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Program for May's Meeting Youth Awards Banquet



JROTC Award



Knight Essay Contest Award



Eagle Scout Award.

This month's meeting will be held at noon on Saturday, May 8th, at the Carmichael Elk's Lodge, located at 5631 Cypress Avenue in Carmichael. No raffle will be held at this meeting!!



May 8, 2010, 12:00 Noon
Carmichael Elk's Lodge

5631 Cypress Ave.,
just west of
Manzanita Ave.

Menu Selection

Baked 1/2 chicken with mashed potatoes, vegetable, rolls, tossed salad, Coffee, and dessert \$12.00



If the telephone committee has not taken your menu selection(s) by May 5th, 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 11:15AM. The meeting will start promptly at 12:00 noon.

President's Corner - Don Littlefield

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Four members of the Sacramento Chapter attended the California Society SAR's meeting of the membership on April 9 and 10 in Sacramento. Three Sacramento Chapter members were elected to CASSAR offices this year. They are Tom Chilton (Registrar), Jim Faulkinbury (Secretary), and Jeff Goodwin (Chancellor). At the Awards Luncheon, Sacramento's Eagle Scout Candidate, Brady Baldwin, received the CASSAR Eagle Scout Scholarship and Eagle Plaque, plus a cash award from both the CASSAR and the CASSAR Ladies Auxiliary. Another local youth, Todd McHugh, 17, from Citrus Heights, was awarded the SAR Heroism Medal for his acts in rescuing a woman and her two children from a wrecked vehicle before an RT train rammed it in Folsom on February 15. Ernie Garcia received a Certificate of Appreciation for his efforts in arranging for Sheriff, Police, and Fire personnel to be recognized during the meeting. In addition to these recognitions and awards, the Sacramento Chapter won six CASSAR Awards for Most Supplemental and Youth Registrants, Best Chapter Publications, Largest Number of Joint Meetings, Best Website, Highest Attendance at 2009 Congress and Leadership Meetings, and the Largest Number of Guests Attending Meetings.



The Sacramento Chapter hosted its April general membership meeting on April 16, 2010. The April meeting highlight was our speaker, Sheriff John McGinness' Chief of Staff, Captain Scott Jones. Scott talked about the impact of budget cuts on the Sheriff's Department, and how partnerships with State, County, and Local law enforcement offices are so critical in meeting today's law enforcement needs.

On April 17, Doug Cross, Tom Chilton, Tom Boyer, and I attended the memorial service for longtime Sacramento Chapter member John Lloyd Mahony, Jr. We presented LaVerne Mahony with a SAR Memorial Certificate and had the opportunity to speak with his son, John, and daughter, Jan.

On Saturday, May 8, we are joining with the Elks Lodge # 2103 in Carmichael for our Youth Awards Banquet and Recognition event. The meeting will begin promptly at noon at the Elk Lodge, 5631 Cypress Avenue, Carmichael, CA 95608. It is important that if we, as a Chapter, seek to maintain and expand the meaning of patriotism, respect for our national symbols, and the value of American citizenship that you, as a member of the SAR and the Sacramento Chapter, make an effort to attend this Saturday luncheon banquet to impress on these young people how important they are to keeping these ideals and this vision alive in America.

On Friday, June 18, at 7:00 p.m., we will return to the *Buggy Whip*. We are excited and privileged to have as our June speaker Sacramento County District Attorney Jan Scully. Please block your calendar for June 18 and we'll see you there!

Lastly, it is my privilege to announce that the Intel Volunteer Grant Program has given the Sacramento Chapter a check in the amount of \$3,395.00 for the volunteer hours that Mike Wolf and I gave to the Sacramento Chapter during the 2009 Calendar Year.

For all of the latest Sacramento Chapter SAR news and detailed information, please visit our web site at URL: <http://www.sarsac.org/>.

Donald B Littlefield, President

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The American Revolution – Month By Month - May 1780

by Andrew J. Stough III, Edited by Harold Rogers

In Britain there were two schools of thought concerning the war in North America. One school held that it was useless to continue wasting men and money on a country where only the coastal towns and cities could be held. In a land so vast and wild, a minimum of resistance by the rebels could hold the interior forever. Holding the cities would be wasteful. Without supplies from the country, the cities would have to be supplied by ship from England or Canada as had been done in Boston. Realizing this, it would be best to allow Americans their independence and use those resources now committed to North America in a more desirable part of the world than in the harsh wilderness of North America.

The second and simpler strategy was that the large towns, particularly those accessible by ship, should be held by British forces. Loyalists abounded in the South. It was believed that under the leadership of British officers, Loyalists could and would control the interior. It was believed that by this strategy Britain could regain control of the southern colonies, and eventually all of the colonies from Florida to Canada.

It was to further this strategy that Clinton went to Charleston, which in conjunction with Savannah, would give them control of all of the major seaports south of Virginia. In the past, it had been British policy to loot, then burn, captured cities and towns. It was now the intent to preserve Charleston as much as possible, since it would be the major center of British operations in the South..

Clinton would leave Cornwallis in command of the Southern region with instructions to follow the strategy outlined above. Fortunately for the Revolution, and unfortunately for Britain, Cornwallis did not fully accept this philosophy, and began after the departure of Clinton to personally set out to conquer the interior as well as the coast.

On May 8th, the British advanced down the neck to make the final assault. Lincoln was frustrated by his inability to stop their advance. Like a failing boxer, who with the last of his strength launches a flurry of wild blows, Lincoln, on the morning of May 9th, ordered every available weapon fired at the enemy lines. Little was accomplished. Ward states that it was more like a giant 4th of July fireworks display than a serious attempt to damage the enemy. The return fire against the city was far more damaging. The same citizens who denied Lincoln's earlier plans to surrender now demanded that he surrender or they would join the British in attacking his forces in order to bring him down, forcing a surrender and cessation of the bombardment and possible total destruction of the city.

The following morning Lincoln, seeing no other way out, met Clinton's terms for an unconditional surrender. Two days later the Continental's, including their leader, General Lincoln, led the way out and laid down their arms, with the remaining troops following them. In all, 5,466 men became prisoners. This was the type of victory that Britain wanted, believing that if they could destroy the regular armies, then the remaining revolutionaries would be controlled by Loyalist militias. It was at the same time an encouragement for Britain to continue the war.

It was the greatest disaster of the entire war. No American army would suffer such a defeat until 162 years later, when on May 6, 1942, the fortress of Corregidor fell, and 10,000 men, including General Jonathan "Skinny" Wainwright, began the famous Bataan death march from which less than half survived. Being taken prisoner during the Revolution was almost as dangerous as the plague. Of the 20,000 Americans taken prisoner by Britain during the Revolution, only 8,500 survived their imprisonment.

There was now no organized army in the South to oppose the established British and Tory forces. With Charleston occupied, Clinton pursued his plan to use Tory forces to subdue the interior of both North and South Carolina. For some time the battles and skirmishes in the South would truly be a Civil War with Americans fighting and killing Americans. With British forces to back up the Tories, it was seen as almost a foregone conclusion that the South be return to solid control and fealty to King George. It appeared to be the fruition of the scenario as written by British planners.

The night raid on William Washington's encampment on the 14th of April was disastrous, but did not totally destroy the command. Those who escaped were united with other scattered forces under American General

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Huger who still had some units that had not reached Charleston in time to aid the defenders under siege. One such body was what remained of Wm. Washington's cavalry and 350 Virginia Continentals. Both units, under the command of Col. Abraham Buford, was trailed by Banastre Tarleton, who caught up with them on May 29 at the Waxhaw near the North Carolina border. Tarleton sent an emissary under a flag of truce to demand Buford's surrender. Buford, after counseling with his officers, decided to continue their march. Tarleton, who like Cornwallis, had adjusted himself to an informal type of fighting, taking advantage of every opportunity to decimate any opposition, and had used the truce to deploy his troops to attack Buford.

When Tarleton received Buford's reply, he sounded the bugles and fell upon Buford's rearguard destroying it. Buford, surprised, failed to draw up his supply train to block an attack and waited too late to fire upon the crush of Tarleton's horse coming against him. The entire force was now surrounded, making escape impossible, leaving them at the mercy of the enemy. Buford raised a white flag, asking quarter, and had his men put down their weapons. Tarleton would not observe the truce requested, but let his men fall upon the defenseless Americans, slashing them with sabers and bayoneting the wounded. Only 150 men who had been forward of the main body escaped. From that time on, "Tarleton's quarter", indicating the slaughter of surrendered, defenseless men, became the American battle cry. While Tarleton led a charmed life and escaped the war unscathed, Tories would pay at King's Mountain for the unnecessary slaughter at Waxhaw.

I find no evidence of the situation as it related to Washington as the Commander-in-Chief of all American land forces. I do find that Washington looked on his troops as a triad. The upper level was the Continental Army, which could, and did stand up to British Regulars on their own terms when the numbers were anywhere near evenly matched. The middle level were the guerillas, such as Sumter, Marion and Pickens, who used Indian tactics to surprise, or harass the enemy, destroying stores and equipment, but never planning to take and hold towns or territory. They could, and were used at times to back-up the Continentals while Morgan at Cowpens defeated Tarleton in open battle. The lowest tier was the militia. Washington realized that they were not reliable in the face of British soldiers with bayonets. He could and would use them according to their capability and dependability to assist the Continentals in winning the war..



Lieutenant-Colonel Banastre Tarleton by Joshua Reynolds.



Sketch of the Waxhaw Massacre thought to be for a 19th century lithograph.

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Photos from the CASSAR Spring Meeting held at the Embassy Suites Hotel in Sacramento on April 9/10, 2010

(Photos by Don Littlefield)



CASSAR Color Guard Commander Jim Faulkinbury and Karl Jacobs (Harbor) prepare to present the Colors.



CASSAR President Carlson presents President Don Littlefield with a number of 1st place certificates.



NSSAR Treasurer-General and CASSAR Past-President Larry Magerkurth, and CASSAR Chancellor Jeff Goodwin.



Presenting the Colors at the Inauguration Banquet. Jim Faulkinbury is center, and Tom Chilton is center right.



Swearing in ceremony, L-R: Dr. Ernest Latham, Surgeon; Keith Bigbee, VP North; John Dodd, Ex. VP; Wayne Griswold, President; Jim Faulkinbury, Secretary; Tom Chilton, Registrar; Michael Howard, Treasurer; Jim Blauer, Historian; Steven Hurst, VP South; Dr. Phil Dodson, Chaplain; Lou Carlson, Trustee; Jeff Goodwin, Chancellor; and Richard Hawley, Trustee.

Obituary - John Lloyd Mahony, Jr.

John Lloyd Mahony, Jr., passed away on April 5, 2010, after a short illness. He had suffered a stroke in March, and never recovered. John was born on August 7, 1927, in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and spent his childhood in Erie and Ardmore, PA. John's family moved to Philadelphia when he was young, and he graduated from Lower Merion High School in Ardmore, PA. A member of the "greatest generation", he eagerly enlisted in the U.S. Navy during World War II, and served in combat aboard the USS O'Brien in the Pacific Theater. After his honorable discharge, he proudly continued to serve his country for 24 years in the Naval Reserve. He enjoyed summers "down the shore" in Ocean City, NJ, where he met LaVerne Jane Kohn on the beach. They were married in 1948.

John earned an Associate Degree in Electrical Design from Temple University and joined the engineering department at Campbell's Soup in Camden, New Jersey. He was transferred from the main office to the Sacramento plant in 1966. Rather than returning to the main office, he decided to join the Building Department of Sacramento County. He retired in 1989, and turned to his favorite activities.

John was honored by many organizations for his service to others. In June 2004, John was awarded the Daughters of the American Revolution Community Service Award by the Sacramento Chapter DAR [see the September 2004 edition of the Courier]. He was a driver for seniors through RSVP. He was a founder and the first president of HARPS, which provided home repair services for seniors. He helped the Sacramento Jazz Festival for 20 years as a "Jubilee Juice" volunteer, and was a charter member and Big Sir of Sons in Retirement (SIRS) Branch 150.

At the age of 10, John built his first boat and sailed it on Lake Erie. His woodworking talents won blue ribbons at the California State Fair. He delighted in creating many beautiful lamps, picture frames, and furniture that will be cherished by his family. John lovingly tended his garden that is full of camellias, fruits, and vegetables. John and LaVerne traveled to 49 states and 39 countries. They became part of the military retired community in Honolulu.



John was proud to be a member of the Sacramento Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution (SAR), where he received his 25-year pin in 2001. His patriot ancestor was Albert Opdycke.

John has touched many people over the years, and we will all miss his friendly greetings and selfless spirit of giving. He is survived by his adoring wife of 62 years, LaVerne, two children: John of Milwaukee, WI, and Dr. Janice McMillin of Elk Grove, a sister, Jean Cording of Maryland, eight grandchildren, three great-grandchildren, numerous nieces and nephews, and beloved pet KitKat. His son Brian, of Antioch, CA, preceded him in death.

A memorial service was held on Saturday, April 17, 2010, at St. Peter's Lutheran Church in Elk Grove. Private interment was held at the East Lawn Sierra Hills Memorial Park. Memorials may be made in his name to St. Peter's Lutheran Church.



Ted Robinson presents JFK's cane, other Memorabilia to the Smithsonian Institute.

For years, Ted Robinson kept his prized ironwood cane hidden under his bed. On Wednesday, April 21, 2010, the cane became a historical artifact when Ted donated it to the Smithsonian Institute.

For those of us who have heard Ted speak, we have seen this beautiful cane, and know of Ted's heroic actions in helping to save our future president.

At the presentation Ted told how "Jack was in terrible shape when we picked him up, but he hadn't lost his great sense of humor." Kennedy said, "Where the hell have you guys been? I've been standing at this bus stop for a whole week now".

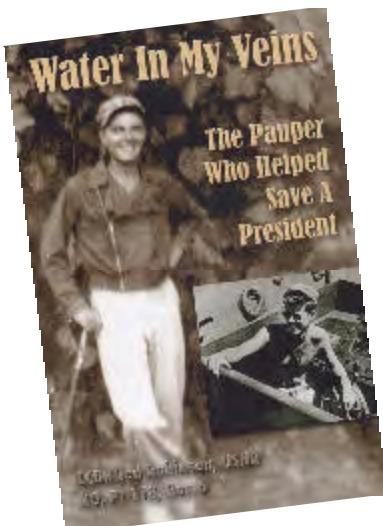
Ted and Jack Kennedy became friends on Tulagi, a South Pacific island, where Kennedy used the cane during his recuperation. Robinson said there is only one word to describe his former tent mate: hero. The cane will be in good company, joining one used by President Woodrow Wilson when he recovered from a stroke, and another given by Benjamin Franklin to George Washington.

Robinson, who wrote a book [*Water in my Veins*] about his experience, signed a document transferring ownership of the cane at a donation ceremony at the National Museum of American History. Officials said the cane will join the museum's division of political history. As part of his donation, Robinson included a photograph he took of Kennedy as he leaned against the cane. Kennedy, in turn, took a photograph of Robinson, which is also in the collection.

David Allison, associate director of curatorial affairs at the museum, called the cane "a fascinating object" and said it fits well with the museum's goal to "preserve the objects and tell the stories that have defined our nation."

This story, written by Rob Hotakainen, appeared in the Thursday edition of the Sacramento Bee. For a full text of the article, go to: <http://www.sacbee.com/2010/04/22/2696980/sacramento-man-donates-john-f.html>

Excerpts from Mr. Hotakainen's article have been reprinted by permission of the Sacramento Bee.



Water in My Veins

by Ted Robinson

This book not only gives the reader a first hand glimpse of the rescue of JFK, but gives one a sense of what it was really like growing up during the Great Depression. Ted still has a few copies left.

Tom

Photos from the March 19, 2010 meeting. photos by Don Spradling.



April speaker Capt Scott Jones,
Sacramento Sheriff's Department.



President Don Littlefield presents Capt. Jones with the
SAR Certificate of Appreciation and the SAR Liberty Bell



President Don Littlefield presents Ernie Garcia with the
Certificate of Appreciation, awarded by the CASSAR,
for his service to the State Society.



Tom Chilton presents Jeff Goodwin with his
Supplemental Certificate for his patriot
ancestor, Joseph Graves.



Marilyn Chilton and Mary Ann Littlefield helped out for
the Treasurer, who was absent.



Jim and Karen Faulkinbury

More photos from the March 19, 2010 meeting. photos by Don Spradling.



Hal and Bob Lawson.



President Don Littlefield and Alex King.



Ernie and Helen Garcia. Ernie is wearing a replica the hat worn by his patriot ancestor.



Medora Allen and her sister, Libby Hulse. Libby is the wife of Al J. Hulse, mother of Al T. Hulse, and grandmother of Andrew, David, and Jonathan Hulse, all members of the Sacramento Chapter



Robert Schroeder and
President Don Littlefield



Vice President Jim Warrick



John Vawter

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON APRIL 16, 2010.

The meeting was called to order at 7:07pm by President Don Littlefield. Doug Cross gave the Invocation followed by Bill Emmons who led the membership in the Pledge of Allegiance, and Ernie Garcia who led the Pledge to the SAR.

President Littlefield recognized past presidents, Tom Chilton, Jim Faulkinbury, and Jeff Goodwin who were reelected to State offices at the CASSAR Annual Meeting last week. DAR members recognized included Medora Allen, Libby Hulse (the sister of Medora who lives in Tulsa Oklahoma), and Marilyn Chilton of the Sacramento Chapter, and Ann Taylor of the Sierra-Amador Chapter. Our speaker tonight, Capt. Scott Jones of the Sacramento Co. Sheriff's Dept., and prospective member Alex King was also introduced.

Concerns for our members included the reading of an obituary for Compatriot John Mahony, Jr. who passed away on April 5th. Other concerns included Woody Robertshaw who continues to improve, Jeff Goodwin who recently had back surgery to cement his fractured L3 and L4 vertebrae, Ron Proffer and David Warren who have pneumonia, David Warren's wife, Lois, who had knee surgery and will return home from the hospital this week, Del McCardell's wife, Marie, who fell and broke her left wrist requiring pins, and Annabel Audet, widow of Co-fell and broke her leg while her son is also in ICU at Sutter Hospital in grave condition.

In the absence of Treasurer Mike Wolf, President Littlefield gave the Treasurer's report. Our checking account balance is \$1,689.15 and our Money Market account now has \$11,582.73 for a total of \$13,271.88

Color Guard Commander, Jim Faulkinbury, was next asked to describe the flags tonight: the New England and the Rhode Island Regiment flags. This was followed by an announcement that DAR members Helena Hurst and Verona Mhoon, who participate in our "School Guard" presentations for area 5th grade assemblies, were recognized by the California Society DAR for their work with us in this valuable program. Compatriot Jack Pefley gave a brief talk about the April 10th DAR dedication ceremony for the Pathway for the Blind at Jensen Botanical Gardens, and also gave greetings from Jacquie Coffroth who initiated this project.

Next President Littlefield presented Ernie Garcia with the CASSAR Certificate of Appreciation for his work in arranging the Law Enforcement and Heroism awards for the CASSAR Annual Meeting last week. Ernie and Vince Gant then helped President Littlefield show the attendees the awards the chapter received at that meeting: 1) largest number of guests attending meetings, 2) best chapter publications, 3) best website, 4) most supplementals and youth registrants, 5) largest number of joint meetings, 6) highest attendance at 2009 Congress and Leadership Meetings.

President Littlefield then gave information about the next meeting on May 8th that will be a joint luncheon meeting with the Carmichael Elks Club at their facility. This will be a joint Youth Awards Luncheon where we will recognize the Chapter winners of the Eagle Scout Essay Contest, the Outstanding JROTC Contest, and the Knight Essay Contest. The meal cost will be \$12. He also announced that Sacramento District Attorney Jan Scully will be our speaker at the June dinner meeting. Jeff Goodwin then announced the creation of the CASSAR "250" pin for those who contribute \$250 or more towards the building of the SAR's new Center for Advancing America's Heritage in Louisville, KY. Jim Faulkinbury added that at the grand opening ceremony during the NSSAR Fall Leadership Meeting in September, in addition to the valuable treasures from the SAR Library, the Remnant Trust plans on displaying some of their valuable documents including a 1576 copy of the Magna Carta, a Dunlap Broadside of the Declaration of Independence, and a 1st edition of the Thomas Paine's "Common Sense".

Next Jeff Goodwin was recognized with the presentation of his latest supplemental application based on the public service of Joseph Graves of Virginia. This was followed with the induction of new members, Greg and Kevin Jones.

Following dinner, President Littlefield made a suggestion to attract potential members, that chapter members leave their newsletters and copies of their CASSAR and NSSAR magazines at businesses that have



Minutes of the meeting held on April 16, 2010.

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magazine displays for customers rather than trashing them or just filing them away to never be looked at again. He then introduced Capt. Scott Jones of the Sacramento Co. Sheriff's Dept. who is a candidate for the office of Sheriff in the November election. Capt. Jones discussed what the economic downturn has meant to the services provided by the Sacramento Co. Sheriff's Dept. which is one of the hardest hit law enforcement agencies in the country due to the large urban area they service and the cuts they had to make. All auxiliary programs have had to be terminated including K-9, helicopter, Problem Oriented Police (POP), and other services because of the unexpectedly high number of budget cuts. There is now only one officer for every 3,000 residents which is one-third of the national recommended average, and minor crimes are no longer investigated at a result. He indicated that to help with this situation, all of the law enforcement agencies in the area are looking at a regional view so they can share overhead and services.

The meeting ended with the fund raiser conducted by Mary Ann Littlefield and Marilyn Chilton. Those donating gifts were Clair & Medora Allen, Tom & Marilyn Chilton, Doug Cross, Ernie & Helen Garcia, Jim & Karen Faulkinbury, Hal Lawson, Don & Mary Ann Littlefield, Robert Schroeder, and Don & Donna Spradling. Don thanked Mary Ann and Marilyn for their assistance, Don Spradling for helping with the pictures, and then asked for a motion to adjourn. Greg Jones led the Recessional followed by the Benediction by Doug Cross. Those present then sang "God Bless America" after which the meeting was adjourned at 8:52pm.

Respectfully submitted, Jim Faulkinbury, Secretary

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