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Calling All Compatriots



## Program for December's Meeting

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Christmas Season is once again upon us. This year's Christmas meeting program will feature music by Eric Anderson, the past California State Champion Fiddler, accompanied by our own Helen Garcia, and guitarist Joe Wilson. Eric, Joe, and Helen will play Christmas music before the meeting. All members of the Chapter Color Guard are invited to attend in their uniforms and to describe the various uniforms or period dress. The School Guard members will give a short version of the presentation they give to the elementary school children. After dinner, election of officers for the 2010 year will be held (See the minutes on page 11 for the candidates.) At the end of the meeting, Eric, Joe, and Helen will play a few more tunes before we finish the evening by singing a few Christmas carols and Christmas music. We look forward to seeing you on the 18th.



December 18th, 7:00 PM at  
The Buggy Whip Restaurant

2737 Fulton Avenue,  
between El Camino and  
Marconi, Sacramento,

### Menu Selections

Sirloin Steak	\$24.00
Chicken Cordon Bleu	\$24.00
Salmon	\$24.00
Vegetarian Plate	\$24.00

Includes beverage, dessert, tax, and tip.



If the telephone committee has not taken your menu selection(s) by December 16th, please call Don Littlefield at (916) 985-6544 for reservations. Payments must be **guaranteed for each reservation made**. Wives, guests and visiting compatriots are always welcome.

Come socialize with us at 6:15PM. The meeting will start promptly at 7:00 PM.

# President's Corner - by Jeff Goodwin

## Sacramento Chapter Officers for 2009

- Jeff Goodwin**  
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- Jim Warrick**  
Treasurer  
Web Master
- Jim Faulkinbury**  
Secretary  
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- Tom Chilton**  
Registrar  
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- Vacant**  
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- Don Spradling**  
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Guardian of the Flags

## Committee Chairmen

- David Beach**  
Eagle Scout Program
- Ted Robinson**  
ROTC Program
- Vacant**  
Knight Essay Contest
- David Sloan**  
Valley Forge Program
- Ernie Garcia**

## Telephone Committee

Jeff Goodwin - Chairman

- Seward Andrews
- Tom Chilton
- Jim Warrick
- Jim Faulkinbury
- Don Littlefield
- Ernie Garcia
- Doug Cross

Welcome to December. I trust that your Thanksgiving was happy, and that you were able to share it with your family. The Goodwin family had their son and daughter home for Thanksgiving dinner for the first time in several years, and the time went too fast. Son David is in his second year of law school at McGeorge School of Law, his father's alma mater. Daughter Sarah is in her senior year at the University of Kentucky, her father's undergraduate alma mater. Our two English Setter bird dogs greatly enjoyed the leftovers and the horses are not quite sure what to do with the leftover celery.

Mary Ann joins me in being thankful for all the wonderful people we have met in the SAR. It is with mixed emotions that I give up the presidential gavel to a most accomplished and worthy Executive Vice President. Mary Ann and I will not be able to attend the Christmas Dinner and monthly meeting in December because we will be in Scottsdale, Arizona, visiting her eighty-seven year old mother, three brothers, and one sister. I don't know if I will be able to get a word in edgewise.

Since this will be the last chance that I will have to share with you my vision for the Sacramento Chapter of SAR, please let me give you my thoughts. We need to provide more varied activities for our members and we need to recruit new members. One way to recruit new members is to have more visibility in the community. One thought I have had is to have community awards dinners. Another possibility is to answer telephones during KVIE pledge week, or have a drill team or flag team perform at the River Cats baseball games. The possibilities are endless. I know the Boy Scouts have an annual jamboree in Sacramento where many hundreds come for a weekend. We could set up a genealogy wall tent (I have one) to help the Scouts with their genealogy merit badges. Surely someone in the organization has experience as a Public Information Officer. If you do, please let the Board know and help us get the word out. We, along with the DAR, have a duty to keep the ideals that our ancestors fought and died for alive. If not us, who? If not now, when?

Again, it has been my honor and privilege to serve you these last three years as Vice-President and as President. Mary Ann joins me in wishing you and yours a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.



*Jeff Goodwin, President*

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## New Member - Daniel Patrick Johnston

**Daniel Patrick Johnston** was born in St. Louis, Missouri, and spent his childhood in San Jose, California. He graduated from West Valley College in Saratoga, California, with a Degree in Law Enforcement.

Daniel works for the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Sacramento, where he the day shift supervisor in security. His hobbies include genealogy, tennis, golf, and other sports.

Daniel's application to join the Sons of the American Revolution was approved on November 2, 2009. His patriot ancestor, Benjamin Johnston, was an Ensign and Lieutenant in the Spotsylvania, Virginia Militia. He was appointed Ensign on April 18, 1777, and Lieutenant on February 19, 1779.



## New Member - Michael Glenn Wolf



**Michael Glenn Wolf** was born in Mesa, Arizona, and spent his childhood in Tempe, Arizona. He graduated from the University of Arizona, Tucson, with a degree in Management Information Systems. Michael is married to Lynn Tucker, and together they have three children: Christian (18), Natalie (11) and Madelyn (9).

Michael served eight years of active duty in the United States Army as a CID Special Agent from 1991 through 1998. He currently resides in Fair Oaks and works for Intel's Information Technology group where he manages a team of application developers and system analysts. His hobbies include playing and coaching soccer, taking motorcycle trips with his wife, tackling home improvement projects, and spending time with his family.

Michael's application to join the Sons of the American Revolution was approved on November 2, 2009. His patriot ancestor, Nathan Lincoln, was a Private in Connecticut serving under Capt. Moseley and Lt. Bingham.

# The American Revolution – Month By Month - December, 1779

by Andrew J. Stough III, Edited by Harold Rogers

Washington's army moved into winter quarters at Morristown in an area called "Jockey Hollow" (another author describes the camp as being at Morristown Heights). By whatever name it was known, it was located a few miles southwest of Morristown at a location surrounded by natural defenses. Morristown represented another winter of unplanned accommodations for the Continental Army. Washington preferred to be on the offensive in order to determine the time and place of events. He was constrained by lack of resources, therefore with the weaker force and even weaker finances and supply, he was generally forced into a defensive position, unable to choose when and where he would fight or even to preplan and ready a place to spend the winter. The lack of such a capability resulted in the hardships of Valley Forge being repeated, only this time the ordeal was much more severe.

The winter of 1778-79 had found Patriot forces spread out in a crescent around New York City, allowing for a simpler problem of housing, supply, and maintenance. Additionally, there had been more financial resources at the time. Admittedly the Continental dollar was on its last legs, but it was not yet moribund. The pinch had always existed where supply was concerned, but it was rapidly worsening. While in 1778-79 the army was scattered, the main army wintered at Middlebrook, near Morristown, and even during an unusually mild winter, there was great suffering by the soldiers who slept under canvas until cabins could be built from hardwoods which abounded in the area. There were also shortages of clothing and rations for the men, and forage for the horses. Plagued by shortages and unable to make purchases locally due to the decline in value of the dollar, Washington complained to Congress in April of '79, as follows: ". . . a wagon full of money will scarcely purchase a wagon load of provisions". With the dollar worth about a penny in English money, there was few who were willing to sell anything if it was to be paid for with Congress' paper money. By using English hard cash, Clinton had plenty of supplies from nearby areas.

With no ability to purchase supplies, hard times had already taken the army into its grasp even before arriving at Jockey Hollow. By mid-November, the camp went on half rations, and by the end of the year the encampment had been on half rations for six weeks. The daytime work of building cabins from hardwoods would be taxing enough for a well-fed, well-dressed army. Under conditions of barely enough food to survive, ragged clothing, a shortage of blankets, and some soldiers without even a tent for shelter, it took forever to build cabins. So short was the supply of clothes, blankets, and even tents, many men resorted to hastily contrived brush lean-tos facing a fire. For blankets they used more brush to cover themselves during the long winter nights. Commenting on the deprivations at Jockey Hollow and previous winter camps, Private Joe Plumb wrote in a letter, "The Revolutionary War not only tried men's souls, but their bodies, too . . ."

Not only were conditions bad at Jockey Hollow, but even reaching winter camp verged on the impossible. Baron DeKalb (who arrived from France with Lafayette) marched 2,000 men for six days to reach Morristown. Freezing rain and muddy roads at the outset were only the beginning of troubles for the marching soldiers. The rain turned to sleet, then to snow. Frozen wagon ruts and unevenness caused by previous marchers and horses hooves caused the men to stumble and fall in the snow as they moved to an encampment that was worse than the one they had just left. By the time DeKalb arrived at Morristown a large number of men were sick from the weather and a lack of everything from rations and clothing, even to shoes and hats. The bad road and weather conditions coupled with the lack of anything to shed the rain or snow, and nothing to sleep on at night but the frozen ground, led to men dying from cold and fatigue before they could get to Morristown. Winter conditions were disabling and killing more soldiers than summertime engagements with Clinton's army.

Winter desertions followed what had become a pattern. Some soldiers left, never to return. Some left to return home to care for their families. After spring planting and preparing their families for the coming summer, they returned to duty, loyal as ever. It is noted that during all winters, desertions in the North were common, due mostly to the harsh conditions in the camps. Some soldiers not only left to escape the rigors of winter, but to accept the King's coin, and the promise of land for enlisting in a British regiment. It is also noted that few American born soldiers deserted for the King's pay. Most of those who deserted to the British army

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were of foreign origin.

The war had been going on for more than four years. Soldiers and the population alike were tired and weary of a war that seemed never to end. Everyone needed some ray of hope to carry them through the winter. As bleak and discouraging as was the plight of the Continental Army in December of 1779, there still remained a ray of hope. It was the fond belief that the victorious Paul Jones would escape in *Alliance* to again become the nemesis of the Royal Navy.

Jones' idyllic existence in Amsterdam came to an end when France traded some of his prisoners for French prisoners instead of American. He was also ticked off that France had taken *Serapis* and any prize ships for their own enrichment. He was so despondent that on December 5th he wrote to Robert Morris that barring orders from Congress or Doctor Franklin, he would sail for the United States. To add insult to injury, Commodore Gillon of the South Carolina Navy was in Paris proposing to buy *L'Indien* and combine it with the ships under Jones command, with him as fleet commander.

It is unfortunate that Jones did not sail for the United States. Once back in North America he could have rid himself of Captain Landais' crew as well as never meeting with Arthur Lee and his machinations. I find no more entries until December 21, when the *Alliance* had been careened, her bottom cleaned, and then re-rigged for an ocean voyage. Stormy weather drove the British squadron off station, but the Netherlands fleet anchored around *Alliance* continued their watch. The Netherlands Admiral continued to question Jones about his departure. Jones continued to ignore the Admiral, but began provisioning *Alliance* for a long voyage. The Netherlands' fleet and its commander's (Vice Admiral Reynst) menacing attitude and continuing threats against *Alliance* made Jones wonder if there was a conspiracy with Britain for Reynst to run the *Alliance* away from Texel and into the arms of the British squadron.

On December 27th, a wind came that allowed Jones to depart Texel. Rigging an anchor, he allowed his sails to fill as much as possible. With sails bulging to the maximum, the *Alliance* strained at the anchor like a race horse anxious to leave the gate. Jones hoisted the Stars and Stripes, slipped the anchor, and raced through the Netherlands fleet before it could respond. At 11:00AM the pilot was dropped and the *Alliance* headed south toward the English Channel. It was the more dangerous route, but it was the closest and shortest route instead of the longer but safer voyage around Scotland and Ireland.

After departure from Texel, the wind rose to gale force requiring Jones to reduce sail and speed. Even so, the storm split the "fore topsail". Finally the winds diminished and full sail was set. After sunset, the riding lights of an English fleet was spotted at Dover, but the *Alliance* was not observed as she passed down the channel. By noon of the 30th, when the channel islands of Jersey and Guernsey were left behind, Jones began the chase of two ships. When overtaken and hailed, each turned out to be neutral and were allowed to proceed on their way. When sixteen bells announced the arrival of 1780, the *Alliance* was clear of the channel and headed for Lorient, or at least the crew thought so.

Jones would not return to Lorient until February 19, 1780. The return to Lorient by the *Alliance* would usher in a time of trial beyond anything that Jones had ever dreamed.

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## New Member - George John Taylor

**George John Taylor** was born in New York City, New York, and spent his childhood in West Covina, California. He graduated from California State College Stanislaus with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Psychology, and later from California State University Sacramento with a Master of Arts Degree in School Psychology. He is married to Ann Elise Lawson. George and Ann have two adult children, Zachary Willis Taylor, and Amanda May Taylor Knapp, and two grandchildren, Ethan James Knapp (3), and Ava Lee Knapp (7 mo.)

George works for the Elk Grove Unified School District, where he is a school psychologist serving two elementary schools, a class for students with educational difficulties, etc., and teaching intern psychologists. His hobbies include entertaining his grandchildren, encouraging new teachers, and "keeping his lovely wife happy".

George's application to join the Sons of the American Revolution was approved on November 2, 2009. His Patriot ancestor, Zaccheus Macy, performed patriotic service by lending money to the Colonies, and by holding civil office during the Revolutionary War. He also cared for families in need due to their men being away at the war.

His son, Zachary Willis Taylor, and his father-in-law, William Harold "Hal" Lawson, are both members of the Sacramento Chapter SAR. His wife, Ann Elise (Lawson) Taylor, and his mother-in-law, Ethel Lee (Douglas) Lawson, are both members of the Sierra Amador Chapter DAR.



L-R: Lee Lawson, George Taylor, Hal Lawson, and Ann (Lawson) Taylor.

# Photos from the Fall Manager's Meeting, held in Riverside, CA, on November 13-14, 2009 photos by Marilyn and Tom Chilton.



Interim CASSAR Chancellor and Sacramento Chapter President Jeff Goodwin and his wife, Mary Ann.



CASSAR Registrar and Sacramento Chapter Registrar Tom Chilton, and his wife, Marilyn.



CASSAR Secretary and Sacramento Chapter Secretary Jim Faulkinbury, and his wife, Karen.



NSSAR Genealogist-General Joe Dooley (L), and CASSAR Color Guard Commander Don Moran (R)



CASSAR President Lou Carlson (L), and NSSAR President-General Ed Butler (R)



CASSAR Exec. VP Wayne Griswold, and his wife Yoncie.



The CASSAR Color Guard at the Mission Inn in Riverside.  
Photo by Wayne Griswold.

# More Photos from the Fall Manager's Meeting

Photos by Marilyn & Tom Chilton.



CASSAR President Lou Carlson awards Jim Faulkinbury with the NSSAR George Washington Fellow Certificate.



CASSAR President Lou Carlson awards Jeff Goodwin with the NSSAR Partners of Patriotism Certificate.



CASSAR President Lou Carlson presents Tom Chilton with the Liberty Medal Certificate.



CASSAR President Lou Carlson presents Shirley Judy, winner of this year's Valley Forge Contest, with the NSSAR Outstanding Citizenship Award.



Mary Ann Goodwin proudly displays the Martha Washington Medal and Certificate that CASSAR President Lou Carlson presented her earlier in the evening.



The Mission Inn Court Yard at night.



While in Southern California, Tom Chilton took the opportunity to present his nephew, Tom Whitham, with his Supplemental Certificate for Simeon Choate.



# Photos from the Chapter meeting held on November 20, 2009

photos by Don Spradling.



Karen and Jim Faulkinbury



Ted and Lynn Robinson



Jack Pefley



Tom Chilton presents Del McCardell with his Supplemental Certificate for John Bushong.



L-R: President Jeff Goodwin, Jim Faulkinbury, Michael Wolf, George Taylor, Dan Johnson, and Tom Chilton.



Tom Chilton presents Exec. VP Don Littlefield with the NSSAR Certificate for his "Outstanding Support of the Center for Advancing America's Heritage" Capitol Campaign.



Lynn and Michael Wolf.

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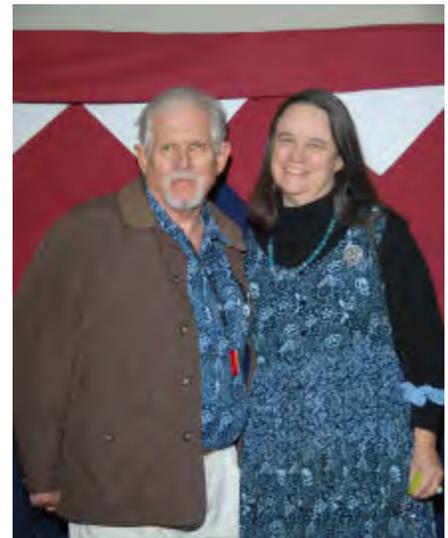
Executive Vice-President and Treasurer Don Littlefield.



President Jeff Goodwin presents John Bristow with the SAR Liberty Bell and Certificate of Appreciation.



Tom and Marilyn Chilton



George and Ann (Lawson) Taylor.



November's speaker, John Bristow



The Serapis Flag.

## Minutes of the meeting held on November 20, 2009.

The November meeting was called to order at 7:07 PM by President Jeff Goodwin. Doug Cross gave the Invocation, followed by Ted Robinson, who led the membership in the Pledge of Allegiance, and VP of Programs Jim Warrick, who led the Pledge to the SAR.

Jim Faulkinbury with his wife, Karen, and Tom Chilton with his wife, Marilyn, were recognized as Past-Presidents. It was announced that they currently hold CASSAR offices as State Secretary and State Registrar. President Goodwin announced that he had also been appointed as interim State Chancellor at the Board of Managers Meeting in Riverside last week, so now the Sacramento Chapter has three state officers among the membership. DAR members present included Medora Allen, Marilyn Chilton, and Lynn Robinson from the Sacramento Chapter, and Lee Lawson and Ann Taylor from the Sierra-Amador Chapter. Guests introduced were our speaker this evening, John Bristow, and three new members to be inducted into the Chapter this evening, George Taylor with his wife, Ann, Mike Wolf with his wife, Lynn, and Dan Johnston.

Following the introductions, Color Guard Commander Jim Faulkinbury came forward and described the two flags tonight: Proctors Battalion and the Serapis.

Next, Registrar Tom Chilton introduced our new members George Taylor, Mike Wolf, and Dan Johnston, and read their bios. They were sworn in by President Goodwin, after which the Chapter members came forward for the usual welcoming and congratulatory handshake. Dell McCardell was also presented with a Supplemental Certificate for John Bushong, one of his ancestors.

Registrar Chilton then gave a brief pitch for contributions to the Center For Advancing Americas Heritage (CAAH) and how the funds are being used to build a new National Society Library in Louisville. He then presented Treasurer Don Littlefield with a National Certificate and the CAAH Medal in recognition of his contributions to the Center. Don said much of his ability to contribute came from the direction of his United Way contributions to the SAR and suggested this as a way to easily contribute to the SAR. Secretary Faulkinbury then talked about President General Ed Butler's goal of putting some of the National Society's historic treasures on a moving museum display around the country to allow the public to see some of relics of our Revolutionary era history, and how he and CASSAR Exec VP Wayne Griswold are working on this project for PG Butler.

Under business items, Treasurer Littlefield indicated that we currently have about \$18,500 in the Chapter treasury, but our dues to CASSAR and NSSAR will reduce this by \$4,500 to \$5,000. ROTC Program Chairman Ted Robinson told of his recent participation in the JROTC awards ceremony at Casa Robles High School and asked for volunteers to help with the other ceremonies that are held mostly in April and May. He will be at the Smithsonian in Washington, DC, in April for a ceremony to present them with the cane used by JFK following the rescue of Kennedy and the crew of PT-109.

Under concerns for members it was noted that Woody Robertshaw is scheduled for shoulder surgery, and that Hank Henderson fell and hit his head. Compatriot Jack Pefley also told the membership that he had recently had lunch with Compatriot Arnold Lewis, who is doing OK and sends his best wishes to the Chapter.

After dinner, President Goodwin asked for nominations for our 2010 slate of officers. The following names were placed in nomination to be submitted at the election of officers at the December meeting: President – Don Littlefield, Exec VP – Jim Warrick, VP of Programs – Vince Gantt, VP of Activities – Ernie Garcia, Secretary – Jim Faulkinbury, Treasurer – Michael Wolf, Registrar – Tom Chilton, and Chaplain – Doug Cross.

Following the nominations, VP of Programs Jim Warrick introduced our speaker, John Bristow, who came forward and gave a presentation on his career as a Sergeant at Arms for the California State Senate. John worked 30 years for the Senate, of which 22 years was as a Sergeant at Arms. He told of how the position had evolved over the years. In the 1850s, members carried swords and often the Sergeants at Arms had to take their swords away when the debates grew heated. The position is now one as a sworn police officer, responsible for the security of Senators, their staff and property, and all criminal activity within Senate jurisdiction. They also act as security liaison with the US government, Secret Service, and the CHP. John was among those on the security detail that accompanied President Gerald Ford when Squeaky Fromme tried to assassinate him in Capitol Park. He talked about some of the effects on the Legislature as a result of the change to a full-time Legislature in 1966 and again in the early 1990s with Prop 140 that established term



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limits. That event resulted in a loss of institutional memory. Now many of the ideas presented in the Senate are just a rehash of ideas previously presented. He also told of how the 1980 reapportionment of the Senate and Assembly Districts ended the era of bipartisanship and that now members of opposing political parties no longer work together or socialize as they did in the past. Following John's talk, President Goodwin thanked him for the presentation and presented him with a Certificate of Appreciation and the SAR Liberty Bell.

Mary Ann Goodwin and Mary Ann Littlefield conducted the raffle. Those bringing gifts for the raffle were Clair & Medora Allen, Tom & Marilyn Chilton, Doug Cross, Jim & Karen Faulkinbury, Hal & Lee Lawson, Don & Mary Ann Littlefield, Jack Pefley, Don & Donna Spradling, and Sidney & Harlan Tougaw. President Goodwin thanked both Mary Anns for conducting the raffle, and Don Spradling for taking the photographs. A motion to adjourn was made. The Recessional was led by Don Littlefield. The Benediction was given by Doug Cross followed by the singing of God Bless America. The meeting was adjourned at 9:10PM. Following the meeting, President Goodwin made a pitch regarding the "Wreaths Across America" ceremony, to be held at 9:00AM on December 12th at the National Cemetery in Dixon. This is part of a nationwide ceremony at every veterans cemetery in the county, to be held simultaneously with the event at Arlington National Cemetery at 12:00PM EST.

Respectfully submitted, Jim Faulkinbury, Secretary

# Merry Christmas

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