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Hear Ye! Hear Ye!
Calling All Compatriots

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Special Membership Meeting June 18th

Time: Saturday Morning - 10:00 AM

Place: Mohamed Family History & Learning Center

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On Saturday, June 18th, the Sacramento Chapter will meet to review and to informally discuss the current status and the anticipated future needs of the SAR Sacramento Chapter. Although the calendar year 2012 is still more than six months away, planning for next year needs to begin now.

As you know, we do not meet in either July or August. September kicks off our fall meetings with our Annual Community Awards Banquet in October, followed by the nominations for Officers in November and the elections in December.



Donald B. Littlefield

June is the best time to meet and to assess our situation.

It's important that we now begin to identify those who have the desire, the commitment and the skills to serve this organization in the upcoming year. These are not honorary positions that need filling. These are positions which are vital to our organization. Without good men to fill the crucial positions, the SAR Chapter and its presence in the Sacramento community would founder. By starting this discussion now, we can use the fall meetings as a mentoring period to familiarize the next generation of leaders with the roles they will assume in January.

We will also use this meeting to solicit your ideas and suggestions to tailor our meetings to the general interests and the needs of the membership. We also need to develop specific plans for increasing our membership with the goal of attracting men in the 40 to 60 year-old group.

The June meeting will be hosted by Joe and Shirley Mohamed at their Mohamed Family History and Learning Center. We are thankful to Joe and Shirley for allowing us the opportunity to hold this special meeting at their beautiful and spacious facility. It's now June and, hopefully, summer weather will be upon us by then. Our meeting will be more casual and comfortable than our regular Friday evening meetings at the Buggy Whip. We will not have a guest speaker at this event.

All members, their wives, and their guests are cordially invited to attend this special meeting. The dress code will be California Summer Casual, i.e., wear something cool and comfortable.

—Don Littlefield

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Editor's Desk

To many Americans, Memorial Day is the last Monday in the Month of May. As such, it marks the beginning of summer vacation season and is usually associated with backyard barbecue activities and a three day weekend. Some senior citizens might remember parents using the term "Decoration Day," but few know the origins of our national observation.

Traditionally, Memorial Day is a day to honor those who have given their all in service to our country. Senator Daniel Inouye (HI), a decorated veteran himself, introduced bill S189 to the Senate on January 19, 1999. The intent of the bill was to return the observance of Memorial Day to its original day, which was May 30th. Flags would fly at half-mast and Americans everywhere would take time out from their daily lives to reflect upon our heritage. The bill has not made it past the Committee on the Judiciary and lies buried under a mountain of red tape at this time.

The origins of Memorial Day are obscure. More than two dozen southern towns claim to be the origin of the tradition. Women would set aside a time to visit local cemeteries and lay flowers on the graves of fallen Confederate soldiers. General John Logan, national commander of the Grand Army of the Republic, recognized the significance of the ritual and issued General Order Number 11, which created a time to honor those who had died in the service of their country, regardless of their affiliation. The first observance was held on May 30, 1868 and thereafter the thirtieth day of May became known as Decoration Day. The term "Decoration Day" gradually fell into disuse and was replaced after World War 1 with our familiar "Memorial Day."

More recently, the day was moved to the last Monday in May to create a three day weekend.

The Sacramento Chapter of the SAR honored the Memorial Day tradition with participation in ceremonies at both the Sacramento Yacht Club and San Joaquin Valley National Ceremony. You'll find photos of the activities elsewhere in this newsletter.



General John A. Logan

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The American Revolution

Month by Month

June 1781



(Editor's Note: June began with Patriot Maj. Gen. Nathanael Greene setting up siege operations against the town of Ninety Six with its massive earthen star-shaped fort. Greene's force of 1000 Continental Army troops and militia faced Loyalist Loyalist Colonel John Cruger and his five hundred Tory troops. The town of Ninety Six was located near present day city of Greenwood, South Carolina.)

The declaration by Congress in September of 1776 changing the name from the "United Colonies" to the "United States" was ridiculed by the British, who considered the whole affair very simply as a ragtag rebellion of colonies belonging to the British Crown. The term "ragtag" seems apt, since many American troops survived on meager supplies for long periods of time. The Americans' lack of food, shoes and basic clothing was all too common. However, even against an enemy so ill equipped, the seasoned Redcoats and Tories could defeat, but not destroy, the American forces will to fight on. The dream of independence seemed to unite the Americans. Had it not been so, the patriots would most likely have lost the war in the South by the battle of Hobkirk's Hill.

Ninety-Six was, from the British perspective, the most remote of the British/Tory forts in South Carolina. As such, the settlement and its fort was vulnerable to a siege operation. The town and the fort itself were well prepared for defense with the exception of its water supply, which was a spring located outside the fort. The fort encompassed the entire community of Ninety-Six. In addition to the usual stockade, the fort had been improved by a Star shaped addition at it's northeast end which mounted cannon that could provide devastating fire.

Lee arrived on 8 June followed by Picken's several days later. Lee was surprised to see that Kosciusko's parallels faced the Star fortification which he considered a less vulnerable position than one which threatened the spring. Lee then began parallels in that location and eventually gained control of the spring and the small fortification believing that an extended siege would be shortened by denying water to the people and garrison. Cruger responded by digging a well inside the fort but did not find water and the outlook was dire, influencing him to make some entreaties toward terms of surrender..

Without a doubt the denial of water, even more than a scarcity of foodstuffs, was forcing the garrison to surrender. This appeared to be working until a messenger posing as a curious local was allowed into the American Camp. Nearing the fortress gate he spurred his horse and was allowed into the fort carrying news that Rawdon was on the way. Any thought of surrender was abandoned. Cruger determined to hold on through thick or thin to await Rawdon's arrival with an overwhelming force to rescue Ninety-Six.

It was 11 June when Greene was made aware of Rawdon's march toward the fort with reinforcements. This forced Greene to either breach the fort and capture it immediately or give up and move on before he could be trapped between the fort and Rawdon.. 18 Jun (Ward pg 821 par 5) an assault was made by forces on opposite sides of the fort. One group made it into the fort and was doing well. The second force was unable to breach the stockade and the force within was pushed out and retired to it's own encampment. The assault cost Greene 57 killed, 70 wounded and 20 missing. Cruger acknowledged 27 killed and 58 wounded. The withdrawal by Greene to Charlotte began on 20 June his rear protected by the old standbys, Lee and Kirkwood. Rawdon arrived on 21 June. (Ward p 822 par 5) Rawdon left Cruger to destroy anything of military value in the fort and remove any inhabitants to Charleston while he left to follow Greene.

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24 June, After two days of following Greene, Rawdon gave up the chase (Ward 823, par 1) Greene, assured that he was not being followed. (Ward p 823 par2) sent the rear guard to keep watch on Rawdon who having returned to Ninety-Six moved toward Friday's Ferry, which appears to be synonymous with Nelson's Ferry, where he was to be joined by a force under Lieutenant Colonel Stuart (or Stewart) coming from Charleston. Rawdon's trek to Friday's Ferry must have been a nightmare. The soldiers clothed in regulation woolen garments suffered in the humid summer heat resulting in the death of 50 men from sunstroke. Rations too were a problem; for most of the march there was not even salt and their only food was water and any wild cattle or animals that could be shot in the woods along the route of march. Arriving at the ferry Rawdon learned that Stuart had marched toward the ferry but had been recalled to Charleston. Deciding to move south by forced marches to Orangeburg he pushed Lee and Kirkwood back until they decided to step aside and let him go through unobstructed. With British forces almost non-existent except along the coast the situation in the South was about the same as in 1780. (Brit 798D) So ends the month in South Carolina..

VIRGINIA – (Ward p 873 Par 5) June began with a bang. On the 1st Cornwallis sent Simcoe to attack von Steuben and 600 recruits were guarding the main depot of American stores in Virginia Steuben forewarned by the capture of 30 recruits had moved across the Fluvanna River a tributary of the James. Simcoe was unable to follow for lack of boats used the stratagem of spreading out his force and building many campfires, which appeared to von Steuben as an encampment of the entire British army. He then abandoned the stores and retreated to Cole's ferry. Simcoe sent a detachment across the river and destroyed the stores

June 4, Cornwallis sent Tarleton and some infantry against Charlottesville, where the Virginia legislature was temporarily in session. On his way he captured and burned twelve wagons loaded with uniforms for Greene's men. In Charlotte Governor Jefferson barely escaped, (Ward p 874 par 2) The legislature forewarned had fled to safety with the exception of a few who had lagged behind and apprehended by Tarleton.

June 10, (Ward p874 par2-4) Lafayette was joined by Wayne with three Pennsylvania regiments and by Lieutenant Colonel Forrest and a section of the Continental artillery. On the 13th he was joined by Colonel William Campbell of Virginia with 600 riflemen. Lafayette now felt strong enough to challenge Cornwallis and began a march south toward Cornwallis. On the 12th Cornwallis broke camp and moved towards Richmond. Lafayette mistook this for an effort to avoid his army. In actuality it was a move to get nearer to Clinton in New York. Cornwallis entered Richmond on the 16th.

(Ward p875 par 1 - 4) Simcoe had been sent on the 23rd to destroy stores at a location west of Williamsburg. Lafayette sent a force to intercept Simcoe on his return to Williamsburg. On the 26th they found part of Simcoe's force at a tavern and made contact with them. Simcoe's Rangers appeared and the fight was hot and heavy but eventually Simcoe withdrew towards Williamsburg and the main force.. Lafayette claimed a victory by virtue of Simcoe's departure. For the rest of June Lafayette and Cornwallis both lay encamped. in and about Williamsburg

— Andrew J. Strough.III
Edited by Harold Jones

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Minutes of the Meeting - May 20, 2011

The meeting was called to order at 6:59 p.m. by President Don Littlefield. Hal Lawson gave the Invocation. He was followed by Neil Zinn who led the membership in the Pledge of Allegiance and Chuck Highbaugh who led the Pledge to the SAR.

President Littlefield recognized Chuck Highbaugh, Tom Chilton, Jim Faulkinbury and Jeff Goodwin as past presidents of the Sacramento Chapter and Jeff Sylvan as the president of the Delta Chapter. He also recognized Medora Allen, Marilyn Chilton and Lynn Robinson as members of the Sacramento DAR Chapter, Peg Wilson of the Gen. John A. Sutter Chapter, Lee Lawson and Ann Taylor of the Sierra-Amador chapter and Lisa Gould of the Tomo-Kahni (Tehacahpi) Chapter. The guests introduced were our speaker Jackie Boor, Ron Carello with his wife Sheri (Ron would be inducted into the chapter this evening), and Don Clark (guest of Ernie Garcia).



Jim Faulkinbury, Secretary

Color Guard Commander, Jim Faulkinbury, was asked to describe the New England and Rhode Island Regiment flags, which were displayed tonight.

President Littlefield expressed concerns for Woody Robertshaw and John Hesselbein, both of whom still have serious health issues. He then discussed the possibility of holding a Chapter business meeting on Saturday June 18th at Joe Mohamed's pavilion instead of our usual Friday dinner meeting. The suggested dress would be casual and sandwiches and sodas would be provided. The meeting would be from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm and the ladies would be welcome. A vote was held to decide whether we should hold this proposed Saturday meeting or the scheduled Friday dinner meeting. The result was a tie vote. President Littlefield cast the deciding vote for the Saturday business meeting to discuss our plans for the 2012 calendar year.

President Littlefield then invited Treasurer Mike Wolf to come forward and announce that the Chapter had received a check from Intel Foundation for \$8,125. This check represented a part of Intel's involved Volunteer Matching Grant Program for the time employees (Don Littlefield and Mike Wolf) provided to the community in the form of support of our 501(c)3. He then asked Tom Chilton and Ron Carello to come forward. Tom assisted in the induction of Ron into our chapter. After the ceremony, Ron received congratulations from the membership. President Littlefield then asked Color Guard Commander Jim Faulkinbury to come forward and receive, on behalf of the Chapter, the CASSAR certificate award for *The Best Large Chapter Color Guard*.

Following the dinner, Past President Chuck Highbaugh introduced our speaker, Jackie Boor. Jackie is a friend of Lt. Col. Gene T. Boyer and also co-authored a book, *Inside the President's Helicopter*, with him. Jackie talked about Col. Boyer's career in the US Army, which included his assignment as the pilot of the Presidential Helicopter. She noted that President Eisenhower was the first president to use a helicopter in addition to the standard aircraft Air Force 1. Col. Boyer piloted the helicopter under Presidents Johnson, Nixon and Ford. He also flew many dignitaries during his term. Among them were former President Eisenhower and Walter Cronkite. Mr. Cronkite was involved with the filming of the Twentieth D-Day Anniversary television special. Jackie related several stories about Col. Boyer's experiences with the various Presidents and the helicopter. After her presentation, Jackie was presented with a Certificate of Appreciation.

The meeting ended with the fund raiser conducted by Mary Ann Littlefield and Marilyn Chilton. Those donating gifts were Clair & Medora Allen, Tom & Marilyn Chilton, Jim & Karen Faulkinbury, Chuck & Dee Highbaugh, Hal & Lee Lawson, Don & Mary Ann Littlefield, Don & Donna Spradling, George & Ann Taylor, Bob & Peg Wilson.

President Littlefield thanked Mary Ann and Marilyn for their assistance. He also thanked Don Spradling for his photographic services. He then asked for a motion to adjourn. Tom Chilton led the Recessional followed by the Hal Lawson, who led the Benediction. The members then sang *God Bless America*. The meetings adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jim Faulkinbury
Secretary

Pictures of the May Meeting

Photography by Don Spradling



Guest Speaker Jackie Boor receives Certificate of Appreciation from President Don Littlefield



Jim Faulkinbury accepts CASSAR *Best Large Chapter Color Guard* citation from President Don Littlefield



New Member Ron Carello welcomed by (left) Tom Chilton and (right) President Don Littlefield

May Meeting Pictures (Cont.)



Hal Lawson displays *Supplemental Ancestor Certificate* with (left) Tom Chilton and (right) Don Littlefield



Jim Faulkinbury, Chuck & Dee Highbaugh



Donna Spradling, Don Spradling, Lisa Gould



Ernie Garcia with his guest, Don Clark

Michael Trimberger - Winner of the 2010 Eagle Scout Program

Michael began scouting in first grade as a Tiger Cub in Pack 334 in San Jose. As a Cub Scout he enjoyed camping and hiking, making and racing Pinewood Derby cars, and spending the night on the submarine *Pampanito* (SS-383) and the aircraft carrier USS *Hornet* (CV-12). During Cub Scouts, Michael earned numerous belt loops and pins through the Cub Scout Academics and Sports Program and earned all twenty of the Webelos Scout Activity Badges. After earning his Arrow of Light Award, he bridged over to Boy Scout Troop 290.

The highlight of his scouting career came in 2007 when he hiked more than 95 miles through Philmont Boy Scout Ranch in New Mexico. Accompanied by ten other scouts and six adults from his troop, he spent nearly two weeks on the trail carrying 50 lb. backpacks through the sun, rain, thunder, lightning and wind. They scaled both the Tooth of Time (elevation 9,000 ft.) and Mt. Baldy (elevation 12,400 ft.).

Michael's summer camps included Marin Sierra, Emerald Bay, Oljato and Loon Lake. His most memorable camping experience came early in his Boy Scout career in the summer of 2003 when he earned his Wilderness Survival Merit Badge. One of the requirements of that badge is to spend a night alone in the wilderness in a shelter you build yourself, with no food, no tent and no sleeping bag. A life-changing experience for an 11-year-old boy! At his Eagle ceremony, he reminisced about that experience and remarked "I learned how long night is."

The young scout volunteered for many projects with his troop and others, including Kids Fishing Day and VoCal hiking trail construction. Michael achieved his Eagle Award in October 2008. His Eagle service project consisted of designing, planning and installing a drip irrigation system for historic St. Anthony's Church in New Almaden. Besides the construction, Michael was responsible for coordinating the work with the pastor and raising the funds for the project.

Michael held many leadership positions in scouting, including three years as Den Chief for a Webelos den in his old Pack 334, where he showed the younger boys his love of scouting while learning valuable lessons in controlling such a group. In the summer of 2009, Michael was selected to be Senior Patrol Leader for his Boy Scout troop of 71 boys. During his Boy Scout career, Michael earned 37 merit badges on topics as diverse as Nuclear Science, Waterskiing, Basketry, Painting and Astronomy. He also earned three Boy Scout Religious Awards: Light of Christ, Ad Altare Dei and Parvuli Dei.

Over the past four years, Michael has been actively involved in his community, performing over 200 hours of community service with the elderly, youth, developmentally disabled, and the economically disadvantaged. Michael serves as a member of the Advisory Board of the Trimberger Family Foundation.

Michael Trimberger graduated from Bellarmine College Preparatory in 2010. He is currently majoring in Aerospace Engineering at Georgia Institute of Technology and is a member of Georgia Tech's Crew Team. He is a College Board AP Scholar with Distinction and is a Life Member of the California Scholarship Federation.



Qualified Eagle Scouts participating in the scholarship program compete for the Chapter's scholarship. By winning the Chapter contest, they receive the Chapter's scholarship award and are submitted with the entries from other California Chapters to the California Society's contest. The State Society's winning entry is submitted for the National competition. Monetary scholarships are awarded at the Chapter, State and National levels. Chapter winners also receive the SAR Eagle Scout Medal.

SAR Remembers Memorial Day at the Sacramento Yacht Club



Russ Kaiser & Group firing salute



Russ Kaiser



Ernie Garcia



**Ernie Garcia, Tom Chilton, Jim Faulkinbury,
Vince Gantt, Russ Kaiser**

SAR Remembers Memorial Day at the San Joaquin Valley National Cemetery



Schedule of Future Meetings

Saturday, June 18 - 10:00 AM
Special Membership Meeting

Location: Mohamed Family History Center
4415 College Oak Drive
Sacramento, CA 95841

Friday, September 16 - 7:00 PM

Katherine Hope Borges
Buggy Whip Restaurant

Saturday, October 22 - 6:00 PM

Community Awards Banquet
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Friday, November 18 - 7:00 PM

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