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Sara Beach

Sara is a native Californian, born and raised in Sacramento. She is a member of the Sacramento DAR chapter and the daughter of SAR member David Beach. A UC Regents Scholar, Sara majored in Linguistics and minored in History at UC Davis. She earned her master's degree in Public History from Sacramento State where she wrote her thesis advocating for an administrative archives at George Washington's Presidential Library. This project required over 180 hours of research at the Mount Vernon Library in



Sara Beach and her brother (daughter & son of our member David Beach), pictured in front of Mt. Vernon

Virginia and included on sight interviews with all eighteen departments on the Estate.

In addition, Sara logged more than 200 hours of volunteer time at Mount Vernon and even worked as a server in the beautiful Mount Vernon Inn Restaurant for three summers. Sara still serves as a History Interpreter in the Washington's home and recently led Christmas Candlelight tours. Prior to her involvement at Mount Vernon, Sara interned at George Mason's Gunston Hall and The Society of the Cincinnati in Washington D.C. She also worked at History Associates, Inc. in Maryland as an archivist for a year.

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Cattlemens Meal Selections

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

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Friday, Feb. 16, 2018 7:00 PM **Cattlemens Restaurant** 12409 Folsom Blvd., Rancho Cordova

If the telephone committee has not taken your reservation and menu selection(s) by Wednesday evening, Feb.14, 2018, please call Phil Noble at (916) 402-3041 directly and leave a message by noon on Thursday or Phil Noble <phil7476@aol.com>. 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. We are a 501(c)(3) non-profit charitable organization, EIN # 68-0004288

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Current Officers

Don Littlefield

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Carl Ahlberg

School Guard Coordinator & Brochure Contest

Mike Hull & Del Hansen

Law Enforcement Program

Phil Noble

Calling Committee

Phil Noble

Joe Moorehead

Meetings Cashiers

President's Corner Sept. 2017

Presidents Message

While we have accomplished a great deal in the past, our chapter still faces some challenges: namely, retaining existing membership, acquiring new members, and encouraging new members to participate in the various chapter programs and activities that have made us successful. In 2017, we started the year with 164 members. We begin 2018 with 181 members. That's terrific! Our great member support is our strength and it permits us to participate in so many of the SAR youth programs.

We have a new Secretary this year, Michael Brady, who chaired our Calling Committee last



Don Littlefield

year. Phil Noble has once again stepped up and taken the job of Calling Committee Chairman. Joe Moorehead will replace Will Gunter on the Calling Committee. Jim Faulkinbury will continue as Registrar and Genealogist. Jim is always anxious to give guidance and support to folks wanting to become members. Carl Ahlberg has our Meeting Speakers almost set in stone for the rest of the year. One of our most immediate needs is for a member to become our Guardian of the Flags. This individual should expect to attend nearly every meeting and bring the United States flag and the California State flag, including flag stands, to each meeting. After more than 15 years, Don Spradling, and his mom Donna, have asked to give this role up.

On January 20 we secured General Liability Insurance for the Sacramento Chapter. That came at a cost of \$739.00 for the next 12 months. We also investigated Reenactors Liability Insurance that would cover our Chapter and our Color Guard members when participating in Color Guard events, including musket firing, however that cost is prohibitive at \$1,707.00 annually. We will revisit that insurance again should a significant number of new members join the Color Guard and show an interest in firing their muskets.

One final item of importance is that the California Society just released a long awaited legal opinion relating to California Assembly Bill 424 relating to Firearms on School Grounds. Based on the advice of counsel, and the California Education Code for Student Discipline, we are removing all muskets, swords, tomahawks and knives, including stage props of these items from our School Guard, Poster Contest, Eagle Scout Courts of Honor, and JROTC presentations, that occur on School grounds. We will continue to work this issue and hope by next school year these artifacts of Americas struggle for independence can again be part of our school presentations.

If you can ride a bike, drive a car, or catch a cab, I hope you will make every effort to try and attend our February meeting. As I noted earlier, if we put forth the effort and persist in our duty, we can prevail. I look forward to seeing each of you on Friday, February 16th.

Don Littlefield

President

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Minutes from January 2018 Meeting

Sons of the American Revolution – Sacramento Chapter Minutes Sacramento Chapter Meeting, January 19, 2017 Minutes Sacramento Chapter Meeting, January 19, 2018

Sacramento President Don Littlefield called the meeting to order at 7:00. Will Gunter lead the Pledge of Alle-

giance and President Littlefield gave the invocation followed by Russ Kaiser who led the pledge to the SAR. President Littlefield then gave a brief description of the organization of the Sons of the American Revolution, its membership, and its goals and objectives, and how the Sacramento Chapter supports those goals.

President Littlefield next introduced the National and State Officers and Sacramento Past Presidents who were present. They included California SAR Executive Vice-President Derek Brown and his wife Janet, who is a member of the California SAR Ladies Auxiliary; Past Presidents of the Sacramento Chapter Tom Chilton, Jim Faulkinbury who is also Past President of the California SAR, Russ Kaiser, and Craig Anderson who is also the California SAR State Secretary. He then welcomed Jeff Doyle, Past President of the Mother Lode Chapter who has now transferred to our chapter and is leading the Americanism Poster Contest as Chairman. Also recognized were the other key members to help the Chapter carry out its mission: Carl Ahlberg, Michael Brady, Neil Elvick, Roy Adkins, Don Spradling, Phil Noble, and Joe Moorehead. He also welcomed back Don Clark who has been absent for a few months due to health issues. Next, the members of the DAR present were introduced including Karen Faulkinbury of the Gold Trail Chapter, Marilyn Chilton of the Sacramento Chapter, and Anne Taylor (Regent), Carol Olney (1st Vice Regent), and Ruth Edmondson-Johnson (Registrar) of the Sierra Amador Chapter. Finally, the new members to be inducted this evening were intro-



Michael Brady Chapter Secretary

duced. They were: Brian Charter with his father, Wilbur, and son Philip; George Perrin, and Steve Sanford with his father Don.

The first order of business was the election of the Chapter's officers for 2018. The nominees were Don Littlefield for President and Treasurer, Carl Ahlberg for Vice President Programs, Michael Brady for Secretary, and Jim Faulkinbury for Registrar. There being no nominations from the floor, the membership voted unanimously for the slate of nominees to be our 2018 officers. California Executive Vice President Derek Brown then swore in the new Chapter officers.

Following the installation of officers, the six new members, Brian, Wilbur, and Philip Charter, George Perrin, and Don and Steve Sanford were inducted into the Chapter. Their bios were read to the membership by Registrar Jim Faulkinbury, President Littlefield gave them the oath to the SAR, and the membership then came forward and welcomed each member with the usual handshake

Next, President Littlefield made announcements that 1) Alan Brooking is in recovery for the next few months, 2) Boys Scouts of American Youth Protection Training is required of any member who is involved in our programs with any youth under the age of 18, including Eagle Scout, JROTC, Color Guard, School Guard, and the Americanism Poster Contest, and that the online course should be taken and the certificate of completion sent to the Chapter Secretary, 3) the chapter has acquired General Liability, D&O insurance, and Property insurance coverage and is still investigating the cost and value of blackpowder/reinactors/firing insurance for those members who would fire their muskets in chapter activities. He also made a pitch for the members to consider putting a uniform together to join our Color Guard which is the face of the SAR to the public. Mention of the upcoming Sacramento County National History Day competition at Inderkum High School on March 3rd and the need for volunteer judges was also made. Executive Vice President Derek Brown then made a pitch for members to attend the California SAR State Meeting in Concord on April 19-21, 2018.

The raffle was then conducted. Those providing raffle prizes were: Will Gunter, Jim & Karen Faulkinbury, Evan Jonas, Russ and Donna Kaiser, Jim Warrick, Ernie & Helen Garcia, Craig & Sandra Anderson, Chris Johnson, and Tom & Marilyn Chilton. Following the raffle, dinner was served.

Following dinner, President Littlefield called the meeting back to order and gave brief remarks about the (continued on following page)

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importance of volunteering to support the SAR. He then called Color Guard Commander, Russ Kaiser, to come forward. Russ talked briefly about the activities of the Sacramento Chapter Color Guard during 2017. He then presented the SAR Bronze Color Guard Medal to Carl Ahlberg and Craig Anderson for the service in the Color Guard, SAR challenge coins to Don Littlefield, Ernie Garcia, and Jim Faulkinbury, and the SAR "Liberty or Death" challenge coins to Phil Noble and David Beach for their continued service in the Color Guard.

Executive Vice President, Derek Brown, and chapter member Jim Warrick were then asked to come forward. Representing the California SAR, Derek presented Jim Warrick with the Silver Good Citizenship medal for his work in several leadership activities in organizations other than the SAR. This award requires approval by the State Society. Jim had already received the Bronze Good Citizenship Medal.

President Littlefield then made the annual recognitions of Chapter members who have provided service to the Chapter during the previous year. Those recognized were:

Don Clark – a Certificate of Distinguished Service

Michael Brady – the Chapter Meritorious Service Medal

Michael Hull – the Chapter Meritorious Service Medal

Del Hanson – the Bronze Good Citizenship Medal

Ernie Garcia – the Bronze Good Citizenship Medal

Phil Noble – the Bronze Roger Sherman Medal

Joe Moorehead – the Bronze Roger Sherman Medal

Roy Adkins – the Chapter Medal of Distinguished Service

Neil Elvick – the Bronze Roger Sherman Medal

Russ Kaiser – the Bronze Roger Sherman Medal

Alan Brooking – the Bronze Roger Sherman Medal (due to Alan's health, the Chapter officers will present the medal to him at his home this coming weekend)

Carl Ahlberg – the Chapter Meritorious Service Medal

Jeff Goodwin – a Certificate of Appreciation

William Heavey – a Certificate of Appreciation

David Paulsen – Certificate of Appreciation

In addition to those awards to Chapter members, President Littlefield also gave special challenge coins to Carl Ahlberg, Russ Kaiser, and Jim Faulkinbury. For the support by the ladies who are always supporting our chapter activities, the following recognitions were made:

Susan Brooking – the SAR/DAR Medal of Appreciation (to be presented this coming weekend)

Kathy Noble - the Lydia Darragh Medal

Donna Spradling – a Certificate of Distinguished Service

Marilyn Chilton – a Certificate of Distinguished Service

Following these presentations, President Littlefield asked the chapter Past Presidents, Tom Chilton, Jim Faulkinbury, Russ Kaiser, and Craig Anderson to come forward and then invited Don Spradling to join them. By consensus of the Past Chapter Presidents, including Del Hanson who wasn't able to attend, the "President's Award", a crystal obelisk was presented to Don Spradling for long and dedicated service as our chapter photographer and Guardian of our Flags.

That concluded the chapter volunteer recognition awards. President Littlefield asked Carl Ahlberg to lead us in the SAR Recessional and gave the benediction following by Tom Chilton leading us in the singing of "God Bless America". The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted

Jim Faulkinbury, Acting Secretary

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January Program

Photos by Don Soradling

The January meeting program was devoted to recognizing those members who are responsible for making this organization operate. These are the people upon whom we depend to do the many day to day and month to month tasks that are necessary to keep us going. The following photographs show the awards that were given in appreciation for all their efforts.



CASSAR Vice President Derek Brown & his wife Janet



Roy Adkins & President Don Littlefield and the Chapter Medal of Distinguished Service



Donna Spradling, Don Littlefield & Marilyn Chilton



Kathleen Noble
Don Littlefield



Russ Kaiser, Don Littlefield



Joe Moorehead



Jim Faulkinbury, Don Littlefield



Philip Noble, Joe Moorehead, Don Littlefield



Don Clark & Don Littlefield

Donna Spradling & Marilyn Chilton received Certificate of Distinguished Service, Kathleen Noble, the Lydia Darragh Medal. Russ Kaiser and Joe Moorehead received the Bronze Roger Sherman Medal. Ernie Garcia and Jim Faulkinbury received SAR Challenge Coins. Don Clark received Certificate of Distinguished Service.

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January Program Continued Photos by Don Spradling



Carl Ahlberg receives Meritorious Service Medal from Don Littlefield



Mike Hull, Ernie Garcia, Don Littlefield Ernie & Mike receive & Good Citizenship & Meritorious Service awards respectively



Don Spradling received The President's Award, a crystal obelisk, for his years of service as Chapter Photographer & Guardian of the Flags. This recipient of this award is selected by a consensus of past Sacramento Chapter Presidents.



President Don Littlefield, CASSAR Vice President Derek Brown & Jim Warrick, who is receiving the Silver Good Citizenship Medal



Craig Anderson & Carl Ahlberg (both receiving SAR Bronze Color Guard Medal), & Russ Kaiser (Bronze Roger Sherman Medal)

Don James Spradling

Don Spradling became a member, along with his Father, Bill Spradling, in December 1998. In 2002, Don became the official Sacramento Chapter Photographer. In addition, Don became an active participant in the Sacramento Chapter Color Guard, and Guardian of the Flags. Since 2002, Don has attended nearly every meeting taking photos (est. 10,000) of our activities and participating in numerous Color Guard activities, including 4th of July, Veterans Day parades, Wreaths Across America, Memorial Day events, and other activities each year. Don has previously been awarded the Chapter Meritorious Service medal, the Chapter Distinguished Service medal, and the Bronze Color Guard medal for his past contributions to the Sacramento Chapter. His long-term commitment and dedication to the Sacramento Chapter has been simply outstanding.

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Photos by Don Spradling



Swearing in of new officers for 2018 by Derek Brown, California SAR Executive Vice-President

From left right: Carl Ahlberg, Vice President of Meetings, Jim Faulkinbury, Secretary, Don Littlefield, President.

New Members

Photos by Don Sprading



Steve Sanford, & Don Sanford

Stephen DeForest Sanford was born in Corvallis, Oregon on November 18th, 1949 and he currently lives in Citrus Heights. He is a graduate of Virginia Tech and is retired from Architecture in the field of Educational Facilities Design. He served in the USAF from 1969-1976 in Air-to-Ground nuclear missiles. His hobbies include genealogy, computers, and drawing. He is an Eagle Scout and is involved in scouting with his son for many years.

His father, **Donald DeForest Sanford** was born in Portland, Oregon on 5 October 1923, and he now lives in Modesto, California. Don was an Army Air Corps P-38 pilot in the Pacific during World War II. After the War, he attended and graduated from Oregon State College with a Bachelor of Science degree. He continued his military service in the Army National Guard as fixed and rotary wing pilot in the 49th Aviation Battalion in Stockton. Don's occupation was as a wine maker and brandy plant manager at Gallo Winery in Modesto. He is retired and his hobbies include genealogy, computers, desktop publishing for the McHenry Museum & Historical Society, history, photography and reading.

Their applications to join the Sons of the American Revolution were approved on September 26th 2017. Their patriot ancestor, Eli Parsons, served as a Lt. in Capt. Thomas Seward's Co. of Col. John Crane's Artillery Reg. of the Massachusetts Line from March 1st 1777 to May 7th, 1779. He was wounded in October 1777.



George Vincent Perrin was born in Sacramento on November 5th, 1953 and he currently lives in Gold River. He is retired from Aerojet Rocketdyne, where he worked as a Program Manager for advanced development rocket motors for the US Air Force and NASA. Prior to that, he worked in Contracts at Aerojet (altogether from 1987—2015), and for the US Air Force as a civilian at both McClellan AFB and at Aerojet from 1975 – 1987. His hobbies include genealogy research and travel in retirement. His application to join the Sons of the American Revolution was approved on November 10th 2017. His patriot ancestor, John Davis, was a Lt. and Capt. In the Wicomico Battalion of Worcester Co., Maryland Militia in 1777 and 1779. He also swore Oath of Fidelity to the State of Maryland on 12 March 1778.

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New Members

Photos by Don Spradling



At left are the new members accepted at the January meeting. The Charter family supplied three new members, Philip, Wilbur and Brian. The Sanford family added two, Steve and Don. George Vincent Perrin was the lone candidate from the Perrin family.



Philip Beaumont Charter, age 27, was born and raised in Sacramento, CA. He lives with his girl-friend, Katie, in North Natomas, CA. He graduated from Jesuit High School, Sacramento. He recently started a new job with the State of California, Department of Tourism having previously worked in the hospitality field at various hotels in Sacramento. He is a gifted artist and a former high school all-American rugby player.



Wilbur Gene Charter, age 87, was born and raised in Albany, CA. He was married to his late wife, Marie Louise Charter, for 60 years. He lives in Kensington, CA. He graduated from UC Berkeley with a bachelor's master's degree in forestry. He was a professional forester for the US Forest Service, Department of Agriculture, for 35 years. He attended ROTC training in college, and served active duty in the US Army from 1953 to 1955, posted at Fort Winfield Scott, San Francisco, CA and throughout Alaska. He continued to serve in the US Army reserves until discharged in

1961. He is the father of two adult sons, and six grandchildren. He enjoys museum exhibits, travel and Cal athletics.



Brian Henry Charter, age 57, was born in San Francisco, and raised in El Cerrito and Berkeley CA. He is married to his wife Julie, and they have two adult children, Philip and Lauren Charter. Brian also graduated from UC Berkeley with a bachelor's degree in political science. He earned a law degree from Pacific McGeorge School of Law in Sacramento and is a practicing accident injury attorney, now with 32 years of practice in Sacramento, with cases throughout CA. Brian and Julie Charter frequent Berkeley for various alumni events, and to support their daugh-

ter, Lauren, a public health major and intercollegiate water polo player at Cal. Brian is a retired youth and high school rugby coach. He is active with professional associations, golf and swimming. He enjoys California wine and destination tasting.

Their applications to join the Sons of the American Revolution were approved on November 10th, 2017. Their patriot ancestor, John Charter Jr. was a Connecticut farmer from East Windsor and Ellington, Connecticut. He was a militia-man who answered the Lexington Alarm with his brother George Charter in April of 1775. He enlisted on the first call for troops on May 5,1775. He served as a private in the 5th Company, 2nd Connecticut Regiment during the siege of Boston and was discharged on November 6,1775. He also served in the 21st Connecticut Militia at the battle of Rhode Island. His father, John Charter Sr., was 1st. Lt. the 6th Company, 2nd Battalion of Gen. Wadsworth's Brigade,1st. Conn. Regiment where he served on the Brooklyn Front during the battle of Long Island on August 27th, 1776.

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Photos from January Meeting Photos by Don Spradling



Donna Spradling, Karen Faulkinbury, Janet Brown



George Taylor



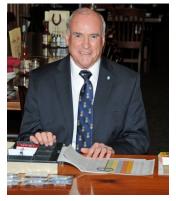
Jeff Doyle



Donna & Russ Kaiser



Craig and Sandra Anderson



Cashier for the evening Philip Noble

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.

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CSSAR Spring Meeting



143rd Annual Spring Meeting of the

California Society Sons of the American Revolution



April 19 – 21, 2018 Hosted by the Thomas Jefferson Chapter

Concord Hilton Hotel

1970 Diamond Blvd., Concord, CA 94520

A Special SAR Room Rate of \$144.00 (plus tax) per night (single or double) is available until March 1st. Make Hotel Reservations at (800) 826-2644. Parking is \$9.50/day. Free Shuttle from Concord BART.

Meeting Reservation Form Name: Spouse/Guest: Chapter: Title: Address: Telephone: City/Zip:_____ Email:____ Arriving: ____Thurs, Apr 19 ____Fri, Apr 20 ____Sat, Apr 21 Registration is \$175.00 per person by March 1, 2018 or \$190 after March 1. The Registration Fee includes Admission to all Business Meetings, Hospitality Room, Friday and Saturday luncheons, and the Saturday Gala Dinner Banquet. Number of Registrants: @ \$175 Late Registrations @ \$190 Total:_____ Non-registered Friday Luncheon: . _____@ \$55 each Non-registered Saturday Luncheon: @ \$55 each Non-registered Gala Dinner Banquet @ \$75 each Total Amount Enclosed: Checks should be payable to THOMAS JEFFERSON CHAPTER and mailed with this registration form to: Stephen Renouf, 16123 Paseo del Campo, San Lorenzo, CA 94580 Questions? Contact Derek at DptyDeke@yahoo.com or 925-285-4792 (cell) Please mark your meal choices: Sat. Youth Luncheon Fri. Public Service Luncheon Sat. Gala Dinner Banquet — Lemon Grilled Chicken — Grilled Chicken Caesar Salad Beef Vegetarian Lasagna Vegetarian Wrap —. Chicken —. Vegetarian Option

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CSSAR Spring Meeting

143 Annual Spring Meeting of the California Society Sons of the American Revolution

Meeting Registration link for the California Society Spring Meeting: https://www.sar-sacramento.org/docs/143rdCASSARSpringMtgRegistration.pdf

Concord Hilton room reservations for the Spring Meeting, \$144.00 per night http://www.hilton.com/en/hi/groups/personalized/C/CONCHHF-AME-20180419/index.jhtml?WT.mc_id=POG

Firearms and the School Guard

AB-424 Possession of a firearm in a school zone.

On October 14, 2017, the California Legislature adopted and Governor Brown signed Assembly Bill No. 424 Possession of a firearm in a school zone. We have been reviewing AB 424 for the past year, seeking opinions from Law Enforcement, California Assembly members, and School Boards. We have also received a legal opinion from The California Society Chancellor, John Dodd, dated Friday, February 2, 2018. <u>View the California Society legal opinion</u>.

We all know that California schools are generally opposed to items being brought on campus that are, look like, or vaguely resemble, guns, firearms, swords, knives, or other weapons of any kind. Your Sacramento Chapter Officers have come to the conclusion that our best option is to acknowledge and align our presentations with these school policies.

Until it is clear that our Revolutionary War muskets and other weapons are exempt from AB 424, we cannot place ourselves, the Sacramento Chapter, the California Society, or the National Society at risk of a law suit or even an incident by bringing the above listed items, real or props, onto school grounds.

This is not about school administrators or the teachers. It is about risk avoidance of a member of the public or a parent of a child seeing an SAR member or group with muskets or other reproduction weapons in hand, triggering a law enforcement action and felony charges. Keep in mind, these are elementary schools that house 100's of K thru 5 children. It may be more likely that the parents of the youngest kids would the ones most likely to pull the alarm.

Fifth Grade students who are interested in weapons used in the Revolutionary War can learn more about them from the Internet. There is no mandate that they learn about these items from the SAR. We are simply going against the grain if we persist in including these items. More importantly, we do not want the Sacramento Chapter to be the entity that brings notoriety and bad press to the California or National Societies. Recovery from such events is a long and arduous road if you recover at all.

There are plenty of Revolutionary War and Colonial America topics we can talk about in our School Guard and Poster Contest presentations that will be educational without bringing and including these items of weaponry in our talks.

We will continue to work this issue and hope by next school year these artifacts of Americas struggle for independence can again be part of our school presentations.

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Coming Events

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

March 16, 2018, Regular Meeting 7:00 PM at the Cattlemens Restaurant Program to be announced April 19 – 21, 2018 143rd Annual Spring Meeting of the CASSAR Concord Hilton Hotel Concord CA

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