



JULY 2021

PRESIDENTS CORNER



Greetings Compatriots & Friends

I hope this finds you well and enjoying the Sacramento Summer Sun. Last month we held our first in person Chapter Meeting in over (15) months. We had (39) members and it was great seeing everyone, their smiles, and getting to speak with everyone who attended. It was truly a special night for all who attended. One of highlights of the evening was approving, by unanimous vote, a \$1,200 annual scholarship to the Freedoms Foundation Valley Forge. Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge – located near historic

Philadelphia, Birthplace of the Nation – provides a wide range of educational programs that cultivate engaged, responsible citizens knowledgeable in American history and democracy, who understand their constitutional rights, are familiar with the free enterprise system and entrepreneurship, and who will serve as leaders in their community. Using experiential learning as a means to develop critical thinking skills, Freedoms Foundation's educational programs are an investment in a student that lasts a lifetime.

We also used the evening to honor one of our very own Don Littlefield. Don's contributions to the Sacramento Chapter and the SAR as a whole cannot be understated. I know Don was shocked and surprised (we kept it a secret till the last minute from him) but it was well worth the effort to be able to say "Thank You" to someone who has truly earned our respect and admiration. Once a again a BIG THANK YOU Don!

The SAR is more than just a social club or historical society or public charity. The SAR is truly a Fellowship where like-minded freedom loving patriots can come together and promote the importance of Liberty for all our citizens. Our Constitutional Republic is a one of a kind government like no other in the world. In just a few short days we will be celebrating our Independence Day, July 4th.

In my opinion George Washington is the hero of America's War for Independence and America's first and greatest president. He is truly "The Father of This Country."

The Congress and People of the United States urged Washington to remain President beyond his second term but Washington declined to do so.

Prior to retiring from public life, Washington wanted the entire Nation to have access to his farewell address, so he had it printed in the "American Daily Advertiser" on September 19, 1796. In it he warned against foreign entanglements, political factions, and sectionalism and promoted religion, morality, and education. This 7,641 word letter is read every year in the U.S. Senate by a sitting U.S. Senator. This tradition, which began in 1893, continues today. Washington's Farewell Address is a masterpiece. Almost every national problem America has faced and is facing is a direct result of forsaking the principles laid out for us in this remarkable address. I would like to invite you to read Washington's Farewell Address with me. I will be reading my copy on the plane as I fly out Texas. You can get a copy by googling "Washington's Farewell Address."

As I wrap this up I want to remind everyone that we having a VERY IMPORTANT meeting scheduled for Saturday, August 7th from 10:00am till 12:00 noon at Cattlemen's. We will be reviewing the up and coming year and would greatly appreciate your input on matters that will be discussed. Until then have a GREAT 4th of July!

Michael Hull - President

MEETING MINUTES



Sacramento Chapter SAR Meeting Friday, June 18, 2021 Cattlemen's Restaurant

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM

Invocation: **President Michael Hull**
Pledge Allegiance: **Don Littlefield**
Pledge to the SAR: **Jim Faulkinbury**

President Hull introduced National and State Officers, Past Presidents – Jim Faulkinbury Past President, Sacramento Chapter, Genealogist General, National Society, Minuteman Class of 2019; Don Littlefield California Society Past President, Past President of the Sacramento Chapter; Craig Anderson Executive Vice President of the California Society, Past President Sacramento Chapter; Tom Chilton Past President Sacramento Chapter, Former California Society Registrar for four years; Russ Kaiser Past President Sacramento Chapter, Northern California Color Guard Adjutant North; Del Hanson Past President Sacramento Chapter.

President Hull introduced Guests – Marilyn Chilton, Sacramento DAR, California Society Ladies Aux Member and former treasurer for the Ladies Aux; Our guest speaker Larry Brasher, Sacramento Chapter Member and past president of the

Sacramento Chapter Freedom Foundation of Valley Forge, his wife Anne, and guest speakers Isabella Bruggemann and Avery Fry, both students from John Adams Academy.

President Michael Hull: Introduced two flags. The first flag was the Green Mountain Boys Flag. The Green Mountain Boys' flag is one of the better-known flags from the Revolutionary War era. It features a primarily green background and a blue canton in the upper-left corner with 13 white stars. The green is a symbol of Vermont's green mountains, and the 13 stars represent the 13 American colonies. President Hull also displayed the Betsy Ross Flag. The pattern of the Betsy Ross flag is 13 alternating red-and-white stripes with stars in a field of blue in the upper left corner canton. Its distinguishing feature is thirteen 5-pointed stars arranged in a circle representing the 13 colonies that fought for their independence during the American Revolutionary War.

Don Littlefield provided an overview of a box of SAR material that was gifted to the Sacramento SAR Chapter from Eugene D. Melvin. The material included certificates and other items that we would normally have to purchase with chapter funds.

Craig Anderson and President Michael Hull Introduced our newest member Richard Gibson. President Hull administered the SAR oath and Craig Anderson presented Compatriot Gibson with his certificate of membership and Rosette. Compatriot Gibson was allowed a few remarks and he thanked Jim Faulkinbury and David Cofer for their extraordinary efforts in helping him become a member. All members were then invited to come forward and welcome our new member into the Sacramento Chapter. Richard's application was approved June 11th 2021. Welcome to the Sons of the American Revolution Richard!

President Hull made some Announcements: A special Thank you to Del Hanson, Mark Mozdy, School Guard, Color Guard, Jr ROTC for their assistance to the chapter this year.

DINNER was served

President Michael Hull introduced, Freedoms Foundation of Valley Forge and invited Larry Brasher, past president of their Sacramento Chapter to come forward. Larry introduced the Spirit of America Youth Leadership Program as Freedoms Foundation's flagship program, which sends High School students to a 4-day residential program at their headquarters in Valley Forge, PA for an unforgettable learning experience about our history and the rights and responsibilities of citizenship. The Sacramento Chapter typically sends on an average 50 students per year to Valley Forge for these workshops. Larry then introduced two students, Isabella Bruggemann and Avery Fry, students from John Adams Academy, to talk to our membership about their experiences in this program. President Hull presented Isabella and Avery certificates of appreciation. CASSAR Executive Vice President, Craig Anderson, made a motion for the chapter to fund a full sponsorship (\$1200) of a student to attend this program. Color Guard Adjutant Russ Kaiser seconded the motion. President Hull called for a vote from the floor, and the motion was passed unanimously.

*** Please note that Photo's of our June 18, 2021 SAR Dinner Meeting are posted on SmugMug at the following link:**
<https://sar.smugmug.com/June-18-2021-Dinner-Meeting/>
Password: Patriot

President Michael Hall presented Jim Faulkinbury with the following Medals/Certificates:

- Liberty Medal and Certificate of Appreciation for Recruitment of New Members.
- Certificate of Appreciation for Genealogist General.
- Chairman of the Records Digitization Committee Ad Hoc.

Presentation to Honor Don Littlefield

President Michael Hull called forward several members of the Sacramento Chapter to honor Don Littlefield for everything he has done for the Sacramento Chapter and the

California Society of the Sons of the American Revolution.

Tom Chilton, read Don's Bio from when he was inducted into the Sacramento Chapter in 2007. Michael and Evelyn Hull presented a cake.

Del Hanson, talked about how he met Don when he first joined the Sacramento Chapter of the SAR and thanked him for his leadership.

Russ Kaiser (who was dressed as a Continental Soldier) said a few words about what Don has done for the Chapter, including the Intel Grants.

Craig Anderson thanked Don for all he has done at both the Chapter and the State level and presented him with a Past President's Gavel Plaque in appreciation for his leadership of the state society during the COVID pandemic.

***Note we have a members only meeting scheduled for Saturday August 7th 2021 from 10am to 12pm.**

Our next chapter dinner meeting has not been scheduled yet.

President Michael Hull Meeting Adjourned the Meeting at 7:00pm

Recessional – Craig Anderson

Benediction: President Michael Hull

God Bless America: Tom Chilton

******* AUGUST MEETING NOTICE *******

There is no dinner meeting scheduled for the month of July. Our next meeting is our annual chapter members only business meeting on Saturday, August 7th 10AM to 12PM at Cattlemens Restaurant , in Rancho Cordova. Chapter members are urged to attend to assist in developing Chapter guidance for the coming year.

THANK YOU COMPATRIOTS

On July 26th Life Member John Steven Chiles will celebrate his 30th Anniversary as a member of SAR and Thomas William Heavey and Mark Robert Johnson both on July 15th will celebrate their 5th anniversary of SAR membership. The Chapter thanks them for their support of the Chapter's endeavors.

SAR FLAG CERTIFICATE

In May, CASSAR Executive VP Craig Anderson, joined Compatriot Ernie Garcia in presenting a SAR Flag Certificate to Donald and Loretta



Lawson of El Dorado Hills for properly displaying our national flag.

THANK YOU, DON LITTLEFIELD

The Sacramento Chapter met face to face on June 18th after COVID restrictions were lifted. We used this occasion to thank Past President Don Littlefield for his service as CASSAR President during 2020 -2021.





Color Guard Calendar



Color Guard Commander David Beach



The Sacramento Chapter Color Guard presented the colors at a Flag Day event sponsored by the Sacramento Chapter DAR. Left to Right - Commander David Beach, Russ Kaiser, Craig Anderson, Ernie Garcia, and Don Littlefield.

No other events are scheduled at this time.

The latest issue of the SAR Colorguardsmen Magazine can be found here:

https://www.sar.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/01/32-colorguardsman_v9-i4.pdf

JUNE SACRAMENTO CHAPTER MEETING



Welcome our newest member,
Richard "Rich" Gibson



Students from John Adams Academy, Avery and Isabella, presented their thoughts on the Spirit of America Youth Leadership Program.



President Michael Hull and
Genealogist General Jim
Faulkinbury



Del Hanson and Don Littlefield

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COMING SAR EVENTS

Chapter

**There is no July Chapter dinner
meeting scheduled.**

**There will be our annual Chapter
members only business meeting
on Saturday, August 7th 10AM
to 12PM at Cattlemens
Restaurant, in Rancho Cordova.**

State Society

**146th Fall Board of Managers
Meeting
Riverside, California
November 4, 2021**

National Society

**The Spring Leadership Meeting
will be held via Zoom video-
conference.**

**July 10, 2021 131st Congress
Renton, WA.**

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