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As is traditional, there are no regular meetings for July and August. The next regular meeting will be at Cattlemens on September 16. On July 4 the Chapter Color Guard, along with two area Chapters of the DAR had the place of honor at the head of the 54th Annual Independence Day Parade in Carmichael. You can find photos from the event on pages 6 and 7 of this newsletter.

The SAR's 126th National Congress was held recently in Boston and our own Jim Faulkinbury was elected Vice President General of the Western District. Photos on page 9.

Members only meeting

at Cattlemens on August 20, 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM

Coffee and light refreshments

Come prepared to present and discuss ideas that we can use going forward

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Cattlemens Meal Selections

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

Saturday, August 20, 2016

10:00 AM Cattlemens Restaurant

12409 Folsom Blvd., Rancho Cordova

If the telephone committee has not taken your reservation and menu selection(s) by **Wednesday evening, September 14**, please call Alan Brooking at (916) 315-3799 directly and leave a message by noon on Thursday. We strongly encourage reservations be made in advance. All reservations are guaranteed. Don't be a "no show."

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President's Corner**July 2016 President's Remarks**

I would like to thank everyone who attended the Sacramento Chapter's community award dinner at our June meeting. We were honored to award medals to four members of our areas public service agencies: Law Enforcement Medals were presented to Deputy Karl Griffiths and Detective Dave Treat of the Sacramento County Sheriffs Dept, and Rebecca Brown of the FBI; and a Heroism Medal was presented to Sharon McIntyre of the Sacramento Fire Dept by California Society President Ron Barker. I would also like to acknowledge Ernie Garcia who once again put together a great program. **Thanks, Ernie!**

I would like to recognize two compatriots who will be celebrating their SAR anniversaries over the summer break: Richard Dean Tolman with 5 years on July 1st, and John Stephen Chiles with 25 years on August 26th; thank you both for your continued support of the Sons of the American Revolution.

July marks the 240th anniversary of the adoption of the Declaration of Independence. Recently, Joe Dooley, NSSAR Past President, sent me an article written by Richard A. Samuelson, the current SAR Distinguished Scholar titled: ***The Fighting Spirit of the Declaration***. A quote from the article redefined to me the true meaning of the Declaration of Independence:

"As we celebrate this, the two hundred fortieth anniversary of America's Declaration of Independence, it is worth remembering and paying honor to our ancestors who risked "their lives, fortunes, and their sacred honor" for the liberty of our country. We sometimes get carried away with the poetry and the philosophy of the Declaration and fail to remember this, most direct element of its meaning."

Those of you who wish to read to entire article, it can be found on this web site:

<http://www.weeklystandard.com/the-fighting-spirit-of-the-declaration/article/2003118>

Please mark your calendars; we have scheduled a Members-only meeting for August 20th (10AM to 12PM) at the Cattlemen's Restaurant, 12409 Folsom Blvd, Rancho Cordova. Coffee and light refreshments will be provided. This is an important meeting to discuss the Sacramento Chapter's objectives moving forward into 2017. **If anyone has suggestions for discussion items for this meeting, please forward them to me. Please join us.**

Our September meeting will feature, Rex Ruth, as our guest speaker. Rex attended a meeting about 5 years ago and many of you requested that we book him again. He will be appearing as Samuel Adams, and this promises to be a great program.

Finally, we wish you and your families a safe and enjoyable summer.

Craig Anderson, Chapter President



Craig Anderson

Minutes of June 17, 2016 Meeting

Sons of the American Revolution – Sacramento Chapter

Meeting Minutes June 17, 2016

President Craig Anderson called the meeting to order and gave the invocation, Roy Adkins led the Pledge of Allegiance and Carl Ahlberg led the membership in the Pledge to the SAR.

President Anderson introduced the following:

CASSAR Officers and Past Presidents:

- ◆ Ron Barker, President, California Society, Sons of the American Revolution
- ◆ Jim Faulkinbury, CA Society Past President 2014 and Sacramento Chapter Past President 2005 and 2006;
- ◆ Tom Chilton, Past President 2000, 2001, 2002, 2004, and 2012, and Chairman of Youth Programs.
- ◆ Don Littlefield, Past President 2010 and 2011, current Executive Vice President, Treasurer, Webmaster, and CASSAR Chairman of the Wreaths Across America Program
- ◆ Russ Kaiser, Past President 2013 and 2014, current Sacramento Chapter Color Guard Commander, and CA Society Color Guard Adjutant – North.
- ◆ Ernie Garcia, Chairman Activities and Law Enforcement Liaison;
- ◆ Carl Ahlberg, Chapter Secretary;
- ◆ Don Spradling, SAR Photographer.
- ◆ Calling Committee Members: Ernie Garcia, Don Clark, Roy Adkins, and Mike Brady.



Carl Ahlberg, Secretary

DAR members:

- ◆ Sacramento Chapter: Marilyn Chilton and Medora Allen
- ◆ Gold Trail Chapter: Karen Faulkinbury
- ◆ Sierra Amador Chapter: Ann Taylor, Regent, and Ann's mother, Lee Lawson.

CASSAR LAUX members: Connie Barker, President, Karen Faulkinbury, Marilyn Chilton, and Donna Spradling.

Guests: From the Sacramento Sheriff's department, Chief Deputy Sheriff, Phil Brelje, honoree Deputy Karl Griffiths and his spouse Heather, and Detective Dave Treat, his spouse Andrea and children Christopher and Allison; From the Sacramento Fire Department, presenter Assistant Fire Chief Kim Iannucci and her guest Lee Laviano and honoree Sharon McIntyre and her spouse Julie; from the FBI, presenter Acting Special Agent in Charge Tom Osborne and Honoree Special Agent Rebecca Brown and her spouse Esteban Rodriguez. Also welcomed were prospective members Mark Johnson and his wife Irma and Larry Stoval

President Anderson asked Mike Hull to come forward and present the flags. The first flag was the Betsy Ross Flag, adopted June 14, 1777 by the Continental Congress. It was to have 13 stripes alternating red and white and the union was to have 13 white stars on a blue field. The stars were 5 point because it was easier to make. The circular arrangement of stars is thought to have come from George Washington, Francis Hopkins and Betsy Ross to show equal status among states.

The second flag was The Gadsden Flag. In October 1775 a merchant ship called the "*Black Prince*" returned from England with private letters to the Second Continental Congress informing them the British were sending two ships

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Betsy Ross Flag

to America loaded with arms and gunpowder. Congress authorized the creation of the Continental Navy to capture those cargo ships. Commander Esek Hopkins was appointed Commander-in-Chief of the Continental Navy and the “*Black Prince*” was renamed the “*Alfred*” and made his flagship. John Paul Jones was First Lt and the first to raise this flag on its first mission. Col. Gadsden was a leader of the Sons of Liberty in South Carolina and helped outfit the “*Alfred*.” He presented the Gadsden Flag to Commodore Hopkins to be his personal standard on “*Alfred*.”

President Anderson asked California Society president Ron Barker to

come forward and address the membership on the Vietnam War Commemorative Program. He shared that CASSAR is working with NASSAR to recognize the 50th anniversary of Vietnam and those who served during that time as well as family members who supported those who served. Roy Adkins, Martha Adkins, Carl Ahlberg, Inga Ahlberg, Sandy Anderson Ernest Garcia, Tal Norwood, Glenn Cline, Victoria Cline and Charles Barnett were presented pins commemorating Vietnam service.



Gadsden Flag

President Anderson announced we do not meet in July or August, however, we will hold a Saturday morning, members only meeting, on August 20, from 9:00 am to noon to talk about our chapter programs and leadership needs. The meeting will be at the Cattlemens restaurant and all members are welcome. Ice water, coffee, tea, and cookies/brownies will be served buffet style.

Our September meeting will feature Rex Ruth as our guest speaker. Rex will appear as Sam Adams in his presentation.

Dinner was served

After dinner President Anderson introduced guest speaker, Chief Deputy Sheriff Phil Brelje. Chief Brelje started his presentation with a quote from John Adams. “***Posterity! You will never know how much it cost the present generation to preserve your freedom! I hope you will make a good use of it.***” He connected this quote to the officers in law enforcement. He shared the risks and rewards faced by officers as well as the financial constraints the Sheriff’s Department has gone through in the last 10 years. He also talked about some things the department could do better. He took questions from the audience and was presented a Certificate of Appreciation and Liberty Bell from President Anderson.

Ernie Garcia was asked to come forward to help recognize our special guests. Chief Brelje, Detective Dave Treat and Deputy Karl Griffiths were also asked to come forward. Chief Brelje shared that Deputy Griffiths and Detective Treat responded to a shooting where a female, who had been shot, was still in danger. The two officers put themselves in the line of fire to rescue this female and then because of her injuries transported her directly to the hospital. Detective Dave Treat and Deputy Karl Griffiths were presents with Law Enforcement Medals and Certificates.

FBI Special Agent in Charge Tom Osborn was asked to share why Special Agent Rebecca Brown was receiving the Law Enforcement Medal. Special Agent Brown’s biological background and technical skills allowed her to locate an individual who was selling biological toxins that could be used to make a dirty bomb. Through her efforts this individual was apprehended and eventually Special Agent Brown was able to track down 5 individuals who had bought toxins. Special Agent Brown was awarded the Law Enforcement Medal and Certificate.

Next, Assistant Fire Chief Kim Iannucci, EMT Sharon McIntyre, and CA Society President Ron Barker came forward. Fire Chief Iannucci shared how EMT McIntyre was off duty and on Hwy 80 when a California Highway Patrolman was run over by a pickup truck. She stopped, took control of the scene and rendered emergency aid to the officer who was seriously injured. Using the officer’s handheld radio she called in an “Officer Down” and directed a helicopter to the area. The helicopter landed on the freeway and EMT McIntyre accompanied the CHP officer to UCD hospital. The

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officer would not be alive today if EMT McIntyre had not been at the scene. CA Society President Barker presented EMT McIntyre the Heroism Medal and Certificate.

President Anderson and his wife Sandy conducted the raffle and thanked those bringing gifts: Craig and Sandy Anderson, Carl and Inga Ahlberg, Don and Donna Spradling, Jim and Karen Faulkinbury, Clair and Medora Allen and Tom and Marilyn Chilton.

President Anderson thanked Chief Brelje for a great program; Don Littlefield acting as cashier; Sandy Anderson for helping with the raffle; Don Spradling for taking pictures and maintaining the flag; and Neil Elvick for editing the newsletter.

A motion to adjourn was made and seconded. Don Littlefield led the Recessional, President Anderson gave the Benediction and the members sang "God Bless America." The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted

Carl E. Ahlberg,

Chapter Secretary

We have received the following invitation:

The Silicon Valley

Sons of the American Revolution

Cordially Invite You To A Fall Social

The event is on Saturday, September 24, 2016 at 5:00 PM

Offices of Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher LLP

1881 Page Mill Rd, Palo Alto, CA 94304

**You can access and download the invitation and response form
from the email sent by President Craig Anderson on July 25.**

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>.

Photos of a variety of period uniforms and clothing are available at:

<https://sar.smugmug.com/Color-Guard-Uniforms/>

Photos from July 4 Parade

Photos by Neil Elvick

For our organization the most important event that we commemorate is Independence Day. This year we celebrated the 240th anniversary of our nation's birth. This was marked by many different celebrations around the Sacramento area. The July 4th parade in Carmichael is one such event. For the past several years our chapter's color guard has participated in the parade through Carmichael's main thoroughfare. This is the 54th year for this parade. This year The Sacramento Chapter of the SAR and our sister organizations from the DAR, as is fitting, led the parade down Fair Oaks Boulevard in the first three vehicles.



**Carmichael 4th of July Parade
The Lead Float**



54th Annual Independence Day Parade Carmichael, California



DAR Float

Sacramento Chapter

**John A Sutter
DAR Chapter**



**Crowds all along the way
on Fair Oaks Blvd. from
Marconi Avenue to Cypress
Ave. Well over a mile.**



Boy Scout Troup

Stories from the Revolutionary War

By Neil Elvick

There must be many of our members who have interesting stories, vignettes or anecdotes about their ancestors from the Revolutionary War era. I think it would be interesting for all of us if some of these could be recorded and presented here in the newsletter. I'll start it off in this issue with the following story from my own family. We would like to include more of these types of stories. Those who would wish to contribute such items could contact me at neilel@aol.com or Craig Anderson at craiga@winfirst.com. Also if you would like assistance in putting stories in narrative form, we would be happy to help.

A Tory's Story

Last month I included an article about the Battle of Kings Mountain. This will be a continuation of sorts. My 3rd great-grandfather, Stephen Chappell, was a Loyalist soldier who was captured in that battle. Stephen Chappell was raised in Princess Anne County (now Virginia Beach), Virginia. He had inherited some land from his father, but he had sold this off just before the Revolution. He joined a Loyalist Company in his home county. In the months leading up to the signing of the Declaration of Independence, there was already military action in this area around Norfolk. The Chappell family's neighbor was the local chairman of the Committee of Safety and there was then, inevitably, friction between the two families. The exact circumstances have been lost, but a disagreement did result in the death of this neighbor. Stephen's brother, David Chappell, was charged with his murder. The trial took place in the Virginia capital of Williamsburg. The judge in the trial was the new state governor, Patrick Henry. David was acquitted of the murder charge, but was convicted of manslaughter and his sentence was to have an **M** (for manslaughter) branded onto his hand.

Lord Dunmore, who Patrick Henry had replaced as governor, had fled to the British fleet around Norfolk. After multiple military skirmishes in the Norfolk area, he took his fleet and left the area for the Bahamas and then ultimately to New York. Stephen was one of the Loyalists who departed with him, and when he got to New York he joined another Loyalist Company. When the British expanded the war to the south in 1780, Stephen's Company was the American Volunteer unit that accompanied Captain Patrick Ferguson to South Carolina. It was these American Volunteers who led the bayonet charge down the mountain at King's Mountain. Reportedly there were 100 American Volunteers at the top of the mountain and all but twenty of them were killed or wounded by the end of that charge. Stephen was one of the lucky ones.

The prisoners were brought to North Carolina where they were exchanged. He was befriended by a Patriot soldier who had been wounded in the Battle of Guilford Courthouse. He accompanied this soldier home to southwest Virginia. There he married this friend's sister. One of the daughters, Dinah, from this marriage, married Anthony Bickel who was a son of my patriot ancestor, Jacob Bickel. Jacob's wife's brother-in-law was one of the soldiers on the other side of that bayonet charge at King's Mountain, so they had faced each other in hand to hand combat. It must have made for some interesting family conversations. I've been told that because I have a Loyalist ancestor that it makes me an SOB. (Son of Both)

About 15% of Loyalist soldiers left the country after the war, mostly to eastern Canada, Florida, the Caribbean islands or Great Britain. Stephen Chappell became a loyal American Citizen. He joined his local county militia. Two of his grandsons became Union soldiers in the Civil War, and one of them died in the notorious Andersonville Prison.

Instructions for Patriot Biographies

Patriot biographies are still being solicited by the national organization. SAR is still accepting new ones, so there is still an opportunity for you to submit a biography. To submit your patriot ancestor biography to the national organization submit about 500 words as a Microsoft email attachment to patriotbios@sar.org. Include your name, Chapter and SAR Member number. If you would like to have assistance putting yours into narrative form we would be happy to assist. Contact Neil Elvick (neilel@aol.com) or Craig Anderson (craiga@winfirst.com) These biographies are published by the national organization for the purpose of helping aspiring members in their quest to find their own patriot ancestor. We will resume publishing them in the September newsletter.

126th National Congress

During the 126th National Congress held recently in Boston, Jim Faulkinbury was elected Vice President General of the Western District.



The California Delegates



Jim and Karen Faulkinbury after Jim was sworn in as Vice President General

2016 SAR Calendar of Events

Sacramento Chapter Calendar August—December

August 2016

August 20th 10AM-Noon Members only meeting at the Cattlemen's Restaurant in Rancho

Cordova September 2016

SAR Dinner Meeting Sept 16th Speaker: Rex Ruth

Constitution Day - Sierra College, Rocklin, CA

NSSAR Fall Leadership Meeting Sept 30 – Oct 1 Louisville, KY

October 2016

SAR-Dinner Meeting Oct 21st

SAR Dues Notices Mailed Oct 1st

November 2016

SAR-Sacramento Dinner Meeting Nov 18th Speaker: TBA

Nominations for 2017 Chapter officers closed Nov 30th

Eagle Scout Scholarship Applications Due Nov 1st

Color Guard - Sacramento Veterans Day Parade Nov 11th

CASSAR Board of Managers Meeting – Date / Place TBA

December 2016

Chapter leadership meeting to review and finalize budget for 2017. Dec 10th Location TBA.

Knight Essay Contest Entries Due Dec 31st

Coming Events

August 20, 2016 — Members Only Meeting
10:00 AM —12:00 PM at the Cattlemens
Restaurant Discussion for ideas going forward in
2016

October 21 — Regular Meeting
7:00 PM at the Cattlemens Restaurant
Speaker to be announced

September 16, 2016 — Regular Meeting
7:00 PM at the Cattlemens Restaurant
Speaker Rex Ruth, Impersonating Samuel Adams

November 18 — Regular Meeting
7:00 PM at the Cattlemens Restaurant
Speaker to be announced

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