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### Colonel Frasier Fortner

The September meeting will feature Colonel Frasier Fortner who has been a flight captain in the US Air Force. Fortner is a retired Air Force pilot with over 6,000 flying hours in ten different military aircraft. He has served many tours of duty in his career including the Strategic Air Command and the Pentagon. He is flight commander of the Order of Daedalians, America's premier fraternal organization of military pilots. He has served in many of America's wars, including WWII, Korea, Viet Nam, and beyond.

He is a well known speaker in the Sacramento area, and is known to emphasize the military's role in protecting our Constitution. In a recent address his message emphasized our country's need to honor and respect our veterans more than we have, to live up to the promise made by George Washington to his soldiers during the Revolutionary War, and the promises our government made to our men and women in the military when they enlisted. He went on to state that there is more of a disconnect now than ever in our history between our military and government as less of these men and women have had the unique training or experience gained by those who wear or have worn the uniform. Once a veteran always a veteran; that common core of values and brotherhood, and 'service before self' is what makes veterans an indispensable part of society long after they have left the service.



### Cattlemens Meal Selections:

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

**Friday, September 19, 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, September 17** 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."

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

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**Don Littlefield**Executive Vice-President  
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Ernie Garcia  
Alan Brooking  
Roy Adkins**President's Corner**

September Presidents message.

Are we up to the task?

**Compatriots:** Welcome to fall, although the weather outside is a balmy 95 degrees. You have to love Sacramento. Still, it IS fall and that means getting back to the tasks at hand. We had a very successful meeting where participation and the new officers for next year were discussed. I'm happy to report that many have stepped up to the task of running this wonderful Chapter. Now it is time to start filling the other needs of the Chapter, namely School and Color guards. We are already receiving requests for these factions of the Chapter and filling these requests can be a challenge. Our numbers have been dwindling a bit and we need to rebuild. These parts of the SAR get our name and purpose to the general public. There is no doubt that when the SARSAC is on the "scene", we attract attention, especially when we are in period dress.

The discussion of "period dress" has been had several times and the bottom line is: If you are interested, all you have to do is ask us and we may be able to help. Perhaps you are shy about being the center of attention. We can help with that too. We have lots of experienced people who can work with you to help build your confidence while building your uniform and presentations. There is nothing like seeing the faces of the kids when we appear whether on the parade ground or in the classroom and these kids are the future of this country. The bottom line is YOU ARE THE SAR AND THE SAR NEEDS YOU! I am going to try and fill Jim Faulkinbury's shoes as Color Guard Commander starting later this year and there is no doubt, I need your help so please, contact me. My goal is to have some Color Guard meetings to discuss our drilling procedures, equipment and safety as well as our presentations and participation so step up and be counted!

Russ Kaiser

SARSAC President

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**Russ Kaiser, President**

## **Sons of the American Revolution—Sacramento Chapter**

### **Meeting Minutes June 20, 2014**

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

President Kaiser gave the invocation. Ford Osborn led the membership in the Pledge of Allegiance, and Craig Anderson 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; and Don Littlefield, Sacramento 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. He recognized Ron Barker, CASSAR Vice President North and dual member of the Sacramento Chapter; Ford Osborn, past president of the Silicon Valley Chapter; Ernie 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: Medora Allen from the Sacramento Chapter; Ann Taylor from the Sierra-Amador Chapter; Ruth Edmonson-Johnson, past Regent of the Sierra-Amador Chapter; and Susan Broderick, Regent of the Gen John Sutter Chapter.

President Kaiser introduced his guest, Donna Baca, as his fiancé. He introduced our guest speaker, Timothy Sandefur, Principal Attorney for the Pacific Legal Foundation, and prospective members Roger Kientz and William Randolph. He also introduced Courtney Mouser, granddaughter of Roy and Martha Adkins.

Evan Jonas was asked to come forward. CASSAR President Jim Faulkinbury presented him with the NSSAR Lamplighter Award for his contribution to the Center for American Heritage.

President Kaiser asked compatriot Roy Adkins to come forward. He presented Roy with the SAR Military Service Medal and certificate.

Don Littlefield and President Kaiser conducted the raffle. President Kaiser thanked those who brought gifts: Don and Donna Spradling, Don and Mary Ann Littlefield, Evan Jonas, Tal and Sue Norwood, Jim and Karen Faulkinbury, John and Aggie Vawter, Clair and Medora Allen, Craig and Sandy Anderson, Ruth Edmonson-Johnson, Doug and Wilma Cross.

President Kaiser thanked Mary Ann Littlefield for her assistance selling the raffle tickets, Don Littlefield 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.

David Beach led the Recessional and President Kaiser gave the Benediction. The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 PM.



Craig Anderson

Respectfully Submitted

Craig Anderson, Chapter Secretary



## Photos from the June 20th Regular Meeting

Photos by Don Spradling



**Timothy Sandefur receives certificate of appreciation from President Russ Kaiser**



**Evan Jonas receives Lamplighter Award**



**Russ Kaiser, Evan Jonas and Jim Faulkinbury**



**Ellen and Ford Osborne**



**David Reid**



**These photos were taken at Constitution Days in September 2014 at Nevada City. Delaware Regiment fires muskets during reenactment exercises**

As president Russ Kaiser reiterated in the president's message, the coming year will be especially important in building and maintaining our image in the community. This is done primarily not only through appearances at community events by the color guard, but also by participation and leading in school projects such as the poster contest, the ROTC program and the Eagle Scouts. Please consider joining with us in these endeavors and to help build and maintain and to pass down to the upcoming generations the proud traditions of our organization.



## Displaying the SAR Flag



**Above and below: President Russ Kaiser displaying the SAR flag on the “Goshawk”**



**“Goshawk”**



**President Russ Kaiser and Donna Baca Cruise the delta on their boat sporting the SAR burgee**



***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](http://www.CaliforniaSAR.org).**

## Coming Events

Sept. 19, 2014—Regular Meeting  
7:00 PM at the Cattlemens Restaurant  
Speaker Colonel Frasier Fortner USAF

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

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