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On the night of August 2, 1943, a Japanese destroyer roared out of the darkness of the Blakett Strait in the Solomon Islands and rammed PT 109, slicing it in half. This was the beginning of one of the best-known stories of WW II. Our own **Ted Robinson** witnessed the explosion, but thought that one of the other twelve PT boats in the attack had gotten a "hit" on one of the Japanese destroyers. A week passed before it was learned that many of the crew of PT 109, including John F. Kennedy, had survived. Ted volunteered to be a part of the party that later rescued Kennedy and his crew.

Ted has written a book, "Water in My Veins, The Pauper Who Helped Save a President." In it he tells the story of his life, his experiences in WW II, and his experiences with Kennedy.

The subject of this month's presentation is "Why I wrote a book, what is in it, and what it takes to get a book published." The book will be available for sale after the meeting.



January 16, 2009 at
The Buggy Whip Restaurant

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

Menu Selections

Salisbury Steak	\$24.00
Chicken Parmigiana	\$24.00
Tilapia	\$24.00
Vegetarian Plate	\$24.00

Includes beverage, dessert, tax and tip.



If the telephone committee has not taken your menu selection(s) by January 14th, 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 6:15. The meeting and dinner start at 7:00.

President's Corner - by Jeff Goodwin

Sacramento Chapter Officers for 2009

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Ernie Garcia

Law Enforcement

Program

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Flag Certificate Program

Telephone Committee

Greg Iskra Chairman

Seward Andrews

Tom Chilton

Bill Emmons

Jim Faulkinbury

Hal Lawson

Ernie Garcia

Dart Winship

Happy New Year, and I wish everyone a glorious 2009. First, I want to let you know how honored I feel to be elected as your new President. I promise to do my very best to continue the hard work of the Presidents that have gone before me, and especially our Past President, Dart Winship. Your new board has many, many years of experience working on behalf of the Sons of the American Revolution. You can feel confident that 2009 will be one of our best years.



Your board has just had its first planning session, and I think you will be surprised with what we have planned. First, we are taking a look at having some of our monthly meetings at noon on Saturday. Some of you have mentioned that it is hard to drive when it is dark during winter. Please let a board member know your preference.

We are also considering a 4th of July picnic with local DAR chapters. Mark your calendars today for a picnic, details to follow.

Finally, your board is considering an annual awards dinner, to be held at a local hotel. All SAR and DAR members in the Sacramento area will be invited, as well as the general public. Awards will be made to members of the California Army and Air National Guard, local fire, law enforcement and EMS. Start thinking today about what you would like to donate to the silent auction, or if you prefer, solicit a donor to make a donation. Remember, we are a 501(c) (3) non-profit organization. Talk to your tax advisor now for 2009 tax planning.

A legal note. We are prepared to send out our membership roster. If you do not want your personal information included, please contact Secretary Jim Faulkinbury as soon as possible. We respect your privacy, but if you don't tell us what you want, or don't want, we will not know. Please feel free to call any board member at any time. We are here for you.

J. Jeffries Goodwin

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Spanish War Ensign Presented to the Sacramento Chapter

by Jim W. Faulkinbury, Sacramento Chapter Color Guard Commander

After returning from a visit with his parents in Spain, Compatriot Zachary Amis attended the Sacramento Chapter's monthly meeting on December 19th, 2008, at which time he presented the chapter with a replica of the Spanish State and War Ensign. This was the ensign (flag) that was used by Spain from 1759 to 1785.

With the establishment of the Bourbon dynasty in Spain in 1700, the design of the royal ensigns were made on a white background showing the royal arms of Spain. The design of this ensign is the one used during King Carlos III's reign from 1759 until 1785. The arms of Spain are surrounded by the Golden Fleece. This was one of the two flags used in the Spanish Presidios of California during the Revolutionary War, the other being the Burgundy Cross.

This flag is the highlight of the Sacramento Chapter's flag collection. Obtaining the flag is a story in itself. In doing research for the 2008 Congress in Sacramento regarding the Spanish contribution to the American cause during the Revolution, the existence of this beautiful flag was determined. A search was made to find a full size flag, but nothing could be found in the United States.

Compatriot Amis' parents work for the State Department in Spain, and they were contacted to see if they might know of a source in Spain that could supply the flag. Zach also contacted Compatriot Tom Denegre, a SAR member in Madrid. Compatriot Denegre checked with the Admiral in charge of the Spanish Naval Museum, the director of the Army Museum, and other sources within the Spanish Military, but no one knew of a place where the flag could be purchased. They were able to verify that the design was the one used from 1759 to 1785. A shop was finally located where the flag could be recreated. During his recent visit to Spain, Zach obtained the flag that was presented to the chapter during our December meeting.



Artist's rendition of the Spanish State and War Ensign



Josie and Zach Amis display the Spanish State and War Ensign that they presented the Sacramento Chapter.



President Dart Winship presents Zach Amis with the SAR Certificate of Appreciation.

Wreaths Across America Sacramento Valley National Cemetery Dixon, California, December 13, 2008



Color Guard members, from left to right: Tom Chilton, Ron Proffer, Keith Bigbee (GC), Bill Welch (GC) Ford Osborn, and Jim Faulkinbury. (GC = the Gold Country Chapter SAR).



Cemetery before the start of the Ceremony.



Marston Watson, CASSAR Past President and current Registrar of the San Francisco Chapter, served as Master of Ceremony.



Color Guard during the ceremony.



Color Guard Exiting the Ceremony.



The Riflemen at *Present Arms*.

Color Guard Members Recognized for Their Service

During the December 2008 Chapter meeting, Sacramento Chapter Color Guard Commander Jim L. W. Faulkinbury presented the CASSAR Bronze Von Steuben Color Guard Medal to Don Spradling, Tom Chilton, Ron Proffer, and Dart Winship for their dedicated service to the Sacramento Chapter's Color Guard. This medal is awarded to any guardsman who has served in the Color Guard for three or more years, and has attended at least 50% of the Color Guard functions during that time. Several other Color Guard members qualify for this medal. It will be awarded to them at a later date.



L-R: Jim Faulkinbury, Don Spradling, Tom Chilton, Ron Proffer, and Dart Winship.



The Von Steuben Color Guard Medal

More Photos from Wreaths Across America



Color Guard at Present Arms.



Wreath dedicated by the DAR and SAR.



After the wreaths were laid.



After the wreaths were laid.

The American Revolution – Month By Month - January 1779

by Andrew J. Stough III, Edited by Harold Rogers

Georgia, established by charter in 1732, was the last of the original thirteen colonies. It was established to protect South Carolina from the Spanish in Florida, and from the French in Louisiana. Savannah was the first settlement. Loyalists and Revolutionary parties were almost equally represented in the population. In 1778, Brittan wrested (seized) Savannah from control by the Revolutionists and was held until 1782.

Spanish Florida was ceded to Britain by Spain as a condition of the 1763 Treaty of Paris. In return, Havana, Cuba, was returned to Spain. People in Florida were, for the most part, loyal to Great Britain during the Revolution. In 1778, General Augustine Prevost led troops from Florida to assist in the attack on Savannah, but didn't arrive until the city had already been taken by troops arriving by sea from New York City. In the 1783 Treaty of Paris, Britain returned Florida and the strategic Island of Minorca to Spain, but kept Gibraltar. She ceded only minor territories to France.

Augusta fell in late January leaving Georgia in possession of the British. By the end of January, the entire state was in British hands and would remain so until 1782.

References: Encyclopedia Britannica Vol. 20 page 15, Ward's "War of the Revolution", pages 680-681, Higginbotham's "The War of American Independence", page 353.

A Note from the Author

As we go into the fourth year of this news letter perhaps it is time to add the Forward/Preface. The publication of the American Revolution by the month corresponding to the current month two hundred and twenty years ago began in April 1996. My early years were spent in the town of Sherborn, Mass, and I grew up with great pride in the Minutemen who marched from our town to help send the Redcoats running back to Boston. In April of 1996, the first letter appeared, corresponding to the same month in 1775. There was no intention of going further. With encouragement, the next letter appeared and has continued monthly, except for a slight holiday in 1996 caused by a lack of my computer for several months. Since that time it has continued on a monthly basis.



Town Hall in Sherborn, Massachusetts.

Originally, each monthly Newsletter had a different title. In 1998, the title of "The American Revolution - Current Month" was adopted. Like "Topsy", the monthly letter may have just "*grewed*" with the purpose of first giving myself a better grounding in the Revolution, but published to remind the members of that month's activity in the Revolutionary War. There was never any intention of writing a book or publishing for any other purpose than to remind members of our chapter of the travails that our ancestors went through to give us the United States. Though it may have its faults, the United States of America is still the best and greatest nation on earth. If you don't believe it, try living in some other country for a year or two.

Andy Stough January, 1999

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Del Hanson, Jeff Goodwin, and Don Littlefield awarded the SAR Meritorious Service Medal.

During the December 2008 meeting, President Dart Winship awarded the SAR Meritorious Service Medal to Delwin Wade Hanson, James Jefferies Goodwin, and Donald Bruce Littlefield II. Del Hanson served as Vice-President of the Sacramento Chapter in 1994 and 1995, and as Chapter President in 1996, 1997, and 1998. He was awarded the Law Enforcement Medal in 2002.

Jeff Goodwin has served as Vice-President Programs in 2007 and 2008. He has done an outstanding job of finding and scheduling speakers for our monthly meetings.

Don Littlefield has served as Treasurer and Webmaster of our Chapter since December 2007. He has performed both of these positions in an outstanding manner.



L-R: President Dart Winship, Don Littlefield, Del Hanson, and Jeff Goodwin.

Helena Hurst awarded the Martha Washington Medal

During the December 2008 Sacramento Chapter meeting, Color Guard Commander Jim Faulkinbury presented **Helena Hurst** with the SAR Martha Washington Medal for her service to the Color Guard's School Guard Program. Helena joined the School Guard in January 2007, and has faithfully portrayed Molly Hayes, aka Molly Pitcher, since that time.

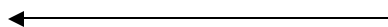
A native of Red Bluff, CA, Helena moved to Sacramento at an early age. She has been a member of the Sacramento Chapter DAR since October 2006, and is currently their Recording Secretary. Earlier this year, she submitted SAR Youth Registrant applications for her grandsons, Trent Jackson Lee, and Tyler Glen Lee. Their patriot ancestor is George Morris. We extend our appreciation to Helena, and all of the School Guard members (both past and present) for helping to make this such a successful program.



Helena Hurst and Jim Faulkinbury.



The Martha Washington Medal



Photos from the December 2008 Meeting

Photos by Don Spradling and Don Littlefield.



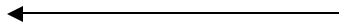
Ernie Garcia wearing the hat worn by his patriot ancestor.



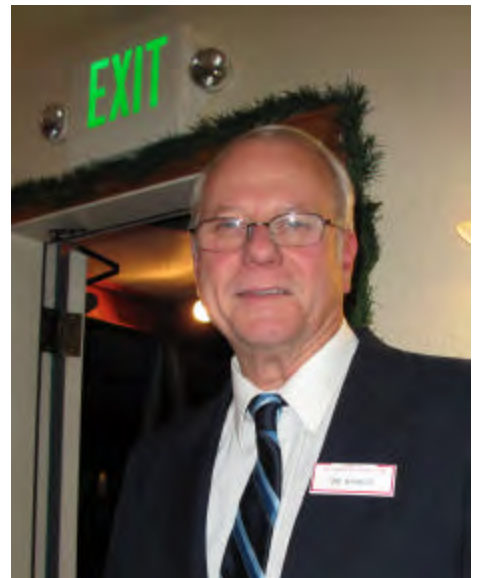
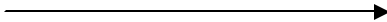
Don and Mary Ann Littlefield.



Jeff and Ursula Sylvan.



Vice-President Elect Jim Warrick.



President Jeff Goodwin accepts the gavel from Past-President Dart Winship.



President Jeff Goodwin presents the SAR Liberty Bell and Certificate of Appreciation to (L-R) Eric Anderson, John Hettinger, and Helen Garcia.

More Photos from the December 19, 2008 Meeting

Photos by Don Spradling and Don Littlefield.



The Color Guard stands at Present Arms as the Pledge of Allegiance is recited.



Ted Robinson and President Dart Winship.



Doug Cross



Don Spradling



Donna Spradling and Pat Winship in their beautiful period dresses.



Donna Spradling was presented with a bouquet of flowers by President Dart Winship for her dedication to our Chapter, and for serving as the Chapter Historian.

Photos from the December 19, 2008 Meeting

photos by Don Spradling and Don Littlefield.



Helena Hurst



Jim Faulkinbury



Pat Winship



2009 Sacramento Chapter Officers
L-R: Dart Winship, Chaplain, Jeff Goodwin, President, Don Littlefield, Ex-VP & Treasursr, Jim Warrick, VP Programs, Jim Faulkinbury, Secretary, and Tom Chilton, Registrar.



L-R: Pat Winship and Donna Spradling listen as Patty Proffer describes how she researched her Colonial dress.



Buggy Whip staff:



Colonial Flags on display with our current American Flag.

Minutes of the meeting held on December 19, 2008.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Vice President Jeff Goodwin who called the Color Guard, including President Winship, to present the Colors. The invocation was given by Dart Winship. Helena Hurst led us in the Pledge of Allegiance, and Robert Schroeder led the Pledge to the SAR.

DAR members introduced included Marilyn Chilton, Helena Hurst, Verona Mhoon, Lynn Robinson, and Pat Winship from the Sacramento Chapter. Other guests introduced were Lavonne Faulkinbury, mother of Jim Faulkinbury, and our musicians for the evening: Helen Garcia on fiddle, Eric Anderson on fiddle with his wife, Sandy, and John Hettinger on guitar with his wife, Loretta.

Following the introductions, Color Guard Coordinator Jim Faulkinbury came forward and described the eight flags that are used in our school program: the Sons of Liberty, the Bedford, the Bennington, the Philadelphia Light Horse Troop, the Bucks of America, the Commander-in-Chiefs, the Culpeper, and the First Navy Jack. Following the flag descriptions, Compatriot Zachary Amis presented the Spanish State and War Ensign 1759-1785 to the Chapter for our flag collection. The flag was made in Spain at his request, and he has just returned from a trip there to visit his parents who work for the State Department.

Next, Compatriot Peter Darnall was asked to come forward and was presented with his 25-Year Membership Award. President Winship then gave a brief talk about the successful "Wreaths Across America" ceremony, where the Chapter Color Guard participated as the Honor Guard for the wreath laying ceremony. He then gave an update about the results of the 2009 membership drive. We will start 2009 with 151 active members. Following his report on membership, Treasurer Don Littlefield was asked to give a Treasurer's Report. He reported that we had just paid our NSSAR and CASSAR dues of \$5,482 to CASSAR and that the treasury now had a balance of \$9,806.80.

Compatriot Ted Robinson announced that his book, "The Pauper Who Saved a President", is now available for purchase.

Next, Chapter awards were presented. Helena Hurst was given the Martha Washington Medal for her service in the School Guard. Color Guard members present, Tom Chilton, Ron Proffer, Don Spradling, and Dart Winship were given the CASSAR Bronze Von Steuben Medal for their long Color Guard service. Don and Donna Spradling were presented with bouquets of flowers for their service as chapter photographer and historian. Jeff Goodwin, Del Hanson, and Don Littlefield were awarded the Meritorious Service Medal for their support as chapter officers, and Certificates of Appreciation and Liberty Bells were presented to our musicians, Eric Anderson, Helen Garcia, and John Hettinger.

Following the chapter awards, the 2009 slate of officers was sworn in by Past President Del Hanson. They are: President - Jeff Goodwin, Executive VP and Treasurer - Don Littlefield, VP of Programs - Jim Warrick, Secretary - Jim Faulkinbury, Registrar - Tom Chilton, and Chaplain - Dart Winship.

Registrar Tom Chilton then came forward and handed out a survey to see what the members present thought about the possibility of CASSAR scanning their complete application packages to provide some input to an upcoming discussion on the issue at the next CASSAR Annual Meeting.

Under our concerns for members, we welcomed Mary Ann Littlefield back from her chemotherapy and we were told that Medora Allen is now home and is recovering from a broken leg.

Following our meal, Color Guard Commander Jim Faulkinbury invited each of the members of the Color Guard who were present, and in uniform or period dress, to give a brief description of their outfit and what unit or dress it represented. Following the CG presentations, our musicians led us in the singing of Christmas Carols. First Lady, Pat Winship, then conducted the raffle. The following people brought gifts for the raffle: Tom & Marilyn Chilton, Jim & Karen Faulkinbury, Ernie & Helen Garcia, Jeff & Mary Ann Goodwin, Del & Linda Hanson, Don & Mary Ann Littlefield, Don & Donna Spradling, Eva Austin-Warner, and Dart & Pat Winship. President Winship then asked for a motion to adjourn. Patrick Harris led us in the Recessional and Ernie Garcia gave the Benediction after which we sang of "God Bless America". The meeting was adjourned at 10:05pm.

Respectfully submitted, Jim Faulkinbury, Secretary



Peter Darnall Receives 25 Year Membership Award

During the December 2008 meeting, **Peter Jackson Darnall** was awarded the SAR 25-year Membership Certificate and Pin. Born in Berkeley, California, Peter is a fifth generation Californian. He holds a Bachelor of Arts Degree from the University of California at Davis, and a graduate degree from the American Institute for Foreign Trade. Peter is married to Anne-Lise Nordahl Nielsen of Oslo, Norway. They have one child, Erik Eugene Darnall. Erik lives in Sacramento with his wife, Elaine, and their son, Griffith.



President Dart Winship presents the 25 Year Membership Certificate to Peter Darnall.

Peter served in the United States Coast Guard where he held the rank of Lieutenant, JG. He is president and chief executive officer for Vantage Services, Inc. His hobbies include gardening, photography, creative writing, and vintage automobiles. He works as a free lance automotive journalist covering vintage automobile racing events, and writing articles for automotive publications such as *Victory Lane* magazine.

Peter's application to join the Sons of the American Revolution was approved on April 14, 1983. His patriot ancestor, Zimri Heywood, served as a Captain in the 2nd Massachusetts Regiment from Lincoln County, MA, and as a member of the Committee of Safety, Winslow, Maine (then Massachusetts) in 1779.

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