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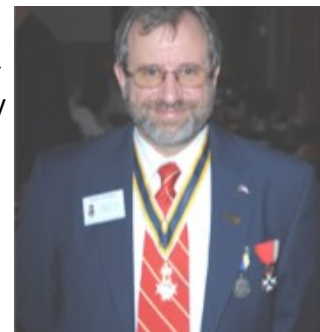
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The program for the May meeting will be a presentation by the Chapter's School Guard. The School Guard regularly presents about 20 programs to 5th grade elementary school children in March, April and May each year. These programs have been extremely well received, and there are always requests to return to present the programs to new classes the following year. The current School Guard Members who will be presenting this program are, Commander Russ Kaiser, Tom Chilton, Ernie Garcia, Alan Brooking, Jim Faulkinbury and DAR member Helena Hurst.



Russ Kaiser

The School Guard has been performing since 1999. The first year or two were very difficult as they struggled by trial and error to find what would work and what wouldn't for 5th graders. A program was gradually developed that has proven to be both interesting and informative. Since that first year it is estimated that the program has been presented to at least 10,000 5th grade students. See page 7 of this newsletter for more details.

The Color Guard has also been performing since the late 1990's. It's period uniforms were patterned after Massachusetts 4th Regiment. They have regularly performed at events such as July 4th, Memorial Day, and Veterans Day parades, and are often requested for other historical observances and DAR events. In earlier years there would be as many as 20-25 members marching. Since that time age and moves have taken their toll and requests for their participation now exceed their ability to comply. **There is a need to add new Color Guard members.**

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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)	

Friday, May 20, 2016 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, May 18**, 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

Compatriots, I hope that you all can join us at our May 20th meeting; this dinner meeting will be held at the Cattlemen's Restaurant in Rancho Cordova. We will feature a "living history" presentation by members of the Sacramento Chapter's School Guard.

The School Guard members include Tom Chilton, Jim Faulkinbury, Alan Brooking, Russ Kaiser, Ernie Garcia, and DAR member Helena Hurst. Ernie's wife, Helen, will be joining the group as soon as she recovers from her surgery.

These "living history" presentations are given to many schools in the greater Sacramento area; Sacramento is the only SAR chapter, to my knowledge, who offer this program. Most importantly, these presentations provide the students a glimpse of colonial life in the 18th century, and the sacrifices that our ancestors made to win their freedom. This program has a huge impact with our area students; the May 20th meeting, will give you an opportunity to see these living history presentations for yourselves. Please join us!

I would like to recognize three members who are celebrating their service anniversaries in May: John Mohamed, 15 years; Paul Elliot, 15 years; and John Presnall Jr., 15 years. Thank you for your support of the Sons of the American Revolution!

Please mark you calendars. We have moved our community awards dinner meeting this year, from October to **June 17th**. So in June, we will be honoring our area public service employees. While we are still putting together our program, our guest speaker will be Under Sheriff Eric Maness. Our California Society President Ron Barker, and wife Connie has also agreed to join us.

The 2016 SAR Annual Conference on the American Revolution will be held in Pasadena, CA this year on June 10th – 12th. The theme of the conference will be "Empires of Liberty and the American Revolution", and it promises to be very interesting. I have made arrangements to attend and if anyone else is interested in this, you may find information on the National Society's web site or you may contact me.

I hope to see you on May 20th!

Craig Anderson

Chapter President



Craig Anderson

Minutes of April 22, 2016 Meeting

Sons of the American Revolution – Sacramento Chapter

Meeting Minutes April 22, 2016

President Craig Anderson called the meeting to order and gave the invocation. Gerald Miller led the Pledge of Allegiance and Jim Warrick led the membership in the pledge to the SAR.

President Anderson introduced the following:

CASSAR Officers and Past Presidents:

- ◆ Jim Faulkinbury, CA Society Past President 2014 and Sacramento Chapter Past President 2005 and 2006; Jim Faulkinbury has been nominated by the CA State Society for Vice President General Western Region. Elections will be held at the National Congress in Boston in July.
- ◆ 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
- ◆ Carl Ahlberg, Chapter Secretary;
- ◆ Alan Brooking Registrar, Calling Committee Chairman, and CASSAR DAR Liaison;
- ◆ Don Spradling, SAR Photographer.
- ◆ Calling Committee Members: Alan Brooking and Mike Brady.



Carl Ahlberg, Secretary

DAR members:

- ◆ Sacramento Chapter: Marilyn Chilton
- ◆ Gold Trail Chapter: Susan Brooking, Regent; Karen Faulkinbury, and Kathy Stoval
- ◆ Sierra Amador Chapter: Ann Taylor, Regent; Deborah Tasker-Brady, Recording Secretary, and Ruth Edmonson-Johnson, Past Regent and current Registrar.
- ◆ John A Sutter Chapter: Susan Broderick, past regent and current treasurer, serving as Chaplain District II and 2016-2018 Treasurer Elect for the California State Society DAR and husband David.
- ◆ CASSAR LAUX members: Karen Faulkinbury, Marilyn Chilton, Susan Brooking, and Donna Spradling
- ◆ Guests: New Member Gerald Miller and fiancée Charlotte; Prospective members Mark Johnson and wife Irma, and Larry Stovall; Kenneth and Doreen Brady, parents of compatriot Michael Brady; Alex and Caitlin, friends of Donna Spradling.

President Anderson asked Jim Faulkinbury to come forward and present the flags.

The first flag presented was the Cowpens or the 3rd Maryland regimental flag used at the battle of Cowpens. General Cornwallis was ordered to the southern colonies to defeat the patriots in the south. After several successes the army of over 1150 men moved into the countryside under command of Col. Tarleton and pursued Gen Morgan of the Continental Army. Morgan used a strategy, still taught today, of using the militia to fire two shots and then retreat to the rear as if fleeing the battlefield. Expecting another easy victory the British fell into Morgan's trap where the Continental Army and Morgan's riflemen were waiting. The British were decimated losing 85% of the cavalry. 110 British soldiers were killed and 712 taken prisoner. [Flag shown on following page]

Minutes from April Meeting Continued

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 2 ships 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



Gadsden Flag

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*.”



Col. Banastre Tarlton's British army on the left and the Patriot army led by Brigadier General Daniel Morgan on the right at the Battle of Cowpens

President Anderson inducted new member Gerald Miller. Alan Brooking pinned a Rosette on compatriot Miller who then addressed the audience. SAR members were asked to come forward and greet our newest member.

President Anderson announced the CASSAR Spring Meeting was held in Sacramento last weekend. The Sacramento Chapter received....

- ◆ Best Chapter award in the meetings category
- ◆ Color Guard Streamer for Wreaths Across America
- ◆ American Poster Contest 2nd Place in the state competition. Student was Joanne Lee from Sandra J. Gallardo Elementary School in Folsom - 2nd place prize is \$100
- ◆ Brochure Contest 3rd Place in the state competition. This was the Chapter's first involvement with the Brochure Contest. Student was Matthew Martin from Our Lady of the Assumption School - 3rd place prize is \$150.

President Anderson asked Susan Brooking to come forward. DAR Regent Susan Brooking announced DAR is attempting to set a Guinness World Record for most letters collected in one month to military personnel. In order to set this record DAR must collect and then mail at least 10,000 letters or notes in one month's time to active duty service members. Regent Brooking invited the Sacramento Chapter to participate in this activity. She stressed the following rules:

- ◆ Envelopes cannot be sealed as the Guinness organization will spot check some letters
- ◆ Envelopes must have a return address
- ◆ DAR will provide the stamp
- ◆ Letters or notes must have a greeting like, “Dear Soldier”
- ◆ The letter must have a message of support or show appreciation
- ◆ The letter must have a closing like, “Thanks” or “Sincerely” with a signature
- ◆ Bring letters to May meeting
- ◆ Only one letter per person

Minutes from April Meeting Continued

President Anderson made the following announcements:

- ◆ Our guest speakers for the May meeting will be Russ Kaiser and members of the Sacramento Chapter School Guard. SAR Chapter members along with DAR members attend 17 school assemblies in the greater Sacramento in period dress and give “living history” presentations. In our May meeting you will have an opportunity to view some of these presentations.
- ◆ Our June meeting will be our community awards dinner meeting. Our Guest speaker will be Sacramento County Under Sheriff Eric Maness. So far we have two recommendations from Sac Sheriff’s Office: Deputy Karl Griffiths and Detective Dave Treat. And we will also be presenting the SAR EMT medal and the SAR Heroism medal to Sharon McIntyre, Sac Metro Fire, who aided the CHP officer who was struck by a hit and run driver on April 7th. The Sacramento Fire Chief Walt W. White will also attend.
- ◆ 2016 Annual SAR Conference on the American Revolution: *Empires of Liberty and the American Revolution* June 10 -12 in Old Town Pasadena, CA. Information regarding this conference was available on the registration table if you are interested in attending. Ten papers will be presented and discussed by such scholars as Carole Shammas, (University of Southern Calif); Kenneth R. Rolling (George Washington University); Max M Edling (Kings College London); and Peter S. Onuf (University of Virginia)

Dinner was served.

After dinner President Anderson introduced the evening’s speaker, Susan Broderick and read her bio.

Past Regent Broderick shared that she discovered her great grandmother was a member of DAR and applied for membership. As a very involved DAR member she told how SAR was founded in 1889 but wanted the group to be just for men so women were excluded. As a result, DAR was founded in 1890 during a period of renewed patriotism. She gave a history of how the DAR National Headquarters, a truly beautiful building, came to be.

She shared how DAR has three interests which have not changed in 125 years. They are:

- ◆ Historical Preservation - restoring and maintaining historical sites, organizing and helping with major restoration projects such as the WWII memorial in Washington DC, Statute of Liberty and the Bell Tower in Valley Forge
- ◆ Education - Supporting six schools with donations and member’s personal time, scholarships to American Indians and other youth programs
- ◆ Patriotism - 200,000 hours of volunteer time annually to veterans in VA hospitals and non VA facilities, promoting the Constitution, giving out patriotic awards

Today DAR is 125 years old and their objectives have not changed. They have over 180,000 members and 3,000 Chapters in 50 states and several foreign countries. Since 2013 DAR members have provided over 12,500,000 hours of volunteer work outside of DAR activities. Since 1890 there have been more than 950,000 women who were members of DAR.

The raffle was conducted and those bringing gifts were thanked: Craig and Sandy Anderson; Susan and Alan Brooking; Carl and Inga Ahlberg; Jim and Karen Faulkinbury; George and Ann Taylor; Tom and Marilyn Chilton; Gerald Miller; Mike and DJ Brady

President Anderson thanked Susan Broderick for a great program; Alan Brooking for chairing the Calling committee, acting as cashier, and conducting 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. President Anderson led the Recessional and gave the Benediction; the members sang “God Bless America.” The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted

**Carl E. Ahlberg,
Chapter Secretary**

Photos from March 18, 2016 Meeting

Photos by Don Spradling



Our Speaker, Susan Broderick



President Craig Anderson

Susan Broderick holding the framed 1896 DAR membership certificate for her grandmother, which she found in storage and which started her on her own family history quest and which resulted in her also becoming a DAR member. She explained some of the history of the DAR & showed photos of the DAR headquarters in Washington DC which is located just across the street from the West Wing of the White House



Kathy Stovall, Larry Stovall Carl Ahlberg,
Alan Brookings



Russ Kaiser with the Color Guard at the state meeting in April. More photos on pages 9 & 10.

SAR Sacramento Chapter photos from our dinner meetings can be accessed and downloaded at

<https://sar.smugmug.com/>

& enter **Patriot**



Deborah Tasker-Brady, Michael Brady, Kenneth Brady, Doreen Brady

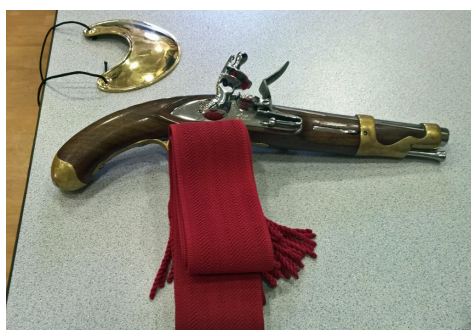
School Guard Programs



This program was given at Isador Cohen School earlier this spring. Note the period costumes. This is a typical setup for the presentation.



These rifles shown below are used as props to demonstrate the battle-field tactics used in this era. Student volunteers simulate the organized firing of the rifles.



Shown above are some of the props that are used in explaining to the school children how life was back in the days of the Revolutionary War and also some of the weaponry that would be used on the battlefield as well as tools that could be used for medical and dental treatment on the battlefield and in the camps.

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/>

New Member, Gerald H. Miller

Photos by Don Spradling

Gerald H. Miller was born on July 9th, 1955 in Fontana, CA, the son of Samuel and Winifred Miller. He graduated from Eisenhower High School in Rialto, CA, San Bernardino Valley College with an AA in Liberal Arts, and U. S. Riverside with a B.S. in Plant Science.



**Alan Brooking, Gerald Miller,
Craig Anderson**

He is engaged to Charlotte Carson. Gerald is retired. From 1978 to 1981 he worked with the United States Department of Agriculture, in Riverside, 1981 to 1990 Tulare County Agricultural Commissioner and Tulare County, Lemoncove Volunteer Fire Department. 1990 to 2009 California Department of Food and Agriculture, Sacramento, Riverside, and Anaheim, where he was primary State Biologist and Senior Environmental Planner.



His hobbies include outdoor photography, hunting, fishing, target shooting, cast iron cooking, kayaking and golf. His application to join the

Sons of the American Revolution was approved on 5 April 2016. His patriot ancestor, Joseph Blatchley was a Private in the Connecticut Militia.

Patriot Biography

Patriot Bio Simon Hoard (no patriot number)

Submitted by Jim Faulkinbury, 156802 of the Sacramento Chapter, CASSAR

Simeon Hoard was one of the nine children of Edward Hoar and Martha Cole. He was born in Tiverton, Rhode Island on 29 August 1752. He made his pension application from Geauga County, Ohio on 17 December 1837 (S.16156). He served first from Little Hoosock, Albany County, New York in September 1775 in a company of volunteers under Capt. James Dennison and Lt. Stephen Niles at Fort George on Lake George serving in garrison duty. In July 1776, the militia was called out and he served under Capt. Cole going to Schoharie where they converted a meeting house into a fort and served again on garrison duty. In July 1777 the militia was once again called out to Fort Edward and then to Bloody Pond where they met the wagons retreating from Fort Ticonderoga which had been taken and then back to Fort Edward. He was again called out in 1777 to Bennington following the battle. He marched to Stillwater to guard the wagons, ammunition, and other supplies used against Burgoyne. In October 1778 he was ordered to Fort Hunter after news that Schoharie was burnt by Chief Brandt.

Instructions for Patriot Biographies

Patriot biographies, such as the one above, 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

Photos from SAR State Meeting

by Don Spradling



**Group picture with the Color Guards from the various chapters.
Note Russ Kaiser on the far right**



**Chapter Awards:
Sacramento for Chapter Meetings
Thomas Jefferson Chapter for Best Chapter
Orange County for Best Very Large Chapter**



**Jim Faulkinbury receives the National Von Steuben
Medal for sustained achievement**

Photos from SAR State Meeting

by Don Spradling



The ladies here are receiving Certificates of Appreciation for their service to the SAR



On the left: National President General
Thomas E. Lawrence

On the right: California SAR President
Ron Barker



Pictured above a Color Guard participating in one of the ceremonies. This year's state meeting was held at Sacramento's Embassy Suites Hotel in Old Sacramento for the second straight year, although this year's gathering was hosted by one of the other chapters. As you can see from the photos on the two preceding pages the Sacramento Chapter was well represented at these meetings.

2016 SAR Events Calendar of Events

May 11th @5:00PM McClatchy high school JROTC Presentation – Russ Kaiser

May 14th @6:00PM Fairfield High School JROTC Presentation – John Chiles

May 16th @7:00PM PM Casa Robles Fundamental High School (Sunrise Community Church 8321 Greenback Lane, Fair Oaks – Roy Adkins

May 18th @6:30PM Rio Linda High School JROTC Presentation – Craig Anderson

May 18th 8:00AM SG Living History Presentation at Newcastle Elementary School

May 18th 12:30PM SG Living History Presentation at Oak Chan Elementary School

May 22nd SAR-Sacramento Dinner Meeting Speaker: Sacramento Chapter School Guard

May 23rd 8:00AM SG Living History Presentation at Cambridge Heights Elementary School

May 23rd TBD SG Living History Presentation at Sunrise Elementary School

May 26th @6:00PM Luther Burbank High School JROTC Presentation – Tal Norwood

May 30th Color Guard – Memorial Day Ceremonies - Sylvan Cemetery

June 2016

June 17th SAR - Sacramento Community Awards - Dinner Speaker - Under Sheriff Erik Maness

July 2016

Color Guard – Carmichael July 4th Parade.

126th NSSAR Congress Boston, MA July 8 - 13

August 2016

No Events Scheduled

September 2016

SAR Dinner Meeting Sept 16th Speaker: TBA

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

May 20, 2016 — Regular Meeting
7:00 PM at the Cattlemens Restaurant
School Guard Presentation

June 10—12 2016
SAR Annual Conference on the American Revolution
Pasadena, California

June 17, 2016 — Regular Meeting
7:00 PM at the Cattlemens Restaurant
Sacramento Community Awards

July 8-13,
26th NSSAR National Congress
Boston, MA

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