Thank you Chapter Volunteers

The Sacramento Chapter extends our sincere thanks and gratitude to every member who helped us accomplish our mission during 2017. Attend this meeting and be honored.

The November 2017 meeting was held at the Carmichael Elks Lodge and was a ceremony that honored the recipients of the Purple Heart Medal, which is a military decoration awarded to those killed or wounded by an instrument of war while serving in the United States Military after April 5, 1917, which was when the United States entered into the First World War. The recipients at this meeting were veterans of the wars from World War II to the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan. Each veteran was given a Certificate of Appreciation and a Challenge Coin. Photographs and other details of the ceremony can be found beginning on page 5 below.

Also at that meeting there were seven new members received. Their photos and biographies can be found in the December newsletter.

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Cattlemens Meal Selections

Ribeye Steak $30
Sirloin Steak $25
Grilled Salmon $25
Lemon Chicken $25
Pesto Spinach/Cheese Ravioli (vegetarian) $25

If the telephone committee has not taken your reservation and menu selection(s) by Wednesday evening, Jan. 17, 2018, please call Michael Brady at (916) 647-3716 directly and leave a message by noon on Thursday or mbrady@sbcglobal.net. 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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President’s Message  

Happy New Year! Can you believe it is 2018  
and still not the 1990’s? A new year and new  
opportunities. I am thrilled to have the privi-  
lege of once again being your President and I  
give you my commitment to work to keep the  
Sacramento Chapter strong, visible and vibrant  
in the coming months and years ahead.  

On January 19 we kick-off the new year. I en-  
courage each of you, and your significant oth-  
ers, to attend our January meeting where we  
will recognize those individuals who gave of  
their time and expertise to help the Sacramen-  
to Chapter execute our programs during the past year. It is through their efforts  
that we fulfill our mission to perpetuate a more profound reverence for the prin-  
ciples of government that was founded by our forefathers.  

We are looking at change in 2018. One of the biggest items on the horizon is to  
secure General Liability, Directors & Officers, and Color Guard insurance. The  
California Society is recommending that Chapters throughout the state secure  
these policies to protect our Chapter officers and membership from potential  
litigation that might arise from the events we participate in. While not affecting  
our 2018 Annual Dues structure, which just concluded, it will affect our Chapter  
dues in 2019. Sacramento Chapter Dues have remained at $10 per year for at  
least a decade. We expect that amount to double in 2019, to cover the cost of  
liability insurance and our community outreach programs.  

During the coming year, we will benefit most from your involvement in the activi-  
ties of the Sacramento Chapter. First and foremost is continuing to grow the  
ranks of our Sacramento Chapter Color Guard with its many public events and  
activities. We have youth programs ranging from the ROTC/JROTC, Eagle Scouts,  
the Knight Essay Contest, and the Americanism Poster Contest that need your  
participation. In addition, we can use a couple of active members to stay in  
touch with other members who are inactive, less mobile, or ill, just to let them  
know we care about their well being and to offer our help in whatever way it  
may be needed. We can always use members with good communication skills to  
join our monthly Calling Committee or to help us in other areas of the chapter  
activities. This is your invitation to stand up, step forward, and offer your serv-  
ces to make the Sacramento Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution, the  
best it can be.  

If you have ideas or suggestions on what we can do to further strengthen the  
Sacramento Chapter, I am listening. Together we can make the Sacramento  
Chapter the jewel of the California SAR.  

Yours in service,  
Don Littlefield  

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Minutes from November 2017 Meeting

Sons of the American Revolution – Sacramento Chapter
Minutes Sacramento Chapter Meeting, Nov. 17, 2017

Meeting Minutes November 17, 2017

The regular meeting of the Sacramento Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution, was called to order at 1900 on No-
vember 17, 2017, in Carmichael (Carmichael Elks Lodge) by Donald Littlefield.

Present

Membership as recorded on the attendance roster.

This month’s meeting is the SAR’s Annual Recognition of Veterans.

Honorees Included Members of the Purple Heart Society representing the periods of
service from WW II to Iraq & Afghanistan.

Chris Archuleta
Paul George
Jerry Bothello
Ron Majarrez
Leonard Dobish
Steve Matulich
Ernie Franco
Stanford Ross

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Donald Littlefield at 7:00 pm.

Pledge of Allegiance: The Pledge was led by Will Gunter

The Colors were presented by the Sacramento Chapter SAR Color Guard (In Uniform)
lead by Russ Kaiser.

Invocation: The invocation was delivered by Chris Lambert.

SAR Pledge: The SAR Pledge was led by David Paulson

Opening Comments: Introduction of the SAR to honored guests. Don Littlefield explained the history, purpose, and
mission of the SAR to the various guests attending this meeting.

Guests in attendance included;

☐ Past Presidents of the Sacramento Chapter; Tom Chilton, Craig Anderson, Russ Kaiser & Jim Faulkinbury

☐ Chapter Committee Chairs and Committee Member’s; Carl Ahlburg, Michael Brady, Phil Noble, Joe More
head, Neil Elvick & Don Spradling

☐ Members of the Daughters of the American Revolution; Deborah Brady, Marilyn Chilton, Donna Spradling,
Karen Faulkinbury

☐ New Members or Reinstated Members; Marlon Allen, Stan Bransgrove, Zachary Bransgrove, Brian
Charter, Chris, Jack & Maxx Neilson and David Sewell

☐ Transfers and Visitors Bryan Neeley (Transfer from Colorado), Rick Neely (Visiting from Mt Evan
Chapter, CO)

☐ CASSAAR LAUX members; Marilyn Chilton, Karen Faulkinbury, and Donna Spradling

Don Then asked all members of the various branches of the Armed Forces to stand and be recognized.

Flag Presentation: J Faulkinbury introduced this month’s flags, the French Alliance and Commander in Chief’s (G. Wash-
ington’s Personal) Flags. A brief history of each was given to the members and guests

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New Members – Induction: Seven new members were introduced and inducted into the SAR and welcomed by all of the members present. They are: Marlon Allen, Stan Bransgrove, Mark Davidson, Chris, Jack & Maxx Neilson and David Sewell

General Chapter Business:

Don Littlefield gave a brief report on the upcoming Wreath’s Across America event to be held on December 16th at 0900 at the National Cemetery in Dixon, CA. All were invited to attend. It was noted that this is the 11th year of this event.

It was announced that the next chapter meeting will be the 19th of January, 2018

Don provided a brief update on the condition of A. Brooking, Past Chapter President (he has finished treatment and is doing well).

An announcement was made that all members participating in events that involved contact with youth (under 18) are required to certify/recertify with the Boy Scout Youth Program safety training. A copy of the certificate needs to be provided to the chapter Secretary and the original kept by the member. Training is good for two years.

The Chapter Executive Committee will be researching liability insurance for the chapter and will report back to the membership on their findings and costs at a future meeting. Members who are interested in purchasing period uniforms should visit the Chapter website as there are good resources on reliable and authentic sources available.

Don also reminded the members present that annual dues were due and encouraged all to address this early.

The Monthly Chapter Raffle was conducted: Gifts for this month’s raffle were donated by; Carl & Inga Ahlberg, Phil & Kathy Noble, Craig & Sandy Anderson, Jim & Karen Faulkinbury, Ernie & Helen Garcia, Ron & Luann Hollis, Michael & Deborah Brady, and Don & Donna Spradling

Dinner: Dinner was served to the membership.

Guest Speaker (@ 2030): Carl Ahlburg provided as short introduction of the night’s topic (A Salute to Veterans). This was followed by a short video tribute to Vietnam Veterans.

A short bio was read for each of the assembled guests, followed by the presentation of a Certificate and Challenge Coin (Victory or Death Coin).

The Guest Speaker, Chris Lambert, Chaplain for the Folsom Chapter 385 of the Military Order of the Purple Heart then gave a nice speech honoring the assembled veteran’s and their journeys in the service of their country and return to civilian life. Particular emphasis was given to the WW II generation of veterans.

At the conclusion of the presentation Don presented Chris with a Certificate of Appreciation and a Liberty Bell.

Don thanked the following for their efforts in making the meeting a success: Carl Ahlberg for managing the event and coordinating with the MOPH and the guests, the Color Guard for the evening, commanded by Russ Kaiser, Joe Moorehead, Cashier & Raffle, Don Spradling, Photographer, Neil Elvick, Editor of the Newsletter, and Kathy Noble for acting as Hostess.

Recessional: The recessional was led by Tom Chilton

Benediction: The benediction was led by Chris Lambert

The Color Guard then retired the Colors.

Carl Ahlberg then closed the meeting with a video presentation of Amazing Grace on Bagpipes.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 2145 by Donald Littlefield. The next general meeting will be at 1900 on January 19, 2018, at Cattlemans in Rancho Cordova, CA

Minutes submitted by: Michael Brady, Chapter Secretary
The men in the picture above were the honorees at the November meeting. Their individual photos can be found below and on the following pages. The Purple Heart Medal is the oldest military award still given to U.S. military members. It’s origin can be traced back to 1782 when General George Washington established it as the Badge of Military Merit. Although it was never discontinued it fell into disuse until after WWI. The medal was subsequently redesigned and renamed and today is awarded to those who were killed or wounded while serving in the United States military.

On the left: The speaker for the evening, Chris Lambert and his wife. Above: Russ Kaiser, Chris Lambert and Don Littlefield with Certificate of Appreciation

Leonard Dobish

Jerry Bothello

Russ Kaiser, Jerry Bothello, Don Littlefield
November Program, Purple Heart Veterans
Photos by Don Spradling

At Attention, Stanford Ross

Ernie Franco

Ernie Franco & wife

Russ Kaiser, Steve Matulich, Don Littlefield

Steve Matulich & wife

Chris Achuleta & wife

Russ Kaiser, Chris Achuleta, Don Littlefield
November 2017 Program, Purple Heart Veterans
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Russ Kaiser, Ken Thurmond, Don Littlefield

Roma & Ken Thurmond

Dennis Rae Wright

Russ Kaiser, Dennis Rae Wright, Don Littlefield

Sarah & Paul George

Russ Kaiser, Harvey Wilson, Don Littlefield

Russ Kaiser, Paul George, Don Littlefield
November Program, Purple Heart Veterans
Photos by Don Spradling

The Color Guard, seen on this page, presented the colors at the beginning of the program and retired them at the end, lending a reverent and solemn tone to the evening.

These same members also serve as the School Guard. The School Guard presents educational programs to many schools in the area and is again going ahead with arrangements to visit about 17 schools this spring during the months of March, April and May. The program is presented to 5th graders and has always been very well received by the children as well as the staff at the schools. They are always looking to add new members, so anyone who is interested is asked to contact Commander Russ Kaiser.
Photos from November 2017 Meeting
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Craig and Sandra Anderson

Neil Elvick, Tom Chilton, Marilyn Chilton

Brian Charter

Dennis Rae Wright, Carl Ahlberg

Links

SAR Sacramento Chapter photos from our dinner meetings can be accessed and downloaded at https://sar.smugmug.com/ & enter Patriot

Information for assembling a uniform or militia outfit is now online at: http://www.sar-sacramento.org/uniforms.shtml.
Coming Events

February 16, 2018, Regular Meeting
7:00 PM at the Cattlemens Restaurant
Program to be announced

April 20, 2018, Regular Meeting
7:00 PM at the Cattlemens Restaurant
Program to be announced

January 19, 2018, Regular Meeting
7:00 PM at the Cattlemens Restaurant
Chapter Awards

March 16, 2018, Regular Meeting
7:00 PM at the Cattlemens Restaurant
Program to be announced