

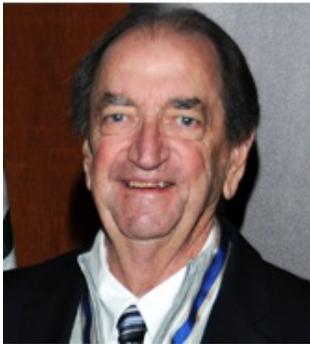


The Courier



SACRAMENTO CHAPTER SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION AUGUST 2020

PRESIDENTS CORNER



Compatriots and Friends

I hope this message finds each of you well and safe. On August 1st. our chapter met via the Zoom process and conducted our annual planning meeting.

Chapter Committee Chairman gave reports on their specific areas of responsibility and each of them and their committee members have done an excellent job representing our Chapter in the Sacramento area. It was impressive to hear described the multitude of activities our chapter is involved in around the community. Of course, the virus has impacted everything we do, still, our compatriots have been creative in working to determine how we can still be active in 2021.

Compatriot Carl Ahlberg discussed the Poster Contest and how challenging and ultimately impactful the exercise was for the students. The School Guard Program was also discussed, and a planning group is meeting electronically to determine the most effective and meaningful manner to present in the future. The group also has on its agenda for discussion what role video can play in our future relationships with the various school districts. They will determine if this is a feasible effort that may help maintain our presence even in times where the schools are closed, or distance learning is a priority.

On Wednesday July 29th, chapter members stopped by the Elk Grove Police Department and presented Life Saving Awards to three officers; Officers Misty Johnson and Braden Kelly were present and accepted the awards in the presence of their peers. Officer Jarrod Houston was not present, and we made arrangements to make sure he received his award and that he is appropriately recognized. There were smiles all around and the Department took a number of photos. The officers were very grateful, and one lieutenant told me this presentation really was meaningful, especially considering the current environment.

My thanks to California State President Don Littlefield, California State Vice

President North Craig Anderson, Color Guard Adjutant North Russ Kaiser and Sacramento Chapter Vice President Michael Hull.

Remember we are not meeting as a Chapter on Zoom this month, our next meeting will be in September. Please try and dial in, you'll be gals you did, and we will be excited to chat with you.

Del Hanson

Welcome New Members

Compatriots, please join me in welcoming three new members to our chapter:

Compatriot Larry Frank Brasher was approved on June 20, 2020. His patriot ancestor was Reuben Farnsworth Jr.

Compatriot Justin Yasuyuki Ushida was approved on July 3, 2020. His patriot ancestor was Solomon Robbins.

Compatriot Nathan Kichisaburo Uchida was approved on July 3, 2020. His patriot ancestor was Solomon Robbins.

2021 SAR DUES

SAR annual dues notices will be mailed out to our membership on October 1st and are **due by November 30, 2020**. The Sacramento Chapter dues will increase \$5.00 for a total of \$20.00 for 2021.

As always, your donations are gratefully accepted and will further our youth programs. The Sacramento Chapter SAR; a 501(c)(3) non profit charitable organization EIN # 68-0004288

Regular Member Dues	NSSAR	\$35.00
	CASSAR	\$20.00
	Sacramento Chapter	\$20.00
	Total 2021 Dues	\$75.00
Junior Member Dues	NSSAR	\$5.00
	CASSAR	\$0.00
	Sacramento	\$0.00
	Total 2021 Junior Member Dues	\$5.00

JULY 2020 MEETING MINUTES



President Del Hanson called the Zoom meeting to order:

17 attendees

- Invocation: Craig Anderson
- Pledge of Allegiance: Del Hanson
- Pledge to the SAR: Del Hanson

President Hanson recognized CASSAR Officers along with Chapter Past Presidents: Don Littlefield, Craig Anderson, Jim Faulkinbury, Tom Chilton. Del introduced guest Marilyn Chilton of the DAR. Chapter President Del Hanson thanked Don Littlefield for putting on the Folsom Fourth of July get together. The get together was well received by the people who were in town. Don noted that people cheered and were clapping. Several members were in uniform. 8-9 bags of food were collected and donated to the Alan Warren of the food bank. Del said that we may do this more often as the food banks are needing more food.

Treasurers Report: Don Littlefield gave an update: Savings - \$28.37; Checking - \$729.90; Money Market - \$43,074.25; Total: \$43832.52. Overall we are in good shape financially.

Old Business:

Don Littlefield covered changes to the by-laws. The following changes are being proposed to the bylaws and a motion to recommend approval of these bylaw changes was made, seconded, and after discussion was approved without dissent. The bylaw changes will be sent to members for review on July 21 and will be placed on the agenda for final adoption at our September 2020 meeting:

Article IV paragraph 1 (Executive Committee): ~~An Executive Committee shall be vested with the powers of the Chapter when it is not in session. The Executive Committee shall be composed of the Chapter President, Executive Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Registrar, and any other elected or appointed officers as needed. The immediate Past President shall be an Ex-Officio Member.~~ **The Executive Committee shall be composed of the Chapter President, Executive Vice President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Registrar, and any other elected or appointed officers as needed. Past Presidents of the Sacramento Chapter shall be Ex-Officio Members.**

Article IV paragraph 2 (added) (Executive Committee): **The Executive Committee shall have charge of, conduct, and manage the affairs of the Chapter, generally superintend and guard its interests, and conduct business in accordance with these By-Laws. It shall make policy and govern the chapter subject to the interests and will of the membership under these By-Laws. The Executive Committee is the “governing body” for purposes of review and approval of required Internal Revenue Service, California Franchise Tax Board, and California Registry of Charitable Trusts forms, filings, and other required reports and for purposes of compliance with Federal and State law.**

Article V Paragraph 1. (Chapter Meetings) : The Chapter shall meet monthly

throughout the year, at a time, date and place to be specified by the Executive Committee. **These meetings may be held "in person" or via video/audio or audio-only electronic conferencing systems.** The Chapter shall hold not less than four (4) meetings each year including an annual meeting for the election of officers.

Article V Paragraph 5. (Chapter Meetings) The Chapter shall hold its annual meeting for the election of officers, and for the transaction of other business at the November meeting each year. The installation of the incoming officers shall be made at the following January meeting. **Notice of time and place of each meeting shall usually be given by mail, email, or other electronic methods, to all members in good standing at least seven days prior to the meeting. The date of posting shall be considered the first of seven days.** ~~Advance notice of the time and place of the annual meeting shall be given by email to all members in good standing and posted on the Sacramento Chapter Web site at least seven days prior to the meeting.~~

New Business:

New Applications: Someone is needed to co-sign new applications once the application is signed by the Registrar Dave Cofer. David has agreed he will work with Owen Stiles to get the applications co-signed. Mark Mozdy has agreed to help as well.

Del talked briefly about the Eagle Scout program. He said Sean Jones will work with the Eagle Scout Program but his time may be limited.

Survey Update - Based on the recent survey results it appears people are satisfied with how meetings are being held. Friday night dinnertime is preferred with a guest speaker covering a history topic or a Chapter member's history. 25% of the people responded to the survey.

Succession Planning Meeting – We still have several positions available. Courier Editor is needed.

It was mentioned that Donna Spradling has put her house up for sale and she and Don our chapter photographer will be moving to Ft. Mohave, AZ. This will be another position we will need to fill.

An "All Hands on Deck" meeting will be held on Saturday August 1, 10am-12pm. Del will send a agenda to Craig Anderson and Craig will send out the meeting invite. Agenda items will include: By-Laws, Budget Planning, Succession planning, etc...

Guest Speaker: Ernie Garcia gave a great presentation titled – “Alta California’s Support of the War Against England and The War for American Independence”. Ernie’s patriot ancestor, Manuel Valenzuela, was a Spanish soldier, stationed at the Royal Presidio in Santa Barbara, California. Ernie is a seventh generation Californian, with his Spanish ancestors being part of the first Spanish land expedition to California in 1769, and who were with the first discoverers of San Francisco Bay on October 31, 1769. Ernie retired from the US Army as a Chief

Warrant Officer. Throughout his career Ernie was a Counterintelligence Officer, and served throughout the United States, Europe, Southeast Asia, Far East, Central and South America. Ernie is also retired from Federal civilian service.

- Recessional: Del Hanson
- Benediction: George Taylor
- God Bless America: Tom Chilton

Respectfully Submitted
Mark Mozdy

SAR PUBLIC SERVICE AWARDS



Left to Right: Del Hanson, Sacramento Chapter President; Don Littlefield, CASSAR President; Officer Misty Johnson; Officer Braden Kelly; Program Co-Chair, Michael Hull; Russ Kaiser, CASSAR Color Guard Adjutant North.

On July 27th several members if the Sacramento Chapter met in Elk Grove to present Community Service Awards to three Elk Grove Police Officers.

Officer Misty Johnson and Officer Braden Kelly - Life Saving Medal

On July 1, 2019, Officer Misty Johnson and Officer Braden Kelly were on patrol when they responded to a call for service regarding a welfare check on a possibly suicidal 16-year-old juvenile. Officer Kelly and Officer Johnson arrived, attempted to make contact at the front door, but there was no answer. The officers were able to see into the residence through the small cracks in the window blinds and observed the juvenile standing on a chair with a dog leash tied around her neck and the other end of the leash attached to the second-floor stairway bannister. As officers were attempting to gain entry, without warning the juvenile jumped from

the chair. Realizing the immediate need to make entry for the preservation of life, officers located an open window and climbed into the residence. Officer Kelly grabbed the juvenile and lifted her up to relieve the tension. Officer Johnson ran to the top of the stairs and cut the leash. The juvenile was safely placed on the ground and later transported to a local hospital as a precaution. Thanks to Officer Johnson's and Officer Kelly's immediate actions and lifesaving efforts, the victim survived the life-threatening incident.

Officer Jarred Houston - Life Saving Award

Officer Jarred Houston was not present but was recognized for his actions as follows: On February 11, 2020, Officer Houston responded to a single vehicle collision. When he arrived, he found the vehicle's engine compartment on fire with the driver still inside. Officer Houston was able to assist the driver out of the vehicle and get him to safety. The driver was transported to a local hospital with non-life-threatening injuries. The car completely engulfed in flames after the driver was removed.

Compatriot Ernie Garcia



**[Click to Read: Alta California's Support of the War Against England](#)
By Ernie J. Garcia**

**INDEPENDENCE DAY
OLD TOWN FOLSOM**



Seven members of the Sacramento Chapter presented the colors at the town square in Old Town Folsom on July 4th and led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance. Those members were David Beach, Don Littlefield, Ernie Garcia, Phil Noble, Rudy Rodriguez, Craig Anderson, and Russ Kaiser. Compatriot Peter Darnell was also present taking photographs. President Del Hanson and son Eric were also present to participate and collect and deliver the food items from our food drive. The chapter donated 10 bags of food to the less fortunate in our community. Thank you for your donations

SAR COLOR GUARDSMAN



[Click to Read the July Issue of the SAR Color Guardsman Newsletter](#)

SACRAMENTO CHAPTER CHALLENGE COIN

Last year, we created a Sacramento Chapter Challenge as a fund raiser to help defray the expenses of hosting the state meeting. Since this meeting has been cancelled, these coins are available for the donation amounts listed below, plus shipping. If interested contact Don Littlefield or Craig Anderson:

1 Coin - \$20; 3 Coins - \$52.50; 5 Coins - \$75.00; 10 Coins - \$125.00; 15 Coins - \$150.00; 25 Coins \$200.00

Side 1: Outer ring identifies the National Society Sons of the American Revolution. The inner ring identifies the California Society founded July 4, 1876, the 100th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence, and the SAR Minuteman, accompanied by 13 stars representing the original 13 colonies, (7 on the left and 6 on the right).

Side 2: The predominant graphic feature is the dome of the State Capitol, symbolizing Sacramento County as the seat of the state government. The Capitol dome is superimposed upon a parchment scroll which signifies the early historical background of this community for which John Sutter received a Mexican land grant from Governor Alvarado at Monterey in 1841.

Two of the most important historical events in the county's history are denoted by the Pony Express rider on the right and the gold miner on the left. The Pony Express rider symbolizes the fact that Sacramento was the western terminus of the Pony Express. The gold miner signifies the discovery of gold which touched off one of the greatest mass migrations in the nation's history. The date of February, 18, 1850, written on the lower edge of the scroll is the date Sacramento County and the other original counties were created by an act of the state legislature.

The inner ring shows 31 stars symbolizing California as the 31st state admitted to the Union. Outer ring shows the Sacramento Chapter SAR received its Charter on October 30, 1922.



There will not be a Sacramento Chapter meeting during August.

SEPTEMBER CHAPTER ZOOM VIDEO CONFERENCE

Topic: September 2020 Sacramento Chapter Meeting
Time: Sep 21, 2020 06:30 PM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting
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- *6 - Toggle mute/unmute
- *9 - Raise hand

SEPTEMBER 21st GUEST SPEAKER

SEAN JONES

Sean Jones was born and raised in Detroit, Michigan. He graduated from the United States Air Force Academy in 1989 with a degree in Computer Science, and upon commissioning was stationed at Williams AFB, AZ. Where he attended undergraduate pilot training. After graduating from pilot training, he was assigned as an instructor pilot in the T-38 Talon, also at Williams AFB until 1992. Sean then flew the



Sean Jones

C-130 Hercules at Dyess AFB in Texas. In this assignment he was deployed worldwide in operations ranging from Operation Southern Watch, in the Middle East to the resupply of Haiti.

In September 1995 he interviewed for and was accepted to fly the Lockheed U-2 Dragonfly at Beale AFB in California. He remained at Beale until separation from active duty in 2001. His flying missions ranged from patrolling the Korean Peninsula, overflights of Iraq in support of “Northern Watch”, “Southern Watch” and United Nations Missions and combat operations during the Kosovo campaign.

Sean retired from the AF Reserve in 2011, has been a commercial airline pilot since 2001. Currently he is a Captain and Check Airman for a major US carrier. Sean has been a member of the Sacramento Chapter since 1997, and he is a NSSAR and CASSAR Life Member.



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COMING SAR EVENTS

Chapter

The next Chapter meeting will be held on September 21st at 6:30 PM via Zoom Video Conference.

State Society

The Board of Managers Meeting of the California Society Sons of the American Revolution will be held November 13 & 14, 2020, at the DoubleTree by Hilton

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[Click for more information](#)

National Society

The Fall Leadership Meeting is canceled for the Brown Hotel in Louisville. It will be held on Sept 26th by a virtual Zoom teleconference.

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