs and DARs, and the C.A.R. Activity Award and streamer to State Society which has documented their work with the C.A.R. during 2012-2013.

Tuesday the 2nd session of the Congress resuming with a few revisions to some of the Bylaw changes for which language had been modified, and the nominations for the 2013-2014 General Officers were made. There was only one contested race - for Librarian General. The uncontested officers were unanimously elected. After lunch, I attended the meeting of the Council of State Presidents. This council is comprised of the current State Presidents, the immediate past State Presidents, and the anticipated next State Presidents. The primary purpose of the Council is to elect 4 members to serve on the NSSAR Nominating Committee that recommends next year's General Officer nominees. That meeting was followed by the balloting for the one contested race for Librarian General. In the evening, the Color Guard once again formed for the Presentation of the Colors at the President General's Banquet. A highlight of this banquet was the National Color Guard Change in Command ceremony.

Wednesday was the final session of the Congress. The declaration of election of the 2013-2014 General Officers was made followed by the election of the National Trustees. The Congress was adjourned and two optional tours were available for the attendees, a tour of the art museums of Kansas City or a tour to Independence, Missouri, to see the Truman Library, and the National Frontier Trails Museum at the trail head of the Santa Fe, Oregon, Mormon and California Trails. I chose the Independence tour. That evening, the Installation Banquet was held where the newly elected General Officers were sworn-in followed by remarks by President General Joseph W. Dooley. The Color Guard retired the Colors and the Congress was adjourned.



CASSAR members of the Color Guard include Sacramento members Jim Faulkinbury, far left holding the banner, and Lindsey Brock, in uniform to the right of Jim, Ron Barker, far right.



Jim Faulkinbury met Forrest Bond Chilton, Tom Chilton's 3rd cousin. Forrest was KYSAR President several years ago and is the current NSSAR Alternate Trustee.

Chuck Highbaugh receives the President's Award

On Sunday, June 23rd several of the officers of the Sacramento Chapter met to present Chuck Highbaugh with the "President' Award" for his many years of service to our chapter. The meeting was held in Chuck's home in Fair Oaks.

Chuck joined the Sacramento Chapter in 1988, and served as vice president in 1988 and 1989, and as president in 1990, 1991, 1993, 1994, 1998, and 1999. He was instrumental in establishing the current Chapter color guard, and acted as its coordinator for many years. He has received numerous awards, including SAR Centennial Medal (National) (1990), the Meritorious Service Medal (Sacramento)(1993), the Bronze Good Citizenship Medal (1996), and the Liberty Medal (National) (1999).

Chuck has Myelodysplastic syndromes (MDS). This condition has deteriorated his immune system, and limits his ability to attend our meetings, etc. Joining the chapter officers were his wife, Dee, his daughter, Cheryl, his son, Kevin and Kevin's wife, Kris, and Chuck's grandchildren, Megan and Marshall.



Chuck Highbaugh



L-R: Kris, Megan, Kevin, Chuck, Dee, Cheryl, and Marshall.

L-R: Don Littlefield, Tom Chilton, Kevin Highbaugh, Chuck Highbaugh, Russ Kaiser, Jim Faulkinbury, and Ernie Garcia.



Compatriot Trevor McCarthy Commissioned 2nd Lieutenant

At a commissioning ceremony held on June 14, 2013, at Southern Oregon University (SOU), Compatriot Trevor Thomas McCarthy was commissioned a 2nd Lieutenant in the United States Army Infantry. The next day he was awarded a Bachelor of Science Degree in Spanish from SOU.

Trevor was born in Reno, NV, graduated from Douglas High School in Minden, NV, and attended the University of Nevada Reno before transferring to SOU. He is currently stationed at Fort Benning, GA.

Pictured with Trevor is his sister, Corporal Erin McCarthy McKee. Erin and her husband, Ryan McKee, joined the United States Army in February 2011, after graduating from Oregon State University in Corvallis, OR. Erin recently returned from Afghanistan where she had served for nine months as a Medic. She was born in Reno, and graduated from Wooster High School in Reno. She and her husband are stationed at Fort Lewis, WA.

Erin and Trevor are the children of Lou Ann Chilton McCarthy and the grandchildren of Marilyn and Tom Chilton. Trevor is a member of the Sacramento Chapter SAR, and a CASSAR Life Member.



New Member Kirk Jeffrey Gilles

Kirk Jeffrey Gilles was sworn in as a new member of the Sacramento Chapter on Friday, June 21, 2013. His application to join the Sons of the American Revolution was approved on April 23, 2013. His patriot ancestor, Henry Brightman, served as a Sgt. in Capt. Joseph Durfee's Co., Freetown MA, Capt. in Col. Livingston's Reg.; and Capt. in 10th Co., 2nd Bristol Co., Massachusetts Regiment.



Photos from the June meeting

Photos by Don Spradling



President Russ Kaiser presents the SAR Certificate of Appreciation and the SAR Liberty Bell to Richard Noonan



New member Kirk Gilles and his daughter, Kelsey.



Front L-R: Hal Lawson, Scott Lawson, and his wife, Diane. Back row: Ian and Luke Lawson.



L-R: Karen Faulkinbury, Helen Garcia, and Donna Spradling.



President Kaiser presented Christopher Stephenson (soon to be Private (US Army)) with the SAR Challenge Coin.



Bernadine and Bob Chapman

More photos from the June meeting

Photos by Don Spradling



L-R: Ernie Garcia and Don Clark



L-R: Carl Ahlbery and Bill La Plante



L-R: Don and Mary Ann Littlefield



L-R: Christopher and his mother,
Wanda Anderson Stephenson.



L-R: Vince and Jeni Gantt



Coming Events

October 18, 2013 - Community Awards Dinner
7:00 PM at the Cattlemens Restaurant
Igor Birman, Tom McClintock's Chief of Staff,
will be the Keynote speaker.

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
Maj. Brian Shul (USAF ret)

December 14, 2013 - Wreaths Across America
Sacramento Valley National Cemetery
Dixon, CA

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

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 are
welcome. Mark your calendars now!

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