



The Courier



June 2016

Sacramento Chapter— Sons of the American Revolution

Volume 48, Issue 6

IN THIS ISSUE

June 2016 Program

| | |
|---|----|
| June Program | 1 |
| President's Message | 2 |
| Minutes from May meeting | 3 |
| Minutes continued | 4 |
| Minutes continued | 5 |
| Photos from May Meeting | 6 |
| Photos from May Meeting Program | 7 |
| Memorial Day Program at Sylvan Cemetery | 8 |
| Battle of King's Mountain | 9 |
| Patriot Biography | 10 |
| Calendar of Events | 11 |
| Sacramento Chapter's coming events | 12 |

Keynote Speaker:
Undersheriff Erik Maness
 Sacramento County Sheriff's Department



Erik Maness, who has worked for the Sheriff's Department for more than 25 years in various roles, is the first African American to hold the position of undersheriff. The undersheriff is a sworn-officer who takes measure directly under the sheriff, and performs all the duties of the sheriff's office, with the exception where the personal presence of the high-sheriff is necessary.

Working in law enforcement is something he had always wanted to do and he had thought that one day he might join the FBI. But then 26 years ago he was contacted by a Sheriff's Department recruiter at his workplace in South Sacramento who talked him into taking the test for the Sheriff's Department. He has worked himself up through many levels and in March of this year he was promoted to the second in command in the department.

This is our annual Community Awards Dinner and during the course of the program we will be honoring three officers from our local law enforcement and Fire Departments as well as one from the FBI.

Editor's Note: The statements and opinions expressed herein are solely those of the author(s) and do not necessarily state or reflect those of the Editor, the Sacramento Chapter, the California or National Societies, Sons of the American Revolution.

Cattlemens Meal Selections

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

Friday, June 17, 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, June 15**, 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."

Current Officers

Craig Anderson
President

Don Littlefield
Executive Vice-President
Treasurer and Webmaster

Carl Ahlberg
Vice President & Secretary

Alan Brooking
Vice President & Registrar

Jim Faulkinbury
Genealogist

Jeff Goodwin
Chaplain

Don Spradling
Photographer
Guardian of the Flags

Neil Elvick
Newsletter editor

Committee Chairmen

Roy Adkins
ROTC/JROTC Program

Neil Zinn
Eagle Scout Program

Tom Chilton
Americanism Poster Contest

Carl Ahlberg
Program Committee

Ernie Garcia
Law Enforcement Program

Alan Brooking
Calling Committee
Cashier

President's Corner

Compatriots:

Our June meeting is our annual community awards dinner; we have moved our annual community awards dinner to June this year because of the availability of our guest speaker, Under Sheriff Erik Maness. Please join us on June 17th at the Cattlemen's Restaurant in Ranch Cordova, and help us recognize the outstanding law enforcement and emergency medical services personnel in our community:

Detective Dave Treat (Sacramento County Sheriff's Department), Deputy Sheriff Karl Griffiths (Sacramento County Sheriff's Department), and Sharon McIntyre, Sacramento Fire Department.

We have four Compatriots celebrating membership anniversaries in June: Mark Denmore Stevenson – 20 years, Joseph Edward Glidden – 15 years, Eric Donald Wilt – 15 years, and Floyd Frank Henderson Jr. – 10 years. Congratulations! Thank you for your support of the Sons of the American Revolution.

As a reminder, our June meeting is the last meeting before our summer break. Our next meeting will be on September 16th at the Cattlemen's and will feature guest speaker Rex Ruth speaking to us as Sam Adams. Rex has appeared at chapter and state SAR meetings in the past and this promises to be a great program. Don't miss it!

This year, our chapter members have been extremely busy with the many youth programs in our area; we have seen many of our programs grow, and we have even expanded them by having a poster contest this year. Every one of our Chapter youth program winners this year also won awards at the state level. I would like to offer my personal thanks to the hard work and dedication of our committee chairmen, Color Guard Commander, and others who coordinate and participate in these programs. These programs along with the School Guard presentations have a huge positive impact on our area's youths. If you have been undecided in the past, I encourage you to step up and help out. You can help make a difference. If anyone would like more information on how you can help, please call me, or any of the chapter officers or committee chairmen.

Looking forward to seeing you on June 17th.



Craig Anderson

Craig Anderson

Chapter President

Minutes of May 20, 2016 Meeting

Sons of the American Revolution – Sacramento Chapter

Meeting Minutes May 20, 2016

Executive Vice President Don Littlefield called the meeting to order and gave the invocation. Larry Stovall led the Pledge of Allegiance and Tom Chilton led the membership in the Pledge to the SAR.

Executive Vice President Don Littlefield introduced the following:

CASSAR Officers and Past Presidents:

- ◆ 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;
- ◆ 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;
- ◆ Neil Zinn Chairman of the Eagle Scout Recognition Committee.
- ◆ Carl Ahlberg, Chapter Secretary;
- ◆ Alan Brooking Registrar, Calling Committee Chairman, and CASSAR DAR Liaison;
- ◆ Don Spradling, SAR Photographer.
- ◆ Calling Committee Members: Alan Brooking, Don Clark, David Paulsen and Mike Brady.

DAR members:

- ◆ Sacramento Chapter: Marilyn Chilton and Medora Allen
- ◆ Gold Trail Chapter: Susan Brooking, Karen Faulkinbury, and Kathy Stovall
- ◆ Sierra Amador Chapter: Deborah Tasker-Brady, Recording Secretary

CASSAR LAUX members: Karen Faulkinbury, Marilyn Chilton, Susan Brooking, and Donna Spradling

Guests: Prospective members Bob Waugh, and Larry Stovall; Ron Hollis was asked to introduce his family: Son John, daughter-in-law Rowena and grandsons Johnathan and Ronnie

Executive Vice President Don Littlefield announced that Mike Hull will be taking over presentation of the flags, and asked him to come forward.



Carl Ahlberg, Secretary



The first flag was the Spanish “Burgundy Cross.” The basic pattern is a red saltire on a white field. This flag was first used by expeditionary troops including infantry and cavalry regiments. Regimental flags often added symbols in the white field or at the ends of the cross to represent their specific regiment. This unaltered version was used in the California Presidios during the Revolution.

The second flag was the Rhode Island Regiment. Rhode Island has used the anchor representing seafaring activities as a state symbol since 1647. The 13 stars represent the 13 colonies. This flag is one of two Regimental flags and scholars still argue which goes to the 1st regiment and which to the 2nd Regiment. The 1st Regiment was the Revolution’s only regiment made entirely of African Americans. To fill the quota of soldiers needed by Congress the Rhode Island Assembly voted to

(Continued on following page)

Minutes from May Meeting Continued

(Continued from page 3)

allow slaves to join the regiment and in return they would be granted their freedom and their owners would be compensated by the state. Over 200 African Americans fought valiantly. Rhode Island regiments served at the Battle of Rhode Island, Brandywine, Trenton and Yorktown, and the original flag is preserved today at the State House at Providence, Rhode Island.

Past President Littlefield asked Neil Zinn to come forward and presented him with the Roger Sherman Medal and Certificate for his years of work with the Boy Scouts.

Executive Vice President Don Littlefield then called Jim Faulkinbury forward and presented him with The Bronze Good Citizenship Medal and Certificate for his work in various national, state, and chapter roles over the past 15 years, as well as his impressive history of service to his country, state, and local community.

Executive Vice President Don Littlefield asked Tom Chilton to come forward and accept on behalf of the Sacramento Chapter a check from Intel for \$5,100. Tom shared that this check was possible because of Don Littlefield's volunteer work and his commitment to the SAR and the Sacramento Chapter.

Dinner was served.

After dinner Executive Vice President Don Littlefield introduced Russ Kaiser, Color Guard Commander. Commander Kaiser shared with the audience the difference between the Color Guard and School Guard and exactly what each does throughout the year, as well as their history. Both started in 1999 when the Color Guard had 24 members and was active in patriotic parades and activities. Today the Color Guard performs at the Sylvan Cemetery, Wreathes Across America, Carmichael's 4th of July Parade, DAR activates, History Day and Sierra College Constitution Day.

He shared the School Guard performs at about 16 schools each year. Members of the school Guard include Tom Chilton, Jim Faulkinbury, Ernie Garcia, Alan Brooking, Helena Hurst from DAR and Russ Kaiser. The School Guard, dressed in period clothing, then gave an abbreviated presentation of what they do when they go into a school and do a presentation for all 5th grade students.

- ◆ Jim Faulkinbury, dressed as a Continental soldier, shared a story about Robert, one of the best shots in the group and how he was depended on to hunt for food. Robert was wounded but would not let the army medical people help. He went off and returned when he was fit for duty. The second time he was wounded it was discovered Robert was a female and females were not allowed to join the army. Robert's real name was Deborah Sampson and she was given an honorable discharge by George Washington.
- ◆ Alan Brooking, dressed in period civilian clothes, shared how his patriot ancestor delivered flour from his father's Grist Mill. He often delivered supplies to the British and would spy on what they were doing. Later, he joined the army as a drummer and explained how different drum beats told soldiers what to do because they could not hear orders over all the musket and cannon noise.
- ◆ Ernie Garcia, dressed as a common Spanish soldier, shared how the Spanish were building missions in California at about the same time as the American Revolution. He described his uniform and what the different colors signified. Spanish soldiers were required to donate 2 pesos a year to the American Revolution, which was equivalent to a week's pay. France and Spain both assisted the patriots in their fight against England.
- ◆ Jim Faulkinbury shared a map with information about the shape of each colony and how King George agreed to not colonize east of the Proclamation Line.
- ◆ Tom Chilton, dressed as Mountain Man Tom, shared that in 1750 all the good land was gone and he had trouble farming on "crummy land" and as a result he and his family were poor. He noticed families were moving west



(Continued on page 5)

Minutes from May Meeting Continued

(Continued from previous page)

across the Proclamation Line. Even though the king said you can't do this, many did. They had to pass through the Cumberland Gap to get to what is now Tennessee to find good land. The land was good but many Indians did not want them there and so they had to protect themselves. Mountain Man Tom shared the difference between muskets and rifles and showed how a flintlock sparks when you pull the trigger. Many mountain men joined the fight against the British because the British would make the mountain men and families move back across the Proclamation line if they won the war.

- ◆ Jim Faulkinbury shared how European Wars were fought and no one would shoot the officers but in the Revolutionary War the patriots would try to kill the officers first thing. Mountain men were usually very good marksmen. The British were shocked at this.
- ◆ The School Guard then demonstrated what might happen to someone who was shot or had a tooth ache and how there was nothing to give for pain. Students from the school are used for these demonstrations. They also shared how they involve students with gun drills and flags.
- ◆ Russ Kaiser, dressed as a Continental soldier, shared how his patriot ancestor was in the army under Lafayette and how they had to move on Yorktown. He explained how his ancestor carried 50 pounds of equipment and how his wool coat was cold in the winter and hot in the summer. He was able to fire his musket every 20 seconds but it was not very accurate. Rifles were more accurate but took a lot longer to load. As a sergeant so he had the choice of keeping his hatchet or trade it for a sword.

Commander Kaiser announced that the Color Guard is looking for new members to share the load and encouraged anyone interested to contact him.

Executive Vice President Don Littlefield presented each School Guard member with a Collector's Edition of a Challenge Coin and thanked them for a fine performance.

Executive Vice President Don Littlefield announced the June 17 meeting will be our community awards dinner meeting. Our Guest speaker will be Sacramento County Under Sheriff Eric Maness.

The raffle was conducted and those bringing gifts were thanked: Don and Donna Spradling; Craig and Sandy Anderson; Susan and Alan Brooking; Carl and Inga Ahlberg; Jim and Karen Faulkinbury; George and Ann Taylor; Mike and DJ Brady; Ron and Luann Hollis; Larry and Kathy Stovall.

Executive Vice President Don Littlefield thanked the School Guard 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. Jim Faulkinbury led the Recessional Executive Vice President Don Littlefield gave the Benediction and the members sang "God Bless America." The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted

Carl E. Ahlberg,

Chapter Secretary

SAR Sacramento Chapter photos from our dinner meetings can be accessed and downloaded at <https://sar.smugmug.com/> & enter **Patriot**

Photos from May 2018, 2016 Meeting

Photos by Don Spradling



**Inga Ahlberg, Susan Brooking,
Karen Faulkinbury, Donna Spradling**



Victoria & Glenn Cline



**From left to right: John Hollis, Ronnie, Rowena, Jonathan
on the left and Ron and LuAnn Hollis on the far right**



Mike & Evelyn Hull



\$5,100 check from Intel: Volunteer Matching Grant Program. Check held by Tom Chilton and Don Littlefield.



Don Littlefield giving Bronze Roger Sherman Award to Neil Zinn, chairman of the Eagle Scout Program

Photos from May 2016 Program

Photos by Don Spradling

The program for our June meeting was presented by the Sacramento Chapter School Guard. For the past few years the School Guard has presented programs during the months of April and May to 5th graders in about 20 local schools. This program is organized by Commander Russ Kaiser. Our members Ernie Garcia, Jim Faulkinbury, Tom Chilton and Alan Brooking each impersonate different characters from the Revolutionary War era. Helena Hurst, a DAR member, is usually part of this team, but couldn't make it for this particular performance. She generally impersonates Molly Pitcher at the Battle of Monmouth. Tom Chilton portrays an over the mountain man (see page 8 for the article on the Battle of King's Mountain). Jim Faulkinbury portrays a highly ranking officer, Alan Brooking portrays a spy, and Ernie Garcia portrays a "soldado" in the Spanish army in California who contributed money from his hard earned salary to support the American Revolution.

These programs are very well received by both the students and the schools and they are an important outreach to the community and they serve to raise our profile and they further the education of these school children about our country's origins.



Donna and Russ Kaiser



Russ Kaiser & Tom Chilton



Helena Hurst. She usually plays Molly Pitcher, but absent tonight



**Ernie Garcia, Alan Brooking,
Jim Faulkinbury**



Jim Faulkinbury receives Good Citizenship Award from Don Littlefield

Photos from Memorial Day at Sylvan Cemetery

Photos by Don Spradling



Before the parade: Alan Brooking, Ernie Garcia, Russ Kaiser and David Beach from our Chapter on the left, alongside another group in Civil War attire on the right.

On every Memorial Day there is a parade and Memorial service at Sylvan Cemetery in Citrus Heights. The Sacramento Chapter Color Guard is a regular participant. This year our representatives as shown in the surrounding photographs were: Alan Brooking, Ernie Garcia, Russ Kaiser and David Beach. The parade winds through the cemetery, with momentary stops at attention before the burials of soldiers from specific wars. It ends at a pavilion where there is a program including patriotic music, speeches and at the end a firing of a salute using the antique period appropriate guns.



At Attention



Marching



Flag draped tombstones of the veterans of WWI and WWII

The Battle of Kings Mountain

by Neil Elvick

The early years of the Revolution from 1776 to early 1780 were characterized by skirmishes and battles between Washington's army and the British, largely limited to the northern colonies. The war then shifted to the southern colonies. This portion of the war is less familiar to most of us.

In 1780, with the war stalemated in the northern colonies, the British decided to bring the war to the Carolinas. Loyalist support had been stronger in the southern colonies, and the British were counting on this dissident minority to rise up and support their cause. In 1778 they had been successful in taking Savannah from the rebels, and they had successfully defended it against attack in 1779. General Clinton and his two top Generals, Cornwallis and Tarleton, sailed from New York and captured Charleston after a prolonged siege. Clinton then returned to New York and he sent Cornwallis and the infamous Banastre Tarleton against Patriot armies in the Carolinas and Georgia. Captain Patrick Ferguson who had also accompanied them from New York along with a Company of Loyalist volunteers, was sent west across the Carolinas to recruit a Loyalist Army. Cornwallis and Tarleton had some notable early successes, but gradually guerilla forces commanded by the likes of the Swamp Fox, Francis Marion, began to have successes against the British.

Captain Ferguson was successful in raising a sizable army of Southern Loyalists and he had succeeded in routing many Patriot forces in the western Carolinas, who then had to retreat across the Appalachian Mountains to the western side. He sent messengers to these troops on the western side with an ultimatum. He ordered them to "desist from their opposition to the British arms, and take protection under his standard," and if they didn't, he would "march his army over the mountains, hang their leaders, and lay their country waste with fire and sword." The threat did not have its intended effect. Instead it produced a flurry of activity as the people of the wild mountain areas scurried to raise an army. In the settling of America, it had been a tradition to maintain a local militia, and members of the militia would meet periodically for training. Also this mountain area had only recently been the scene of bloody battles between the settlers and the Indians. There were many men in these areas with fighting experience. Four military leaders assembled their respective militias from the Carolinas and Virginia and set up a staging area at Sycamore Shoals in what is now Eastern Tennessee. On September 16, 1780 they began their march across the Appalachians. They encountered snow at the higher elevations and had to leave their cattle, which they were bringing along for food and milk. As they marched towards Gilbert Town, North Carolina, where Ferguson's troops were stationed, they picked up more support from other militia groups. Two deserters from their army warned Ferguson about their presence and he departed Gilbert Town, intending to join Cornwallis in Charlotte, but when he came to Kings Mountain on the North and South Carolina border he decided he had found the place to make his stand. Eleven days after leaving Sycamore Shoals the Patriot army arrived at Kings Mountain.

This battle was unique in that with the exception of the commander, Capt. Patrick Ferguson, it was fought entirely by Americans. The Patriot army was able to accurately train their weapons on the silhouettes on the mountain top and they avoided return fire by taking cover behind rocks and trees. The Patriots survived two bayonet charges by the Loyalists coming down the mountain. The armies were evenly matched numerically, but the Patriots overwhelmed Ferguson and his army. The battle lasted just over an hour and the Loyalists were all either killed or captured.

About two months later and about 20 miles further west, Continental Army Commander, General Daniel Morgan, defeated a British army led by the hated General Banastre Tarleton at the Battle of Cowpens. These battles effectively ended the British hope that southern Loyalists would rise up and help them defeat the rebels.

The British and American armies would meet once more in the Battle of Guilford Courthouse in northern North Carolina, and although the British emerged there with a closely fought victory, they lost so many soldiers that they then retreated into Virginia and ultimately to the showdown at Yorktown.

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/>

Patriot Biographies & Memorial Day Photos

Photos by Don Spradling



**Sacramento Chapter Color Guard
on Memorial Day**



**Ernie Garcia, Alan Brooking & David Beach
at Sylvan Cemetery on Memorial Day**

Patriot Biography

Patriot Bio Isaac Hoard (p-182506)

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

Isaac Hoard was one of the nine children of Edward Hoar and Martha Cole. He was born in Tiverton, Rhode Island on 14 May 1754. He made his pension application from Yates County, New York on 28 September 1832 (S.10857). In May 1775, he first served for eight months under Capt. Abraham Angel and Col. David Brewer's Regiment of Massachusetts State Troops and was stationed at Dorchester Heights near Boston for that term of service, after which he returned home to Albany Co., New York. In his behalf, his brother Simeon Hoard made an affidavit that he Isaac left his father's house about the 1st of May 1775 to join the cause. In June 1776, Isaac enlisted as a Sgt. in Capt. Caleb Bentley's Co., Col. Graham's Regiment and was stationed at Fort Constitution for five months. In June 1777 he again served in Capt. Dennison's Co. of New York Militia (the 4th Albany Co. Regiment) at Fort Ann and Fort Edward under the commands of Gen. Schuler and Gen. Gates. He was dismissed in late October 1777 after the surrender of Burgoyne. During the remainder of the War, he was repeatedly called out for short alarms.

His will in Potter, Yates Co., New York was dated 31 May 1841 and was proved on 6 October 1841. The given name of his wife was Sarah, and his children were Peleg Hoard, Gideon Hoard, Polly (Hoard) Thomas, Nancy (Hoard) Stoddard.

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 find their own patriot ancestor. We have been publishing them also in the newsletter once a month for the last few years, but at this point there are only a few left, so would welcome more submissions. If you have the information but need help with presenting it as a narrative, we are here to help.

2016 SAR Events Calendar of Events

Sacramento Chapter – Sons of the American Revolution 2016 Calendar of Events

June 2016

June 10 – 12 2016 SAR Conference on the American Revolution – Pasadena, CA

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

August 20, Saturday, 9:00 am – Noon: 2017 Members Only Planning Meeting, Cattlemens

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

Coming Events

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

August 20, Saturday, 9:00 am – Noon
2017 Members Only Planning Meeting,
Cattlemens Restaurant

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

September 16, 2016 — Regular Meeting
7:00 PM at the Cattlemens Restaurant
Speaker: Rex Ruth as Sam Adams impersonator

**A PUBLICATION BY THE
SACRAMENTO CHAPTER
SONS OF THE AMERICAN
REVOLUTION**

**Neil Elvick, editor
neilel@aol.com**

**On the Internet at
[HTTP://WWW.SARSAC.COM](http://www.sarsac.com)**

Sons of the American Revolution
P. O. Box 6664
Folsom, CA 95763-6664

**To the Postmaster
Address Service Requested**



**The Sacramento Chapter
Sons Of The American
Revolution**