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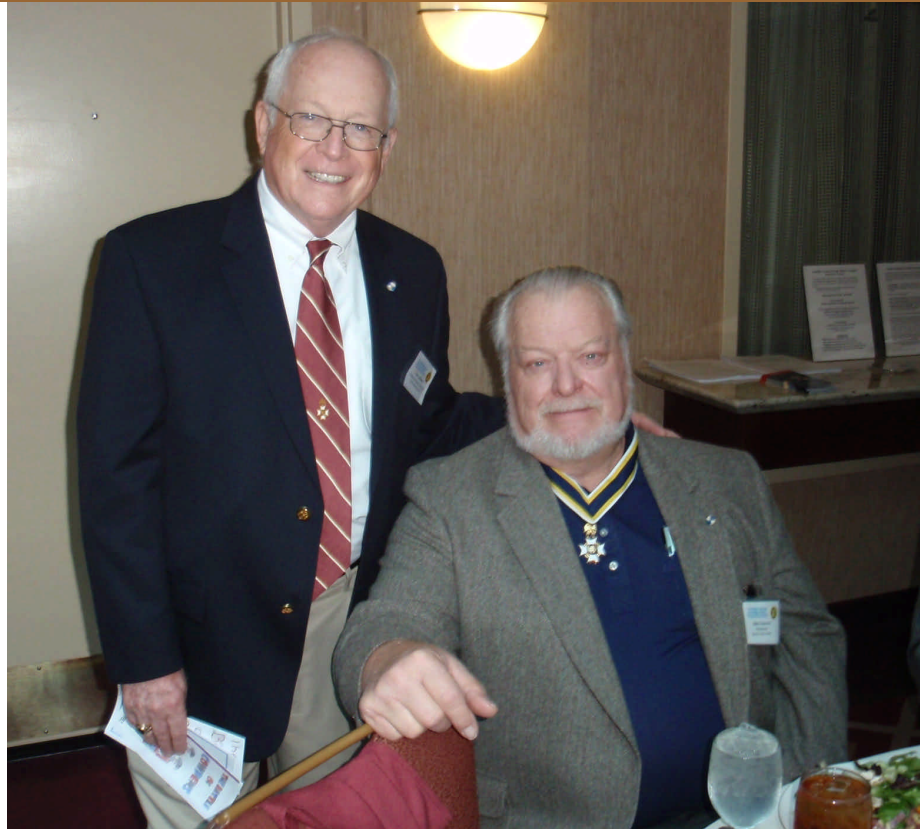
Calling All Compatriots



Next meeting - Tuesday, April 24, 2012,
6:30 PM at Denny's Restaurant

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Tom Adams and Bob Conover at the CASSAR meeting.



Denny's Restaurant
3446 Coach Lane
Cameron Park, CA.

The next meeting of the Mother Lode Chapter will be held on Tuesday, April 24, 2012, at 6:30 PM, at Denny's Restaurant in Cameron Park.

The President's Corner by Bob Conover

Mother Lode Chapter Officers for 2012

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Bob Conover

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Open

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Vacant

Valley Forge Program

Vacant

Law Enforcement Program

John Krahn

Flag Certificate Program

Doug Stone

Americanism Poster Contest

Tom Adams

Last month's Service Awards Banquet was a great success, and I hope everyone had a great time and had some great food. We hope to make this an annual event to honor our public service awards winners. This format gives us the opportunity to honor our Public Service Awards recipients and enjoy the fellowship of our members and invitees. During the April meeting we will be discussing some great ideas brought to my attention on how to improve on our awards banquet. I hope to get other ideas from the members on how we could improve on our banquet for next year.

We also would like to get members involved in activities of the chapter. After years of service, Tom Douglas is stepping down from the position of our Chapter Newsletter Editor and the Chapter Web Master. We are looking for members to fill these positions. If you are interested, please call me or contact me at our meeting so we can discuss the duties of the position. We also are going to have Marilyn Chilton speak about the SAR ladies auxiliary. We would like to invite all ladies to be SAR auxiliary members.

I attended the SAR State meeting in Sacramento, and was pleased at the awards our small chapter received. Our chapter's entrants took 1st place in the Brochure Contest, and 3rd place in the Poster Contest. I was very impressed with the talent of the kids. More on this at our upcoming meeting

In Patriotic Service

Bob Conover



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“The Shot Heard ‘Round the World” - 237 Years Ago Lexington, Massachusetts

It was dawn on April 19, 1775, when the British advance troops under Maj. John Pitcairn arrived from Boston. Capt. John Parker, who was forewarned, had his militia lined up on the Lexington Commons. Because he had only 77 men, Parker had no thought of impeding the 700 British soldiers. He wanted to make a display of patriot resolve. But, as the militiamen slowly obeyed Pitcairn's order to disperse, a shot was fired - it is not clear from which side - and the green British soldiers, ignoring orders to stop, began firing at will at the fleeing Americans. When Pitcairn and Smith regained control, eight Americans lay dead.

Ralph Waldo Emerson coined the phrase "the shot heard 'round the world" to describe the significance of the skirmishes that took place at Lexington and at North Bridge in Concord.

Although the British fought two small skirmishes at Lexington and Concord, they fought a battle along the road from Concord to Lexington. Some may criticize the tactics used by the patriots in their engagements with the British along the road. However, the tactics they used can be clearly found in any military handbook. When an enemy that has attacked and has turned to retreat, defense forces should pursue the retreating enemy. Not to pursue has been a mistake made, even today, by many military commanders. It is often not done because of troop exhaustion or for humanitarian reasons, but the result is often that the retreating enemy is able to recover and fight another day. There is no doubt that the sting of Lexington and Concord was on the minds of the British during their occupation of Boston. They did not launch any further penetrations into the surrounding countryside.



**The Old North Bridge
Concord, Massachusetts**



**The Minuteman Statue at Lexington,
Massachusetts**

Photos from the Awards Banquet, Held on Tuesday, March 27, 2012



Sheriff John D'Agostini addresses those present while Sgt. Jackie Norene and Deputy Steve Coburn look on.



President Bob Conover presents Sgt. Jackie Norene with the SAR Law Enforcement Commendation Medal and Certificate.



Sgt. (now Lt.) Jackie Norene addresses those present while Deputy Steve Coburn looks on.



President Bob Conover presents Deputy Steve Coburn with the SAR Law Enforcement Commendation Medal and Certificate

More Photos from the Awards Banquet, Held on Tuesday, March 27, 2012



El Dorado County District Attorney Vern Pierson gave a very interesting presentation.



L-R: Tom Chilton, President, Sacramento Chapter, and his wife, Marilyn, and Jim Faulkinbury, CASSAR VP North, and his wife, Karen.



Deputy Steven Coburn, his wife, and family



Sgt. (now Lt.) Jackie Norene, her husband, and family.

Photos from the 137th CASSAR Membership Meeting Held on April 13 and 14, 2012, in Sacramento.



Tom Adams and Bob Conover.



Bob Conover receiving the
Mother Lode Chapter's awards.



Bob Conover receives the
winner's award for the
Brochure Contest.



L-R: Tom Adams, CAR members Raeven and Donecia Barrett, CASSAR President John Dodd, and CASSAR Secretary Ron Barker. Raeven and Donecia Barrett served as Pages during Saturday's CASSAR meeting



Wayne Griswold and Bob Conover.

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**CASSAR President Keith Bigbee,
and his wife, Cyndy.**



**CASSAR VP North Jim Faulkinbury,
and his wife, Karen.**



**Tom Adams, CASSAR Youth Activities Director,
and his wife, Anne.**



**Wayne Griswold, Past CASSAR President,
and his wife, Yoncie**

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Lindsey Brock, NSSAR Registrar-General,
and his wife, Billie.



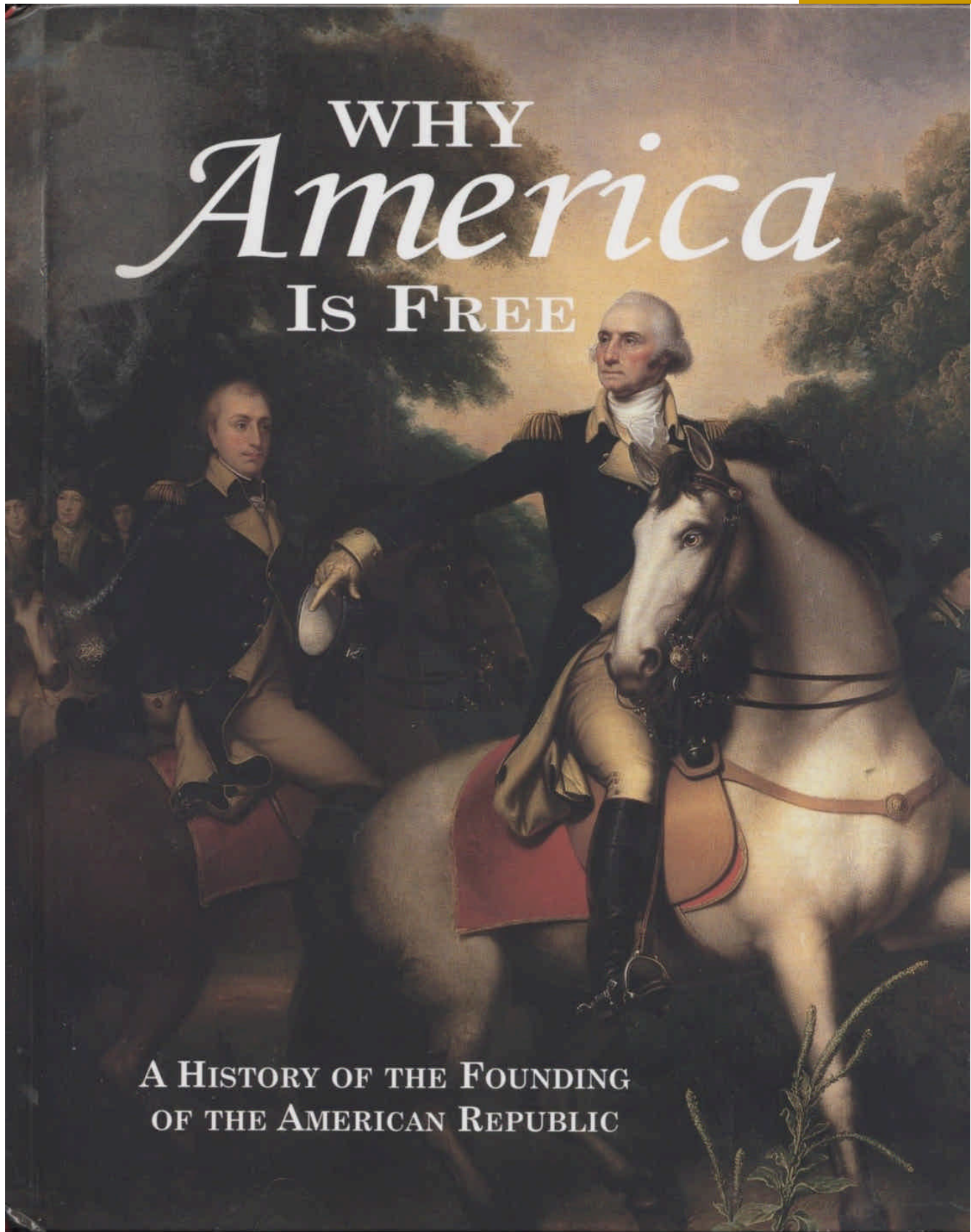
Joe Dooley, NSSAR Treasurer-General



Tom Chilton, President, Sacramento Chapter,
and his wife, Marilyn.



L-R: CASSAR Secretary Ron Barker, Bob
Conover, Charlie Gentis (Riverside), and Larry
Wood (Orange County), represented the Poster
Contest winners.



This is an excellent history book for children in the fifth grade. It can be purchased at the Mount Vernon web site at: <http://www.mountvernon.org/shop/shopping/why-america-free>

Mother Lode Chapter's 2012 Calendar of Events

April 22 - Musket Firing Demo
2:00PM, at El Dorado Rod & Gun Club

April 24 - Regular Meeting at Denny's

May 22 - Regular Meeting at Denny's

June 26 - Regular Meeting at Denny's

July - No meeting

August - No meeting

September 25 - Regular Meeting at Denny's

October 23 - Regular Meeting at Denny's

November 2 & 3 - CASSAR Fall Manager's Meeting
Monterey Bay, CA

November 27 - Regular Meeting at Denny's

December 15 - Wreaths Across America
Sacramento Valley National Cemetery in Dixon

December - Regular Meeting at Denny's
Date to be determined

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