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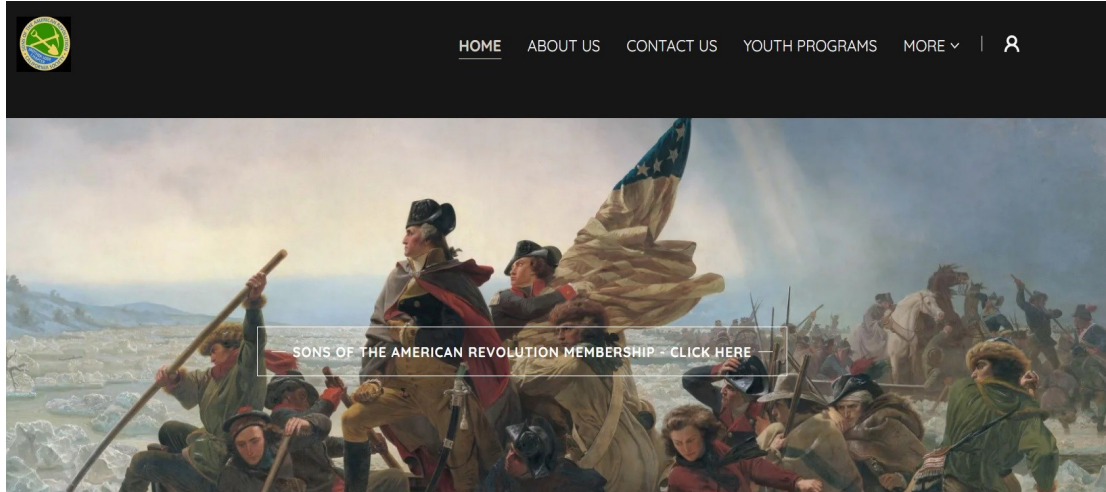
Calling All Compatriots



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New Web Site - same web address
<https://motherlodesar.org/>



Our Chapter President
~ Douglas Drake ~

Come visit the new release of motherlodesar.org web site.

- New Look and Feel.
- Calendar of Events
- Donation Page—Chapter Pin GoFundMe drive. Anyone can give!
- Photo Gallery and Video section
- Complete Dispatch Repository (almost) back to 2007
- Members Only



Denny's Restaurant
3446 Coach Lane
Cameron Park, CA.
4th Tuesday - 6:30 PM

Mother Lode Chapter Officers for 2022

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Douglas Drake

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2nd Vice President

Tom Adams

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Tom Douglas

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Historian

Open

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Eagle Scout Program

Open

ROTC Program

Open

Knight Essay Contest

Kevin Tierney

Valley Forge Program

Open

Law Enforcement Program

(Community Service Awards Banquet)

Open

Flag Certificate Program

Open

Americanism Poster Contest

Kevin Tierney

Web-Page

Steve Belden

Thank You to our Veterans!

Last month, compatriot **Mike Muetz** received The Military Service Medal Certificate. It was presented by Chapter President and Chancellor **Doug Drake** and Chapter Secretary **Tom Douglas**. You can read about it last month's Dispatch.



This past June 28th, Mike received the medal that accompanies the certificate. As you can see in the photo, Mike holds no grudges towards Tom, though it appears Mike might be squeezing Tom's hand a little too tight. Tom actually looks a little concerned. Haha?

<https://motherlodesar.org/the-dispatch>

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On June 28th 2022, the Mother Lode Chapter inducted its newest member, **Steven C. Belden**. Steve was sponsored by **Tom Douglas** and **Tom Adams**. He is the descendent

of Augustus Belding Sr. who served as a Northfield MA Minute Man, and was a Private in the MA 21st Regiment. Steve, his wife Gina, and their son live in Folsom. **Steve** treated the chapter to a presentation of his family's ancient and contemporary history. It started with a review of the 1,600 page 3 volume series "Baildon's of Baildon: a Yorkshire Manor". I think every one got a good laugh from some of the stories.

Steve then talked about his American family - as published in the 1898 book "Concerning Some of the Ancestors and Descendants of Royal Denison Belden" which begins with Richard Belden of Wethersfield CT

circa 1638. The book covers 8 generations, including Augustus Sr. and ends with Steve's great grandfather (3x) Hiram C. Belden. Steve then closed the meeting off with a tribute to his late father John C. Belden.

Note: Steve used his dad's projector screen—older than Steve!

Just to keep it real, Steve also shared Paul C. Reed's (The American Society of Genealogists) 2001 publication on the origins of Richard Belden. And so it seems that America's Richard is likely not the son of Sir Francis Baildon. Oh well.



Mother Lode Chapter member Tom Adams present Steve with his pins and certificate

Compatriots! This past June 25, Folsom got to experience The Sons of the American Revolution in style! Russel Kaiser, Jim Falkunbury, David Beach and Don Littlefield of the Sacramento Chapter came ready to please!



Russel Kaiser, Jim Falkunbury, David Beach, Unknown and Don Little-

With about 10 minutes to spare, I found the four gents and a guest with some lovely ladies standing in the shade at the appeared to be the end-of-the-line waiting for the parade to start. In actuality, they were smack-dab in the middle of the parade. I first introduced myself to Russ Kaiser (Sac) which was

fortunate because I needed to talk to him about his services and a Zoom session for Doug. I enjoyed learning about the jackets and muskets. Doug sent me a jacket order form. LOL!



Smiling because his shoes are still clean!

My son and I watched the parade from start to finish, ending with the Painted Ladies. It sure was a good suggestion by someone to finish the parade with the horses given the amount of eating they did beforehand!

We all know how much Doug wanted to participate in the parade, but we are all grateful that he is recovering so nicely. See you soon!

Folsom Hometown Parade June 25th, 2022



Mother Lode Chapter's 2022 Calendar of Events

Annual Community Awards Banquet
October 13, 2022 at 6pm
(time to be verified)
American Legion Post 119
4561 Greenstone Rd, Placerville, CA
95667

No Mother Lode Chapter Meeting
July 26, 2022

No Mother Lode Chapter Meeting
August 22, 2022



**Mother Lode Chapter
Meeting Minutes – June 28, 2022
Meeting at Denny's in Cameron Park**



The meeting was called to order by Chapter Secretary **Tom Douglas** at 6:37PM, Compatriot **Sam Bradley** gave the invocation, Compatriot **Mike Muetz** led the Pledge of **Allegiance** and Secretary **Tom Douglas** led the SAR Pledge. President **Doug Drake** arrived soon via Go-To-Meeting provided by Compatriot **Russ Kaiser**. (Thank you, Russ).

There were ten (10) regular Chapter members, **Tom Adams, Tom Douglas, Doug Drake (Z), Sam Bradley, Bob Conover, Steeve Almy, Russ Kaiser, Gene Bell (Z), Mike Muetz, and Steve Belden**. There were no special guests.

The meeting opened as a regular meeting and the officers were called upon to give their report.

Treasurer, **Bob Conover**, gave our Chapter Bank Account Balance as **\$2,490.12**

Secretary, **Tom Douglas** gave the Secretary's report:

He handed the insurance documents to Mike Muetz, from the Chapter's liability insurance carrier, for the use of American Legion Post 119's hall for our awards dinner.

After some discussion about the banquet costs, primarily food costs, there was a motion by **Tom Douglas** to go with the "**Boss's Best**" meal choice from the **Back Forty Texas BBQ Catering Menu** and to charge **\$35.00** per ticket to cover the costs of the meal. The motion was seconded and after additional discussion, the motion was passed.

2nd Vice President of Youth Programs, **Kevin Tierney**, was not present as he was on his way to our National Congress in Savanna, Georgia. Kevin, as well as being the Mother Lode Chapter Brochure Contest Chairman, and the California State Society Brochure Contest Chairman is also the National Brochure Contest Chairman. This year 17 States participated in the National Contest.

Dispatch Editor, **Steve Belden**, released the **May Dispatch** went out again as an email.

Webmaster, **Steve Belden**, has made significant progress on establishing a Mother

- OLD BUISENESS

President **Doug Drake** opened **Old Business** on the potential Mother Lode Chapter Community Awards Banquet.

Compatriot Steve Belden presented the options for the Banquet meals.

After that decision, President **Doug Drake** led a Community Awards Banquet Planning session. [See Secretary Tom Douglas' report on the motion and decision made.]

NEW BUISINESS

President Doug Drake announcement that the 'Celebration of Life' for **Tom Chilton** was May 13th at the Folsom Community Center. **Tom Adams** reported the *Dispatch* contained an article on the Celebration of Life' for **Tom Chilton**.

Tom Adams repeated the report in the *Dispatch* containing an announcement of an opportunity to donate to enable us to give our **Mother Lode Chapter Pins to students participated in Chapter programs**. The reimbursement of the Chapter lapel pins fund continues to slowly grow.

RECOGNITION and AWARDS

Secretary **Tom Douglas** presented Compatriot **Mike Muetz** the **Military Service Medal** in grateful recognition for his service in the United States Armed Forces.

Secretary **Tom Douglas** presented Compatriot **Steve Belden** with his SAR Membership Certificate, pinned the SAR Rosette to his lapel and presented him with the Mother Lode Chapter Lapel Pin.

SPEAKERS

Compatriot **Steve Belden** gave an impressive presentation on the **Belden Family**. It included not only Steve's ancestors, but other prominent Belden's across the nation. Steve used several projected photos throughout his presentation. It was evident there was more to tell that could not be said in the brief time allotted for the presentation. Perhaps Steve can be convinced to continue his presentation at a subsequent Chapter meeting.

CLOSE OF MEETING

Compatriot **Sam Bradley** gave the Benediction, **Tom Douglas** led the SAR Recessional, and after the singing of God Bless America, the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM.

Minutes compiled from notes provided by President Doug Drake, Tom Douglas and Compatriot Tom Adams.

Respectfully edited and submitted,
Tom Adams, Recording Secretary