



The Courier



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Sacramento Chapter Sons of the American Revolution

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Presidents Corner

Will Gunter here. Hope this finds all well. On Saturday the 17th of August we held a member's only meeting. It was a very busy meeting. The first thing I was honored to do was to induct 2 new members and a member who was approved in 2015, however, he was in Iraq, Afghanistan or one of those other countries over in the middle east. Hence, he was never inducted into the SAR. So Please welcome Mark Mozdy and Charles Karlsson as our newest members and Jimmy Stephenson (Craig Anderson's Grandson) who just got inducted as a 4 year member. Congratulations to all 3 of you. The next thing was to honor 4 of our Vets. so I awarded the certificate of Patriotism to Craig Anderson and to Roy Adkins. After which, I asked Craig Anderson to come forward and award the Certificate of Patriotism to Wesley Anderson (Craig's son) and Jimmy Stephenson (Craig's Grandson) plus several SAR Medals to each. Then it was time for our reports from our Secretary: Craig Anderson talked about Member Status, Medals/Awards Inventory, Youth Protection Training, Courier Mailings, Veterans Recognition and 2020 Dues (which notices will be in your mailbox in October 2019. Treasurer: Don Littlefield talked about the Chapter Account Updates and the 2019 Projected Budget and YTD Expenses about and Registrar: Scott Brooks gave us the numbers on new/completed applications and junior applications. That was when we began to talk about other business. First up was the Freedom Foundation Valley Forge-American Heritage Festival on Sept. 13/14, 2019. That will be Friday and Saturday. This is the first time that the Sacramento Chapter of the SAR has been invited to participate in the Festival. Quite a few of us are going to be there both days. We will have 2 tables. One will be for information on the SAR and the other will be a recruitment table.



Cattlemens Meal Selections:

Ribeye Steak \$30.

Sirloin Steak \$25.

Grilled Salmon \$25.

Teriyaki Chicken \$25.

Pesto Spinach/Cheese Ravioli \$25. (Vegan)

Next Meeting

Friday, September 20, 2019, 7:00PM

Cattlemens Restaurant

12409 Folsom Blvd, Rancho Cordova

Make a reservation and meal choice when a member of the telephone committee calls. Or, contact Chair Phil Noble at email phil7476@aol.com by noon on Thursday before the meeting.

Payment accepted at the door. We accept cash or personal checks. We do not accept credit cards.

Wives, guests, and visiting compatriots are always welcome.

Come and socialize at 6:00PM. The meeting will start promptly at 7:00PM

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

Photos courtesy of Don Spradling

There is an address for the Festival a little further into the Courier. There was a nomination made for 3 awards to be given out in January 2020 to people who have gone above and beyond the call. The recommendation was voted and passed. No. I am not going to tell you who these people are. It's going to be a surprise. So as part of Don Littlefield's duties as the incoming President of the CASSAR is Alternative National Trustee. In order to do that, he needs to have an endorsement letter from our chapter signed by me. A vote was held and Don got our endorsement. At the June members only meeting, David Beach brought up having a Challenge Coin made for the Chapter. This coin would not be for the CASSAR or the NSSAR. It would be for the Sacramento Chapter. We had a very good conversation about a coin at that meeting. The way it worked out, Don Littlefield went ahead and did the research on cost and got different designs to put on the coin. I went ahead and called on Don to make his presentation about the cost, design and to open the conversation on this subject again. A lot of good ideas were put forth and a vote was taken to do more research about securing our own Coin and passed. I will be sending out to the membership pictures of the design for you all to give your opinion on. The last topic we talked about was making a parade kit which would consist of 6 flags, bunting and everything needed to make up a trailer for the parades. We also would need someone to take care of the parade kit. Russ Kaiser volunteered to keep the kit. A vote was taken and passed. So we will be putting together a Kit. Thank you Russ. The last thing that I need to report is that the position of Secretary for the Sacramento Chapter is being vacated in January as Craig Anderson is moving on to the CASSAR and with his duties there, he will not be able to fulfill his position with us. We will be looking for 3 or 4 people to fill that position. We will be breaking up the job into 4 Departments to make it easier. Well, that's it for this month. I look forward to see you all on Sept. 20th

Valley Forge Teacher Recognition Program

Each year, the California State Society SAR sponsors two California teachers to attend workshops in Valley Forge, focused on the Revolutionary War. This year, our chapter was fortunate to have two teachers selected for this program. Sacramento area teachers, Melissa Wolking from Oak Chan Elementary School in Folsom and Scott Steffens from St. Patrick's Academy in Sacramento were selected this year, and they have recently returned from these Freedoms Foundation Valley Forge Workshops.

They have both agreed to speak at our September dinner meeting and share their experiences and impressions of this program with us. This promises to be a very interesting and exciting meeting, so don't miss it.



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WASHINGTON AT VALLEY FORGE FEBRUARY 16, 1778

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Mark John Mozdy (left) was born in Meadville, PA and grew up in Erie, PA. He attended Erie Catholic and public schools. He graduated from Strong Vincent high school in 1974 and Edinboro State College in 1978 with a degree in Computer Technology. Moved to San Jose, CA in 1979 and worked for Lockheed Missiles and Space Company from 1979 to 1986.

He moved to Sacramento in 1986 where he met his wife Wanda. They have one daughter, Jenna. He has worked for Computer Sciences Corporation Defense Systems division, MCI, and Verizon. He retired in 2016. He enjoys playing golf, genealogy, travel, reading and spending time with family and friends. He is a member of Our Lady of Assumption Catholic Church.

His application for membership in the Sons of the American Revolution was approved on May 15, 2019. His Patriot ancestor was John Hart, a member of the Committee of Safety, Vice President of Provincial Congress, and signer of the Declaration of Independence.

Charles Karlsson (Center) is a retired railroad engineer and a 5th generation Sacramento native. He currently lives in Lodi, CA. His application was approved on July 26th 2019; his patriot ancestor was Julius Beach, a private in Capt. Woods Company, 2nd Regiment commanded by Col Herman Swift.

Jimmy Stephenson (Right) was born in Vallejo, CA and grew up in Waco, Texas, and Woodland, CA. He graduated from Pioneer High School, and enlisted in the USAF. He recently transferred to active reserve status as a staff Sgt at Travis AFB, and he currently lives with his wife, Tiffany, in Newman, CA. Jimmy's application was approved on Feb 26, 2015 but was deployed in the middle east at the time his application was approved; his patriot ancestor is Patrick Anderson, a Captain in the Pennsylvania Musketry Battalion and the Pennsylvania State Regiment.



August 17th Meeting Minutes

President Gunter called the meeting to order at 10AM and gave the invocation. Roy Adkins led the Pledge of Allegiance and President Gunter led the pledge to the SAR.

New members Mark Mozdy, Charles Karlsson along with Jimmy Stephenson were called forward. They were introduced by NSSAR Genealogist General Jim Faulkinbury and Secretary Craig Anderson. President Gunther administered the oath of induction, and presented them with their member certificates, Rosettes, and name-tags.

Chapter members were invited to come forward and congratulate the new members.

President Gunter presented Certificates of Patriotism for military service to Roy Adkins and Craig Anderson. CASSAR VP Craig Anderson presented Certificates of Patriotism for war service to Wesley Anderson (two certificates) and Jimmy Stephenson (two certificates). He also presented SAR War Service Medals, and Oak Leaf Clusters to both compatriots.



Craig Anderson gave the Chapter Secretary's report listing an increase on 14 members and a loss of two members, year to date. He gave an overview on the awards being held by the Chapter Secretary, JROTC Chairman, and Chapter President. SAR-Sacramento pins would be brought to the monthly meetings and distributed to our members and others. Youth protection training records were reviewed and it was stressed that all members who interact with young people through school programs, presentations or participating in color guard events must have this training. Members were asked to forward updated certificates to the Chapter Secretary. It was reported that the cost of the Courier mailings far exceed the cost recovered from members. The membership voted to increase the cost to the membership to \$25.00 per year for 10 issues to cover actual printing and postage costs. The veterans recognition program was reviewed and veteran members were encouraged to submit their DD214's so they could receive this recognition. It was announced that member dues will be mailed out on October 1st and are due on or before Nov 1st.

Treasurer Don Littlefield undated the membership on the chapter accounts, the 2019 YTD expenses and 2019 projected budget.

The Chapter Registrar updated the membership on new member applications.

2020 officer nominations were discussed. The immediate need is for a new Chapter Secretary, Craig Anderson will be stepping down from this position in January 2020. Chapter program chairman needs are for the Americanism Poster Contest, Brochure Contest. Knight Essay Contest.

President Gunter reviewed and discussed Carl Ahlberg's report on the chapter color guard. Since there were some questions arising from the report, further discussion would be delayed until the School Guard Coordinator could be present to clarify the report.

Secretary Anderson submitted three award recommendations for the chapter's January 2020 meeting. All three recommendations were approved by the membership.

Secretary Anderson gave an update on Freedom's Foundation Valley Forge – American Heritage Festival Sept. 13/14, 2019. We have five or six volunteers to staff the SAR booth Friday and Saturday. We will have a booth in the "Discover your American Heritage" section and Russ Kaiser has volunteered to loan us a shade cover for that booth.

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President Gunter asked the membership for an endorsement for Don Littlefield to be considered for the post of CASSAR Alternative National Trustee. This was unanimously approved by the membership.

Russ Kaiser discussed putting together a "parade kit" so that we would have everything together to be able to decorate and equip our parade trailer. This was approved and Russ and others will be working to gather all the necessary equipment that we will need.

Don Littlefield showed samples of a challenge coin that he is designing for the Sacramento Chapter. Some suggestions were made and there will be more information about this forthcoming in the future.

Don Littlefield also gave an update on the 2020 spring meeting that the chapter will host. The hotel is booked and he is currently working on dinner locations for the Thursday and Friday dinners.

Terrence Conklin led the recessional and Scott Brooks led the benediction

The meeting was adjourned at 12:15PM.

Members in Attendance

Will Gunter	George Brinlee	David Paulson	Phil Noble	Mark Mozdy
Russ Kaiser	Jim Faulkinbury	Neil Elvick	Wesley Anderson	Ernie Garcia
Don Littlefield	Jeff Sylvan	Richard Mullins	Terrence Conklin	Craig Anderson
Tom Chilton	Scott Brooks			

Respectfully Submitted,
Craig Anderson
Chapter Secretary

CORRECTION

In last month's Courier profile of patriot David Blaisdell, I incorrectly linked him as the patriot ancestor of Tom Chilton. **David Blaisdell is the patriot ancestor of Thomas Holly Chilton.**

George S. & Stella M. Knight Essay Contest

Each year, the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution (SAR) invites all high school students (9th through 12th grades) interested in the American Revolution to participate in the George S. & Stella M. Knight Essay Contest. The contest is open to all US Citizen and Legal Resident students attending home schools, public, parochial, or private high schools in that same grade range. The National Association of Secondary School Principals has placed this program on the 2017-18 NASSP List of Approved Contests, Programs, and Activities for Students.

To participate, students must submit an original 800 to 1,200-word essay based on an event, person, philosophy or ideal associated with the American Revolution, Declaration of Independence, or the framing of the United States Constitution. Each student's essay is judged based upon its historical accuracy, clarity, organization, grammar and spelling, and documentation.

Our youth programs such as the Knight Essay Contest have a profound influence on our young students allowing them to discover new perspectives and broaden their understanding of our American heritage. We want to share with you, a thank you note from our 2019 chapter winner of this contest, Ms. Anna Guzman:

June , 2019

Hello,

Please accept my belated thank you for the award I received in your Knight essay competition. I enjoyed participating in the essay competition and attending your meeting to receive my award and read my essay. I really appreciate the generosity of your organization in offering this competition. Participating in the essay contest made me discover the fascinating story of an American hero and I discovered a richer understanding of American history by listening to the speakers at the meeting. Thank you again for your support of this contest and for hosting me at your meeting.

Sincerely,
Anna Guzman

VETERANS RECOGNITION



The SAR Veterans Recognition Committee provides recognition to living SAR veterans by awarding the SAR Certificates of Patriotism. During our August 17th meeting, we presented six Certificates of Patriotism to 4 Compatriots:

Wesley Anderson, two Special Ops Certificates of Patriotism for Operations Praying Mantis and Eldorado Canyon.

Jimmy Stephenson, two Southwest Asia Certificates of Patriotism for Operations Enduring Freedom and Inherent Resolve.



Roy Adkins, Military Service Certificate.
Craig Anderson, Military Service Certificate.

Honoring Our Patriot Ancestors

Hezekiah Davies

Hezekiah Davies was born on November 22, 1747 in Charlestown Twp., Chester County, Pennsylvania. He grew up on the family farm and was trained as a saddle maker in his youth.

In January 1776, he enlisted in the 5th Pennsylvania Regiment, a Chester County Militia unit. Later that year, when General Washington issued a call for troops to help in the defense of New York, a call went out for PA troops to serve in the Flying Camp. Hezekiah volunteered to serve and was assigned to Col William Montgomery's Chester County Battalion. This unit marched through Philadelphia on July 18th and 19th and was the first Pennsylvania unit to arrive in Perth Amboy on July 24th. At Perth Amboy the regiment was re-organized and sent north to Fort Lee on the west bank of the Hudson River. On September 7th, Hezekiah Davies received a commission as a 1st Lt. in Samuel Culberson's company. The Flying Camp remained in garrison at Fort Lee until November 1776. Following the battle of White Plains, General Howe moved his troops south to eliminate the last American presence on Manhattan at Fort Washington on the east bank of the Hudson River opposite Fort Lee.

To counter this threat, troops were ordered across the river from Ft Lee to reinforce Fort Washington. On November 16th 1776, 8000 British and Hessian Troops attacked the 3000 troops stationed in Fort Washington. The action lasted from early morning to late afternoon, and the American troops were ultimately driven back into the fort. Outnumbered and seeing the hopelessness of their situation, the American Commander, Col Magaw, surrendered the garrison. The troops were severely abused by their Hessian captors, stripped of their personal possessions including much of their clothing, and marched south toward New York City.

Lt. Hezekiah Davies was confined for a time in New York with the other officers, and then in December 1776 he was sent aboard one of the prison ships anchored in the harbor. On January 20th, 1777, he was allowed to give his parole, and he was sent to Long Island where he was quartered with the prominent Dutch family of Nicolas Schenck. During his lengthy period of confinement on Long Island, he received periodic sums of money from various Pennsylvania benefactors for the upkeep of himself and other prisoners. While a prisoner, he also compiled and maintained a roster of the other American prisoners being held on Long Island. Hezekiah was exchanged in December 1780. He applied for and was granted a pension in 1833 of \$320 per year for his service. He died in 1837 at the age of 90 years.

Hezekiah Davies is the patriot ancestor of Craig Anderson, Wesley Anderson, Jimmy Stephenson, and Dark Alvarado.



OUR COLOR GUARD

We want to recognize the contributions of our compatriots who volunteer their time and resources to serve on our chapter color guard. They are the public face of our chapter, and we have had many members over the years contribute their time and energy to this group. Color Guard members provide their own uniforms, equipment, and transportation for these events.

The Sacramento Color Guard is invited to participate in many patriotic events in the Sacramento Area throughout the year such as Memorial Day, Independence Day, Veterans Day, and Wreaths Across America, we are asked frequently to post our Nation's Colors at DAR events.

We were asked recently to present the National Colors at a commercial event at the Sacramento Convention Center. Color Guard members, Russ Kaiser, Don Littlefield, Ernie Garcia, Carl Ahlberg, and Craig Anderson spent part of a day prior to the event practicing so that during the event they would put on a professional appearance for the audience. Their appearance was very sharp! The event sponsor, Servpro, donated \$500 to our Chapter for our youth programs.



Color Guard Commander
David Beach

Color Guard members have the ability to earn SAR awards for their service. A Color Guardsman must personally keep track of the events in which he has participated, and must prove that he has participated in the minimum number of events to the Chapter Color Guard Commander who then reports them to the State President or State Color Guard Commander.

Bronze Color Guard Medal To earn the SAR Bronze Color Guard Medal, a Color Guardsman must participate in at least 50% of the scheduled Chapter and/or State Color Guard activities or 50% of scheduled School Guard activities in each of three years, which do not need to be continuous. A year shall be any period of twelve consecutive months.

Silver Color Guard medal: CASSAR uses the events system for awarding the Silver Color Guard Medal. To earn an SAR Silver Color Guard Medal, a Color Guardsman must participate in at least three District and/or National events in each of three years, which do not need to be continuous. A year shall be any period of twelve consecutive months. The qualifying events must be documented by the Color Guardsman and submitted on the prescribed form via the chapter Color Guard commander to the State Color Guard Commander for approval. Qualifying events for the Silver medal are listed on page 4 in the current issue of the *SAR Colorguardsman*:

<https://members.sar.org/media/uploads/pages/245/ORGEok24AV3Q.pdf>

Some typical Silver Medal qualifying events for members of our chapter include: CASSAR meetings when the President General is present; Memorial Day; Independence Day; Veterans Day, and Wreaths Across America.

More information can be found in the Color Guard Handbook located on the NSSAR web site:
<https://members.sar.org/media/uploads/pages/201/E2YTwVFUMOkY.pdf>

National Von Steuben Medal: To earn the National Von Steuben Medal for Sustained Achievement in the NSSAR Color Guard, a Color Guardsman must serve at least five (5) years after the date his application for the Silver Color Guard Medal was approved and he must participate in at least twenty-five (25) National and/or District Color Guard events. Chapter members who currently hold the Von Steuben Medal are **Tom Chilton, Jim Faulkinbury, Ernie Garcia, and Ron Proffer.**

Gold Color Guard Medal: The Gold Color Guard Medal may be awarded for SAR Color Guard service at the National Level. The National Color Guard Committee will be the final judge of who is qualified to be awarded the Gold Color Guard Medal.

If you want to become a member of our Chapter's Color Guard, contact David Beach (jdbeachjd@msn.com) David can also give you advice on building a uniform. CASSAR Color Guard Adjutant–North, Russ Kaiser (boat361@aol.com) is also a great resource for putting together a uniform. **If you need help documenting your participation to qualify for a Color Guard Award, see Craig Anderson (craigandersonsar@gmail.com)**

Upcoming Chapter Community Events

September 17th, 2019

The Sacramento Chapter Color Guard will be honored to post our nations colors at the opening ceremonies at a DAR Meeting 1:00PM at Woodcreek Golf Club, 5880 Woodcreek Oaks Blvd, Roseville, CA. Color Guard Members should contact Commander David Beach if you are able to attend.

September 13th and 14th, 2019

Sacramento Chapter of Freedoms Foundation Valley Forge – **American Heritage Festival** Johnson-Springview Park, 5480 5th Street Rocklin, CA 95677. Details of their activities can be found here: <https://www.sacfreedomrun.org/american-heritage-festival> Hours are Friday 9AM to 5PM and Saturday 9AM to 3PM. Sacramento Chapter members will be participating in both days of the festival. Admission is free; come out and enjoy the day celebrating our American heritage.

November 11th, 2019

Sacramento Veterans Day Parade will be held on Monday November 11th. Details will follow in the next issue of the courier.

December 14, 2019

National **Wreaths Across America** Day is dedicated to remembering the sacrifices veterans have made in wars since the American Revolution. More details regarding Sacramento Chapter participation will be provided in subsequent issues of the Courier. Mark your calendars.

COMING SAR EVENTS

**Next Dinner Meeting
September 20, 2019 7:00PM**

Cattlemen's Restaurant, 12409 Folsom Blvd., Rancho Cordova

FALL CASSAR Board of Managers Meeting

The fall 2019 CASSAR BOM Meeting will be held in Irvine, CA. on November 1st and 2nd. The registration form can be accessed on line at the following link:

<https://www.californiasar.org/events/144bom/>

2020 CASSAR Spring Meeting

Traditionally, the California Society, President Elect designs and funds a SAR Pin that is distributed to registered members at the annual spring meeting.

Pictured at the right is the pin that Don Littlefield has designed and purchased, and it will be distributed at the spring meeting in Rancho Murieta in 2020. He is offering a limited quantity of these pins to be sold as a fundraiser to chapter members and others who are interested. They will be available for sale at our monthly dinner meetings for \$10 ea. All proceeds will go to help defray the chapter costs of hosting the California Society meeting next year.



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