



The Courier



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Presidents Corner



Greetings Compatriots.

Our February meeting was a productive one and I expect our March meeting to be just as productive. We will be primarily focusing on recruitment and retention, so please come up with your ideas.

I will be absent from the March meeting due to family commitments. Executive VP Jon Wroten will be acting President in my absence.

For our April dinner meeting I am hoping to secure a speaker that will focus on the importance of the Battles of Lexington and Concord in honor of Patriot's Day (April 19th). In April 2024, the Sacramento Chapter will be hosting the CASSAR Annual Meeting in Burlingame and we will be looking for volunteers to help make this event a success.

Please contact me or Don Littlefield if you would like to volunteer.

Adam Morrill

Minutes of the February Meeting of the Sacramento Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution Wednesday February 18, 2023.

President Adam Morrill called the Meeting to Order at 10:00 AM. The Invocation was given by Russ Kaiser follow by President Morrill who gave the Pledge of Allegiance and Matt Bowdish who gave the Pledge to the SAR. There being 10 members in attendance, a quorum was established, and the following business items were discussed:

1. The first item of business was a proposal to purchase 1,000 America 250 Anniversary pins at a cost of \$1.40 each (\$1,400) and 1,000 America 250 Anniversary CASSAR challenge coins at a cost of \$3.25 each (\$3,250) for use during the next several years. The motion passed with the qualifier the guidelines for how they would be used would be established.
2. The Executive Board's previous approval to donate \$500 to the Charlotte Parkhurst DAR Chapter in support of the Wreaths Across America Program was announced as was their request to once again have the Sacramento Chapter participate in next December's ceremony with them.
3. The Treasurer's report was discussed.
4. A change in our meeting schedule to accommodate the awarding of the JROTC

- Enhanced Program winner's award presentation who is not available for the April meeting, was made to change the Youth Awards dinner program to May. April and May will both be dinner meetings at the Old Spaghetti Factory. A speaker will be found for the April meeting and our JROTC winner can be the speaker at the May meeting regarding her attendance at the Spirit of American program in April which the Chapter is also sponsoring.
5. Jon Wroten presented his review of possible alternative meeting venues for the dinner meetings. No recommendations were made. and we will continue with the current venue for the remainder of 2023 and continue looking at options for the next calendar year. Options for the venue for the business meeting to include a breakfast menu were also discussed. The option for having a \$20 breakfast scramble was selected.
 6. Our inventory of medals and awards was discussed, and it was determined that we had sufficient medals and award for this year and not additional medals and/or awards were needed to be purchased. The Executive Board will set guidelines for use of these medals and awards. It was also recommended that presentation of our medals and awards for public service and youth programs should be presented at the local level where the winners work or attend school. Presenters in Color Guard uniforms would be preferred if possible.
 7. Russ Kaiser proposed that the chapter participate in the September Constitution Day Event in Nevada City, along with Hazlett's Delaware's to enhance our visibility in the local communities. It was suggested that we post information in "Upcoming Community Events" in the Courier. Russ Kaiser will put together an announcement that we can publish.
 8. We are still looking for a volunteer to step forward to chair the Chapter's America 250 Program. The person responsible will review the forms submitted for awards and determine those qualified. Carl Ahlberg recommended that we provide detailed, clear instructions about the America 250 Program, including how the scoring works for members to earn recognition for their efforts for this program. Craig Anderson agreed to put this together and have it published in the Sacramento Courier. A description the program and how points are acquired will be included in an upcoming Courier. Craig Anderson will continue in the role until we can find a replacement.
 9. President Morrill discussed ideas for finding speakers such as surveying the membership to see if any of our members would be interested in speaking or if they have outside affiliations that could provide speakers. He also requested that each office prepare a binder of the roles and responsibilities of that office be prepared so the binders could be passed down to the next incumbent for successful succession planning.
 10. Finally, some ideas for recruitment and publicity were discussed. Jon Wroten will look into developing media contacts.

Due to time constraints, other items of business will be carried forward to our March meeting. Carl Ahlberg suggested that we devote adequate time in an upcoming chapter business meeting to address important membership issues (i.e. mentoring, getting members involved, growing – enhancing our programs). President Adam Morrill will be unable to attend the March business meeting. Executive VP Jon Wroten will chair the March meeting.

President Morrill adjourned the meeting at 12:15pm following the Recessional and Benediction.



America 250 SAR

The purpose of **The America 250 SAR Program** is "To celebrate America's 250th anniversary with Patriotic, Historical and Educational programs which raises the awareness of Americans about our past and help strengthen our democracy" by...

1. **Raising awareness of the SAR as a patriotic organization and reenergize America's sense of patriotism.** Examples could include but are not limited to color guard participation in patriotic events such as Independence Day, Flag Day, Veterans Day, Patriots Day, etc. Participation in patriotic events such as Wreaths Across America, Flag Retirements. Patriot Sons and Daughter grave marking events, and veterans support activities.
2. **Making the American Revolution and 'Our' Colonial History Relevant Again.** Examples could include but are not limited to Flag Day, Our Patriots, Revolutionary War Timeline, America 250 minute or Traveling Trunk.
3. **Making the SAR a major source for online information on the American Revolution.** Examples could include but aren't limited to Genealogy Workshops with DAR, Legends, History Explorers, Liberty Tree Environmental, and SAR educational outreach.

A recognition program has been designed to encourage and recognize those compatriots, chapters and societies that participate in local, state, national and international events which publicly educate, and recognize, honor, and celebrate the events and heroes of the period surrounding the American Revolution. Participation involves the planning and execution of these events, as well as attendance. The awards cover any event celebrating and promoting the 250th Anniversary; therefore, any public events celebrating and promoting the 250th Anniversary in the period from 2014 to 2033.

Scorekeeping is the responsibility of each compatriot and awarding authority. The awarding authority for each medal is as follows.

- The Bronze Medal is awarded for 25 promotion points as certified by the chapter.
- The Silver Medal is awarded for 60 promotion points as certified by the state society.
- The Gold Medal is awarded 150 promotion points as certified by the NSSAR 250th Anniversary Committee.

Awards are based on activity and the awarding of points for each type of activity:

- **Directing, chairing, or co-chairing an event or sub-committee** for the duration of the event. (20 points).
- **Participation in the planning, financing, promotion or conduct of an event** other than directing, chairing, or co-chairing an event. Those that do direct, chair or co-chair an event and serve as a regular member of a committee or sub-committee in a non-leadership role, may also earn points. (10 points).
- **Attending an Event** (3 points).
- **Attending an event in Colonial Attire** (5 points).

Questions about this program should be directed to the Sacramento Chapter America 250 Chairman Craig Anderson:
craigandersonsar@gmail.com.

[Click to View the California Society America 250 Honor Roll](#)

[Click to Access the America 250 Award Application](#)

2023 ROTC/ JROTC PROGRAM

The National Society Sons of the American Revolution awards the JROTC Medal to foster the principles of the "Citizen Soldier" as exemplified by the Minutemen of the Revolutionary War days.

This award is presented to JROTC Cadets who are selected by their commanding officers for having a high degree of merit with respect to leadership qualities, military bearing, and general excellence.

Each year our program chairman, Roy Adkins coordinates with schools to schedule these presentations; **he relies on our chapter volunteers to help with these presentations.** If you can help, please **contact Roy at lifeswindo@aol.com or (916) 687-6735.** The presentations are very simple; the awards are mailed to the schools in advance so all you must do is attend the school event, and personally present the award to the cadet - about an hour of your time.

Following is the schedule for this year to date; the list will be updated as other schools respond.

2023 ROTC JROTC PRESENTATION SCHEDULE (as of 3/1/23)

School	Program	Cadet Name	Date	Presenter
Sea Cadets	NAVY	PO-2 Ryan Young	March 18, 2023	Roy Adkins
Del Campo High School	JTOTC (2 nd Place Outstanding Cadet) AF JROTC	Capt. Charles Vance	March 28, 2023	Roy Adkins
Highlands High School	AFJROTC	TBA	April 27, 2023	TBN
J. F. Kennedy High School	MCJROTC	TBA	May 3, 2023	TBN
Luther Burbank High School	NAVY	Lt. Mony Chea	May 12, 2023	TBN
Casa Robles High School	JROTC (Outstanding Cadet)	2st Lt. Krystal Rose Lambert	May 17, 2023	SAR Meeting

Mobile Wreaths Across America

Don Littlefield appeared at the mobile Wreaths Across America display in Folsom, CA on February 9th. This event was arranged by the Charlotte Parkhurst DAR Chapter.



SACRAMENTO CHAPTER FREEDOMS FOUNDATION AT VALLEY FORGE 2023 YOUTH AWARDS BANQUET

On February 25th, members of the Sacramento Color Guard posted the colors at the opening ceremonies of Freedoms Foundation's Youth Awards Banquet at the Timber Creek Ballroom in Roseville.



L-R Don Littlefield, Craig Anderson, Kimm Richwine (1st Vice Regent Charlotte Parkhurst Chapter DAR), Jim Faulkinbury, and Carl Ahlberg



The keynote speaker for this event was Thomas Jefferson, portrayed by Steven Edenbo.

Welcome New Members

Congratulations! Welcome to the California Society, Sons of the American Revolution. We are honored that you have elected to join our society of descendants of those patriots and heroes who gave us our freedoms. The California Society conducts many patriotic, historical, and educational programs in our communities, and we rely heavily on our member volunteers to keep them strong and vibrant.

If you haven't yet been, you will shortly be contacted by a representative of your chapter; We urge you to meet your fellow compatriots, join them in their chapter programs, and become an active member of your chapter and state society. We are

looking forward to meeting and working with you in the future.

<u>NSSAR</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Date</u>
225303	Spencer Dalton Roberts	2/17/2023

IN MEMORIUM



Compatriot James Alvin Jolly passed away on February 5th, 2023, at the age of 101. James was a 20-year life member of the Sacramento Chapter and a veteran of WWII who served as a Merchant Marine radio officer on ships in the Atlantic and Pacific. He retired as a professor of physics from CSU Sacramento.

Upcoming Chapter Meeting Information



SACRAMENTO CHAPTER SAR MARCH MEETING

Saturday March 18, 2023
12409 Folsom Blvd, Rancho Cordova
9:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Our March meeting will be the second of five business meetings scheduled during 2023 where we will focus on the direction and objectives of the Sacramento Chapter. Light refreshments will be provided.

Color Guard Calendar



Color Guard Commander David Beach

UPCOMING COLOR GUARD EVENTS

April 24th, 2023, The Charlotte Parkhurst Chapter DAR at the veteran's hall, 1300 Forest Ave. Folsom Ca.

December 16th, 2023, Wreaths Across America with The Charlotte Parkhurst Chapter DAR at the veteran's hall, 1300 Forest Ave. Folsom Ca.

UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS

The Wall that Heals

The Wall that Heals: A replica of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C
March 30th-April 2, 2023, Rusch Park 7801 Auburn Blvd, Citrus Heights, CA 95610

[Click for more information.](#)

CASSAR 148th Annual Meeting April 14-15, 2023 COSTA MESA, CA

The 148th Annual Meeting of the Members of the California Society of the Sons of the American Revolution will be held April 14 & 15, 2023 at the Hilton Orange County/Costa Mesa, 3050 Bristol ST., Costa Mesa, CA. To make reservations click the link below or, call (714) 540-7000. **The Group code is CASSAR.** The special room rate \$155/night; parking is \$18/night. Follow the link below to the Meeting Registration.

[Click for Hotel Reservations](#)

[Click for Meeting Registration](#)

Coming Events



2023 Calendar

Saturday, March 18, 2023,	Chapter Meeting – Cattlemen’s – Business Meeting
Wednesday, April 19, 2023,	Chapter Meeting – Old Spaghetti Factory—Patriots Day
<u>Thur-Sat</u> , April 13-15, 2023,	CASSAR Annual Meeting – Hilton Orange County / Costa Mesa, CA
Wednesday, May 17, 2023,	Chapter Meeting – Old Spaghetti Factory—Youth Awards
Monday, May 29, 2023,	Memorial Day
Saturday, June 17, 2023,	Chapter Meeting – Cattlemen’s – Business Meeting
Tuesday, July 4, 2023,	American Independence Day
July 13-20, 2023,	SAR 133 rd National Congress, Rosen Plaza, Orlando, FL
Saturday, August 19, 2023,	Chapter Meeting – Cattlemen’s – Business Meeting
Monday, September 4, 2023,	Labor Day
Wednesday, September 20, 2023,	Chapter Meeting – Old Spaghetti Factory—Public Service Awards
Saturday, October 21, 2023,	Chapter Meeting – Cattlemen’s – Business Meeting
Thru-Sat, November 2-5, 2023,	CASSAR BOM, TBD, Host Harbor Chapter (Southern California)
Saturday, November 11, 2023,	Veterans Day
Saturday, November 15, 2023,	Chapter Meeting – Old Spaghetti Factory—Veterans Appreciation
Thursday, November 23, 2023,	Thanksgiving Day
Saturday, December 16, 2023,	Wreaths Across America
Monday, December 25, 2023,	Christmas

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COMING SAR EVENTS

SACRAMENTO CHAPTER

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Saturday March 18th 9AM
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State Society

148th, Annual Meeting
April 14-15th, 2023
Costa Mesa, CA.

National Society

National Congress
Orlando, FL
July 13, 2023 to July 20, 2023

Cyber Scams

If you receive an email from a purported Compatriot in need of help that is unsigned, with no personal contact information seeking contributions to any type of fundraising site; or an email addressing you by name from another member of your Chapter requesting the expenditure of funds or the purchase of gift cards, consider it a hoax. These messages are getting more sophisticated and may even include the unauthorized use of the SAR logo and/or a pseudo SAR email address.

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