



# Mother Lode Dispatch



Calling All Compatriots

Regular Meeting Tuesday, April 22, 2019, at 6:30 PM  
Denny's Restaurant– 3446 Coach Lane – Cameron Park. CA.  
Come at 6:00 PM if Ordering a Meal

**REMINDER** Our NEXT Meeting is (the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the Month)  
**April 22, 2019**

***You might want to Print this out - Lots of Pictures!***

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## Mother Lode Chapter

### Minutes of the March 26, 2019 Meeting

#### Denny's Restaurant, Cameron Park, CA

The meeting was opened at 6:45 PM by Executive Vice President Sam Bradley. Compatriot Bradley gave the Invocation, and led Pledge of Allegiance and the SAR Pledge.

There were five members, **Sam Bradley, Steve Almy, Tom Adams, Bob Conover, Tom Douglas**, Duel Member **Tom Chilton** (Sacramento) and three guests, **Marilyn Chilton, Sarah Rysdam** (Sam Bradley's Daughter) and **Don Littlefield**, (California Society Vice President North)

The minutes of the February 26, 2019 were approved as written in the March Mother Lode Dispatch. The Mother Lode Dispatch is sent monthly, by email, to the Mother Lode Chapter members.

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## ***March Meeting Minuets - continued***

### **Reports:**

**Secretary;** Tom Douglas reported he sent to and received confirmation from the IRS and FTB, the Chapters tax filings for 2018. He also filed the annual registration renewal to the Attorney General of California for the Registry of Charitable Trusts. He asked Don Littlefield if Chapter officers were required to sign the California Society Whistleblower Policy as the policy wording did not specifically mention Chapter officers. VP North Littlefield said he would check with the California Society Compliance Officer and let us know.

**Treasurer;** Bob Conover asked if he could get the Chapter's approval to move the Chapter's Checking Account from the Wells Fargo Bank to a bank of his choosing. Tom Adams who is signatory on the Chapter Account along with previous Treasurer Doug Drake, suggested that we wait until both he and Doug are off the account. Tom described the process this way: Doug will be back in California on April 19. However, Bob is leaving California on April 15 on vacation. When Bob returns, Bob, Doug and Tom Adams can go to a Wells Fargo Bank, where Doug and Tom can be taken off the account and Bob placed on the account. Then Bob can close and move the account to a bank of his choosing. Bob will want to add President Mike Muetz (and perhaps secretary Douglas) to the account so checks can be written. No action was taken by the Chapter regarding Bob's request.

**Youth Activities;** Tom Adams gave a report on our Eagle Scout Scholarship candidate, Cade Guidera, who finished second in a field of five entries statewide. The California winner competed the previous year, which is permissible. A candidate can continue to enter until they reach 19. Unfortunately, Cade turns 19 on December 25, 2019 and so he cannot re-enter.

## ***March Meeting Minuets - continued***

Cade and his family were invited to attend our Mother Lode Chapter Dinner Meeting as our guests. Cade informed Tom he could not attend our March Meeting due to his work schedule, but said he would try to attend a later meeting. If Cade is unable to attend our Chapter meetings, Secretary Douglas offered to be in uniform and attend another organizations meeting that Cade could attend, to make the presentation of our medal and certificate, whether Scouting Meeting or C.A.R. Meeting.

This year two schools submitted entries in the Brochure Contest program, Camerado Springs and John Adams Academy. A panel of judges from the Chapter selected a Chapter Winner which will be entered in the State-wide Contest at the CASSAR Spring Meeting in Ventura, April 27, 2019. It has been the Chapter's policy not to reveal our Chapter Winner's school and name until the State Competition is completed.

Compatriots Tom Adams, Bob Conover and Tom Douglas gave a presentation at the John Adams Academy for the Chapter's Poster Contest. This year's Poster Contest Theme was: *"Paul Revere and Sybil Lundington: Messengers for Liberty."*

We collected entries in our Poster Contest program from only the one school, John Adams Academy, as we did last year. Unfortunately, since we lack the manpower to adequately set-up and manage our school contests, we again passed on inviting both Jackson Elementary and Holy Trinity Elementary who have been in our program for many years. There were two 5<sup>th</sup> grade classes at JAA that participated. 48 Posters were created by the scholars at JAA. The teachers manage a school-wide judging process and the top four Posters were provided to the Mother Lode Chapter to select our Chapter Winner which we will then enter into the State Competition at the CASSAR Spring Meeting in Ventura, April 27, 2019. Tom brought the four JAA Posters to the Chapter Meeting to share with the attendees.

## ***March Meeting Minuets - continued***

Tom Adams arranged for the Mother Lode Chapter “Most Charitable Member” plaque to be updated. Last year the Chapter defined ‘Most Charitable Member’ as being the member who gave most of their ‘Time, Talent & Treasure.’ Tom turned the plaque over to Sam Bradley. Tom Adams also had arranged for a name badge for John Krahn. Compatriot Krahn was not at the meeting so Tom turned the badge over to Sam Bradley.

Tom Adams informed Sam Bradley that member Russ Kaiser (who was unable to attend the meeting) offered to be a speaker at future meeting: his topic being his current flying service in Coast Guard Reserve.

California Society Vice President North, Don Littlefield Invited Chapter officers and members to the 144<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Membership in Ventura California April 25-27 2019. VPN Littlefield mentioned that the Butt County Chapter had folded and the Redding chapter had been in trouble but there were some faithful members that kept the chapter open.

Compatriot Bob Conover brought his family’s heirloom flag to the meeting to share. Family lore has it that the flag came from his Patriot, Hezekiah Goff, a marine aboard the Connecticut Navy ship the *Oliver Cromwell* in 1778. The flag was used on the ‘prize’ ships the *Oliver Cromwell* seized at sea and sent into port. Tom Adams promised to cover the story of the Goff Marine Flag in the next issue of the *Dispatch*.

There being no further business, the meeting was closed/adjourned at approximately 7:45 with the reciting of the SAR recessional led by Sam Bradley.

## Special Meeting Guests

We had two special guests attend our March Meeting. First was **Don Littlefield**, VP North California SAR, second from the right between Chapter Exec VP **Sam Bradley** and Chapter Secretary **Tom Douglas**. Many of you know Don, a long time member of the Sacramento Chapter, and a good friend of the Mother Lode Chapter.



Our second guest was the very special young lady on the far left. She is **Sam & Suzanne Bradley's** daughter **Sarrah Rysdam** who just recently arrived here from Rota Spain. She is doing extensive genealogical research on the family's early ancestors which required doing research in England and in Ireland. She is researching the family ***before*** they came to America on the *Mayflower* in 1620 and the *Jane* in 1622. She said she thoroughly enjoyed attending our meeting.

## Bob Conover's "Goff Marine Flag"

**Bob Conover** brought his family Heirloom, the "Goff Marine Flag" to share with the members at our **March Chapter Meeting**. Bob's long time goal has been to authenticate the origin of the Flag. **Tom Adams** worked with Bob to prepare documentation that Bob can give to his son **Mark** in Connecticut to carrying on the project.



### *The Conover Family Story*

The Conover family story is that this flag, passed down through generations, once belonged to their ancestor **Hezekiah Goff**. He was a marine aboard the **Oliver Cromwell** in 1778 out of Connecticut; he also later served in the Massachusetts Continental Line, and even served in the War of 1812. The flag came from somewhere. The family have called it the 'Goff Marine Flag' because one story has it that when the *Oliver Cromwell* capture a "prize" at sea (such as the *Admiral Keppel* and the *Cyrus*) they sent it back to port under an American flag – and **this** was one of those flags."



## Bob Conover's "Goff Marine Flag" (continued)

### Hezekiah Goff Remembered

"At his residence in this state, **Mr. Hezekiah Goff**, in his 94th year of his age.

Mr. Goff was born in Middletown, Connecticut, in the year 1754. He enlisted in the war of the revolution in 1776 and labored in the service of his country until her independence was acknowledged. No truer patriot trod his native soil. During the last war with Great Britain, he enlisted in the American army and served until discharged on account of age. After living a life of great usefulness he has at last sunk beneath the weight of many years, and gone, we trust, to a better world."

- From the *Bellows Falls Gazette*,  
Bellows Falls, Vermont, 6 Apr 1848



DAR Plaque

## The Oliver Cromwell

**George Washington** was the first to bring the war to British shipping when he authorized seven "Cruisers" to capture British supply ships. Individual states built small navies to protect their coasts and to harass their British tormentors. Connecticut's navy of 10 ships, including the 20 gun **Oliver Cromwell**, built in Essex on the Connecticut River, was moderately successful. **Oliver Cromwell** was ordered to be built in January 31, 1776.

Cromwell, as one of the people responsible for the execution of King Charles I, represented freedom against the king.

## Making a New Friend

**Bob Conover** had to bring the 'Goff Marine Flag' over to Tom Adams so Tom could further document the flag.

Bob stepped out into the backyard where some family activity was under way. Sabine Hall, Tom's daughter and local C.A.R. Society President, and two of her children, along with their dog, came over to meet Tom and Anne's new family addition – **two King Charles Cavalier puppies**.

Bob scooped down and picked up 2 month old "Tillie".

That's Anne Adams in the background enjoying Tillie making a new friend!



## Thank You Don!

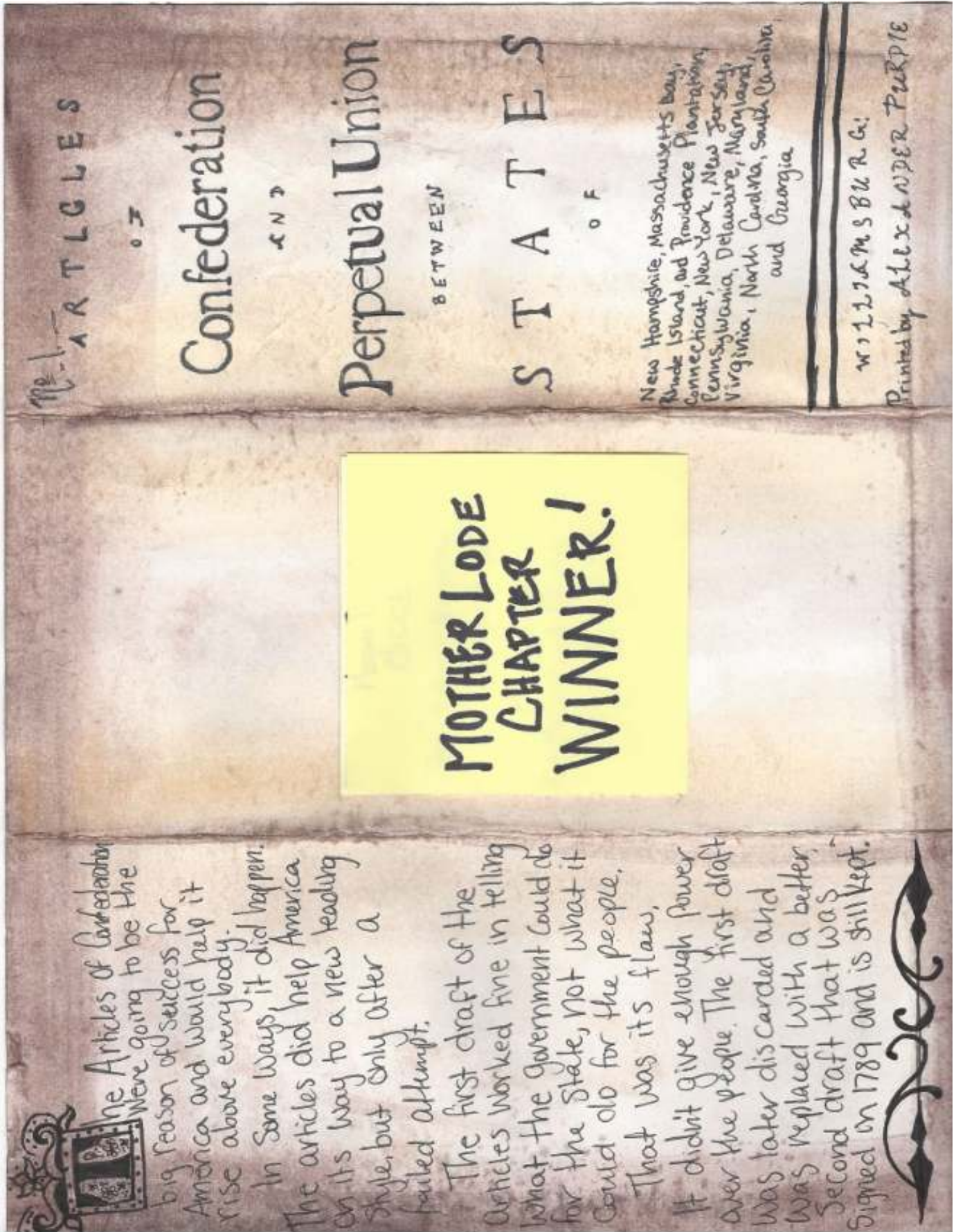


**Don Littlefield**, California SAR Vice President North, attended our March Chapter Meeting. During the meeting we were discussing the awards we had planned for our Eagle Scout Scholarship candidate. Don asked if we had the **SAR Eagle Scout Scholarship patch**? When we said no, we didn't even know about it (it is not mentioned on SAR.org) Don said he would send us some from Sacramento Chapter's huge inventory. ... *Which he did!*



# Chapter Brochure Winner

(this the *Outside* of the Tri-Fold Brochure)



The ARTICLES

OF

Confederation

AND

Perpetual Union

BETWEEN

STATES

OF

New Hampshire, Massachusetts Bay, Rhode Island, and Providence Plantations, Connecticut, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Delaware, Maryland, Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, and Georgia

WILLIAMSBURG:

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MOTHER LODGE CHAPTER WINNER!

The Articles of Confederation were going to be the big reason of success for America and would help it rise above everybody. In some ways, it did happen. The articles did help America on its way to a new leading style, but only after a failed attempt.

The first draft of the Articles worked fine in telling what the government could do for the State, Not what it could do for the people. That was its flaw.

It didn't give enough power over the people. The first draft was later discarded and was replaced with a better. Second draft that was signed in 1789 and is still kept.





# Chapter Brochure Winner

(this the *Inside* of the Tri-Fold Brochure)

## Who signed them?



There were 48 people to sign the articles of Confederation.

They include:

- Samuel Adams, John Dickinson, Elbridge Gerry, John Hancock, Richard Henry Lee, Gouverneur Morris, Robert Morris, Roger Sherman, and John Witherspoon.

## What are the Articles?



ince leaving the British and becoming independent, we dreamed of having

a Confederation instead of an unfair monarchy. Our wholesome dream led to the states needing to write the first Constitution called the Articles of Confederation which was signed in 1781. The articles contained 13 rules for government to follow. They gave general ideas of what they can do and when they can do it. The 13 articles contained

1. The name of the Confederacy is the 'United States of America'.

2. Each state shall keep their freedom, Sovereignty, independence, any any power not changed by government.

3. Each state shall protect each other.

IV. All free inhabitants (from different states) have the same privileges as someone from the States.

V. Each year, the states are to send 2-7 delegates to court.

VI. Limits a state's power so they need states of Congress to agree on treaties, trade, or other business regarding the other countries.

VII. When in need of national defense, any rank below Colonel, shall be sent.

VIII. Any national expense shall be paid out of the common treasury, which shall be paid for by all states.

IX. When all states are gathered, greater matters are allowed to be brought up.

X. Executive Community shall be given power, unless they don't act without the permission of at least 9 states.

XI. Any Colony, including Canada, can join the Union with the permission of at least 9 states.

XII. Any debt presented before the articles shall be taken care of.

XIII. The state's most important opinions shall be respected. The articles can't be changed without approval of Congress.





# Chapter Poster Winner

(to be hand delivered to Ventura for State Competition)



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# 2019 Mother Lode Chapter Calendar

*still to be planned*

Here is one event you need to know about:

## **144rd Spring Meeting of the Membership**

**Date/Time** Apr 25, 2019 - Apr 27, 2019

Ventura Beach Marriot Hotel

Hosted by the General Patton Chapter

*Go to CASSAR Website:*

<http://www.californiasar.org/events/144th-spring-meeting/>



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