



The Courier



October 2022

Presidents Corner



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A message to the members...

It's fall outside which means warm days and cool nights. It also means Veterans Day celebrations and conferences. This brings me again to the point: we need more participation! We need committee members and chairs. We need Executive Board members and Color Guardsman. Most importantly, we need YOU!

We've had some folks step up and that's great, but we need more. Moreover, we will need a President for next year so please let me know if you are at all interested.

For October, we have another "ALL HANDS-ON DECK!" planning meeting at Cattlemen's, Rancho Cordova, on Saturday, October 22, 2022, from 10 AM to Noon, with doors open at 9:30 AM. This is a second planning meeting for the year and the last was extremely beneficial. It was decided to have one every other month. We are still looking to fill out our committees and it's time to talk about the officers and chairman for next year. Some discussion about the rest of 2022 will be had as well. We are also planning for 2026 which is our countries 250th anniversary. This is the opportunity for you to speak out and speak up. Please mark your calendars for this all-important date.

Craig Anderson is still on the mend from his ailments so keep the well wishes coming.

We will have a November 16th in person meeting at the Spaghetti Factory as well with more fun presentations and speakers so please mark your calendars! Hope to see you all on October 22nd.

Available Chapter Positions

Guardian of the Flags

Take responsibility for the American and SAR Flags and bring them to our meetings

Medals and Awards Chairman

Has possession of the Chapter's medals and certificates. Print certificates and provide medals as directed by the president.

Americanism Poster Contest Chairman Contacts participating schools, provides materials and judges poster submissions:

Knight Essay Contest Chairman
SAR Representative at Sacramento County National History Day
Calling Committee Chairman
American History Teacher Award
Chapter Photographer
Meeting Cashier
School Guard Coordinator
Eagle Scout Program Chairman
Flag Chairman
Veterans Recognition Chairman
Knight Essay Program Chairman
Law Enforcement Program Chairman
Valley Forge Teacher Recognition Program
Webmaster
Color Guard Commander

Meeting Minutes

Sacramento SAR Minutes of Sep 14, 2022, Meeting

The meeting was held at The Old Spaghetti Factory at 1625 Watt Ave.

Pres. Russ Kaiser conducted the meeting. Scott Brooks served as Secretary of the meeting.

The following Individuals in attendance were recognized:

Jim Faulkinbury – Past CASSAR President, Past Genealogist General, Past Sacramento Chapter President

Mark Stevenson – Past Sacramento Chapter President

Willard Blankenship – Past South Coast Chapter President

Larry Brasher – Sacramento Chapter Secretary

Roy Adkins – ROTC/JROTC Chairman

Carl Ahlberg – School Guard Chairman

Douglas Drake – Motherlode Chapter President

Karen Faulkinbury - DAR

Pres. Kaiser spoke briefly about the importance of the membership volunteering to serve in the chapter positions.

Scott Brooks presented this month's featured flag, the Green Mountain Boys' flag.

Scott Brooks gave the "America 250"" minute presentation on the series of confrontations in upstate New York in September and October 1777 which led up to and included the Battle of Saratoga. The Battle of Saratoga actually consisted of two battles – Freeman's Farm and Bemis Heights.

The following new members were introduced, sworn in and given membership certificates:

Lawrence Niekamp NSSAR # 223029

David Boyd Cofer III NSSAR # 223122

George Malcom Rooks III NSSAR # 222676

George Malcom Rooks IV NSSAR # 223122

Richard Horton NSSAR #223183

Following the dinner our featured guest speaker was William Reed who gave a fascinating speech on the vital roles played by people of color during the Revolutionary War. This was followed by a brief Q&A session.

Douglas Drake gave the benediction and Carl Ahlberg led the SAR Recessional. Jim Faulkinbury led the audience in singing "God Bless America" and the meeting closed with fraternal harmony prevailing at 9:00 pm

The next meeting will be a business meeting at the Cattleman's Restaurant in Rancho Cordova on October 22 at 10:00 am.

FROM THE ROTC/ JROTC CHAIRMAN



Sacramento Chapter

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Good Day: I am our Chapters ROTC-JROTC Chairman

Just to let you know I am "NOT" a public speaker. With that being said, for you that haven't heard, I am the Chapters ROTC-JROTC Chairman and I am filling some awfully big shoes of my predecessors and have made a commitment to volunteer for my 9th consecutive year in a row.

Now! Who Believes in the ROTC-JROTC Program? Okay! I am looking for a few good men.

There's around 195+ members in this Chapter and I only need about 12 of you to be presenters next year

May through mid-June all of our JROTC Units are in the greater Sacramento area including Fairfield and Orangevale

Do you think you could be a Bronze presenter next year for me in 2023? The Cadets medal and certificate will already be at the school when you get there. Please let me know if you can or can't. It's pretty simple, after you arrive at the place where the awards are going to be held, let the school know you're from the Sons of the American Revolution and they will seat you. They will call you and the winning cadet up front. You will hand the cadet his or her certificate shake their hand, clip their medal on them or put it in their hand and then salute them turn for a photo and you're done. It's quite a rewarding experience for them and you both. The awards will be in March, April and most all of May, almost all are in the early evening. We will be presenting at 16 High Schools and 3 college units with one Sea Cadet program. As I get them in I will ask you if you can do that particular school. So what do you think?

Some have already given me commitments. I hate to sound greedy, but I want

some more. We have! One Sea Cadet and Midshipman, 16 High Schools and Three College Units that I make Certificates for and send Medals too, with their names and date of their awards ceremonies.

It only requires you go to their school and hand a Certificate and a Medal to a very deserving Cadet in our ROTC Program.

It takes about two hours of your time. That's not so much to ask from a Chapter member once in any given year.

I have some patriots that have been Presenters two and three times in the same year. Most of them have been the Chapter officers, myself as many as 11 events, I would like to see that change next year. I would like to see more chapter members participating, that's what makes these programs work to their highest potential. It's a small price to pay representing your Chapter in a very positive way.

To see the glow on these Cadets faces are one to be remembered as they are in the top of class. They have pushed through a very tuff curriculum to fit the requirements of their School and the high standards of the ROTC Program. When a student asks me about the ROTC Program, I will always encourage them to give it a shot. I let them know that it isn't for everyone, and it is not a Military recruitment tactic.

Some enter our "JROTC Enhanced Program" that can reward them quite nicely in their drive of perseverance of self in service, pride and integrity and yes even cash. Some Participant's received a 4-year scholarship to Texas A and M and West Point it's always a very satisfying moment for the chapter. I have been with some of these young cadets through high school and college but to only watch them become commissioned officers in the United States Armed Forces.

I believe that the true heart of this organization are the chapter member's themselves', and it takes all of us to bring our Sacramento chapter to its fullest potential. Please help the chairman's when and if you can, we would be highly appreciative for your opportunity to help us be even better of what this chapter's capabilities can accomplish and recognize our achievements to the greater good

In 2014 we had a winner do just that, his name was Cameron A. Hoover. Our Chapter has produced 6 State winners in the last 9 years, do I have any volunteer's? It's not like you have to join the Army. It's only an hour or two a year more if you're inclined to do so for the JROTC Program.

The schools are basically quite organized some will have reserved parking some are catered. Let them know upon your arrival and you will be seated by a cadet. The cadets have great enthusiasm, and the parent involvement is phenomenal. Some of these honor guard Cadets are at the top of their game and is a must see. I was a presenter this year at Sacramento State College for two Cadets. I really hope that some of you will also want to participate in this years "JROTC ENHANCED" Program as part of the Judging committee it takes about an hour. I will send a cadet's essay of 500 to 700 words so that you can evaluate it with the SAR judging form I send you, if you need help, I will be more than happy to accommodate to help out with instructions. I need around 4 patriots.

If so let me! Or any one of the Chapter officers know.

Thank you for your time.

Roy R Adkins

SAC SAR ROTC-JROTC Chairman



Craig Anderson and Roy Adkins

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>
223647	Donald Leroy Sparks	09/2/2022

Upcoming Chapter Meeting Information



SACRAMENTO CHAPTER OCTOBER BUSINESS MEETING

**Saturday, October 22, 2022
10AM to 12PM**

**Cattlemens Restaurant
12409 Folsom Blvd.
Rancho Cordova, CA 95742**

Light refreshments will be provided.



147th Fall Board of Managers Meeting *of the* ***California Society, Sons of the American Revolution***

November 3 – 5, 2022
Hosted by the Redwood Empire Chapter

DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel
One Double Tree Drive Rohnert Park, California 94928

[Meeting Reservation Form click here](#)



America 250 SAR

The Battle of Kings Mountain October 7 th 1780

Following the defeat at Saratoga and Monmouth and their withdrawal from Philadelphia, the British strategy in the north was in shambles. Desperate for a victory, they shifted their focus to the southern colonies.

On May 12 th 1780, the largest southern seaport, Charlestown, South Carolina was surrendered to the British following a six-weeks siege. The American fleet was captured and over 5000 Americans became prisoners of war. Charlestown became the largest defeat that the Americans experienced during the revolutionary war.

Following the fall of the city, Lord Cornwallis marched his army north and defeated the Americans once again at Camden Courthouse in August 1780. This opened the door to allow the British to invade North Carolina; their strategy relied on loyalists joining forces with the British regulars to advance north through North Carolina and Virginia. To enlist loyalist reinforcements, Lord Cornwallis sent Major Patrick Ferguson north to North Carolina in September to recruit men to fight for the Loyalist militia and protect Cornwallis's left flank as he moved through the Carolinas.

Ferguson soon came up against the over mountain men, settlers from the Carolina backcountry and the areas now known as the states of Kentucky and Tennessee. American cavalry commander "Light Horse" Harry Lee called them, "A race of hardy men who were familiar with the use of the horse and the rifle, stout, active, patient under privation, and brave." To the British, however, they were "more savage than the Indians." Major Ferguson miscalculated his potential enemy. The over mountain men found the British on a rocky hilltop in western South Carolina called Kings Mountain. In the early afternoon of October 7 th , the over-mountain men surrounded the hill and advanced from all sides using the undergrowth and woods to their advantage.

One Loyalist later recalled that the Over-mountain men looked "like devils from the infernal regions... tall, raw-boned, sinewy with long matted hair." Ferguson and his men were surrounded, and their counterattacks failed to stop the Americans. With his defensive perimeter shrinking, Ferguson tried to lead his men past the attack. Mounted on his horse, he proved the perfect target for the Americans. He was hit multiple times, his body was hanging from his horse as his mount fled down the hill.

The British were ultimately overrun suffering the lost of their entire force, killed, wounded, or captured. The defeat of the British loyalists at Kings Mountain gave the Americans confidence that that their militias could successfully face the British in battle and was a major setback for Britain's southern strategy that began a chain of events that resulted in Cornwallis's defeat at Yorktown.

Compatriots

Freedoms Foundation of Valley Forge, Spirit of America Youth Leadership program sends students back to their Valley Forge campus for four-day sessions that will include a mock congressional debate, a free enterprise challenge, leadership workshops, and guided tours of Valley Forge and historical Philadelphia. The programs dates for 2023 are March 9-12 and April 20-23.

Applications are now open. The application requirements can be found on Freedoms Foundation website (see the links below). If you have children, grandchildren, or know of other young people in your community that would be interested in this experience, please pass this information along to them. Completed applications are due on November 1, 2022, and the completed essays are due on December 1, 2022.

Each year, the California Society SAR sponsors two students to attend the Spirit of American Youth Leadership program at Valley Forge PA. This year the Sacramento Chapter also sponsored a student in 2022. I encourage you to support this great program.

Craig Anderson
CASSAR Chairman
Spirit of America Youth Leadership Program

[Spirit of America Youth Leadership Program](#)

[Download the SOA Application](#)

Color Guard Calendar



Color Guard Commander David Beach

The Color Guard is scheduled to post the colors for the Blind Golfers Golf Tournament at Haggin Oaks Golf Club on October 25, 2022, at 9:00 a.m.

Please contact David Beach if you are able to attend.

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COMING SAR EVENTS

Business Meeting
Saturday October 22nd 2022
Cattlemens Restaurant
12409 Folsom Blvd.
Rancho Cordova, CA 95742

State Society

147th, BOM Meeting
November 3rd -5th ,2022
Rohnert Park CA.

National Society

Leadership Conference
Louisville, KY
March 2, 2023 to March 4, 2023

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