

SAR Mother Lode Chapter Dispatch

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Greeting Compatriots! This is our Chapter's Monthly Newsletter, the *Dispatch*. For the present time, we will publish the *Dispatch* as an email.

Our next Chapter Meeting will be on **Tuesday April 26, 2022**, at 6:30 PM at **Denny's**. Come at 6:00 PM if you want to order a meal.

This will be our first return to an all in-person meeting – NO Zoom.

Mother Lode Chapter
Meeting Minutes - March 22, 2022
Hybrid Go-To-Meeting at Denny's in Cameron Park

The meeting was called to order by President **Doug Drake** at 7:00, Compatriot **Sam Bradley** gave the invocation, Compatriot **Sam Bradley** led the Pledge of Allegiance and President **Doug Drake** led the SAR Pledge.

The "Zoom-type" meeting capability was facilitated by Compatriot **Russ Kaiser** through his 'Go-To-Meeting' account. (*Thank you, Russ*)

There were seven (7) regular Chapter members, **Russ Kaiser, Tom Adams, Doug Drake (Z), Bob Conover, Tom Douglas (Z), Sam Bradley** and **Kevin Tierney**. We had one guest, **Clinton Bazzill**, who has expressed an interest in joining SAR. **Tom Douglas** and **Doug Drake** have offered to help him, and they discussed his application progress and requested some additional documentation.

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

- Treasurer, **Bob Conover**, reported on the Chapter's financial status:
 - He reported our checking account balance at **\$2,900**.
 - He also pointed out to anyone who held a Chapter bank card that they had expired.

- Further, **Treasure Conover** provided a correction to last month's Treasurer Report as reported in the March **Dispatch**: We have paid to the American Legion two checks; the checks are \$100 for American Legion Hall Rental Deposit, and \$125 for the 'Bar' License; for a total deposit of **\$225** held by American Legion Post 119 for our next event.
- Secretary, **Tom Douglas**, gave his report:
 - **Secretary Douglas** requested approval of changes to two Chapter Bylaws, one regarding state/in-state dual membership and one regarding the definition of associates. These changes were emailed to the membership in accordance with Chapter bylaws and brought up at previous Chapter meetings. After a brief discussions and explanation that the changes were necessary to be in agreement with State and National bylaws the changes were approved with no dissenting votes.
- Youth Programs Coordinator, **Kevin Tierney**, gave his report:
 - **Kevin** reported regarding the brochure contest, we had a total of **26** entries. 22 of those came from John Adams Academy, 2 from Rolling Hills Middle School and one entry was mailed directly to Kevin from a homeschooled young person.
 - **Kevin** reported a Chapter Brochure Contest winner has been entered into the State Contest.
 - **Kevin** reported the **Mother Lode Chapter** received Posters from one school, **John Adams Academy**.
 - **Kevin** reported a Chapter Poster Contest winner has been entered into the State Contest.
- Dispatch Editor, **Tom Adams**, reported the **March Dispatch** went out as an email instead of a PDF attachment. Tom intends to continue using emails.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

- President **Doug Drake** had previously appointed **Kevin Tierney** to be **2nd Vice-President-Programs**. The be **2nd Vice-President-Programs** is a Chapter elected position. At the Match Chapter meeting, Compatriot Tom Adams nominated **Keven Tierney** to be the Mother Lode Chapter **2nd Vice-President-Programs**. The Nomination was seconded by Compatriot **Sam Bradley**. **Keven Tierney** was then unanimously elected **to be the** Mother Lode Chapter **2nd Vice-President-Programs**. **A description of duties follows:**

The 2nd Vice-President-Meetings shall oversee all of the various chapter programs. They include, but are not limited to, the: ROTC/JROTC Program, Eagle Scout Program, Knight Essay Contest, Law Enforcement Program, Flag Certificate Program, and Valley Forge Program. [add: Elementary School Poster Contest; Middle School Brochure Contest]

COMMENTS by GUEST

Our one guest, **Clinton Bazzill**, said he was working on his SAR application, and looking forward to joining us as a member.

OLD BUSINESS

- Compatriot **Bob Conover**, serving as Chapter's **Public Safety Liaison**, asked if the Chapter was planning to hold a Community Awards event in 2022, for he had been approached by the County Sheriff.
- Compatriot Sam Bradley shared that the American Legion Post 119 had held a Law Enforcement Recognition Event on **March 2nd**, the event was well attended, and masks were not required.
- President **Doug Drake** set a target date for our event to be our planned regular Chapter October meeting, **Tuesday October 25, 2022**. He asked **Bob Conover**, Chapter's **Public Safety Liaison** to query in the law enforcement community to see if there would be interest in our Chapter holding our Community Awards Banquet. He said we would discuss the option at our **April Meeting**.

NEW BUISINESS

- Compatriot **Tom Adams** raised the past practice of our awarding our **Mother Lode Chapter pins** to every young person who participated in our contests by either entering Poster as 5th grader or entering a Brochure as an 8th grader. Tom Douglas gave an accounting of the number of **Mother Lode Chapter pins** compared the number of participants reported by **Kevin Tierney**, and we learned we did not have enough pins in our inventory to make the awards this year. Douglas estimated the pins cost \$1.50 each at the time of purchase 4-5 years ago.
- Compatriot **Tom Adams** then described the last awarding of pins which was in **2020** at **John Adams Academy** and how impressive it was. Apparently, at the direction of JAA teachers, the scholars (as they are called) formed a single line and processed up to Mother Lode Chapter uniformed color guards, shook the member hand and received their pin. In Adams' experience this had never occurred before. We usually just pass out the pins, like candy. Compatriots **Sam Bradley** and **Russ Kaiser** who were Color Guards at the event echoed Adams, praise and desire to make this a regular part of our awards presentations.
- Compatriot **Tom Adams** then made a motion to authorize Compatriot **Tom Douglas** to purchase the quantity of **Mother Lodes Chapter pins** using Chapter funds, not to exceed, **\$500**, and that the Chapter would solicit donations from Chapter members, and others, to cover the Chapter expenditures of Youth Program Awards to include the Chapter pins. Compatriot Sam Bradley seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

CLOSE OF MEETING

Compatriot **Sam Bradley** gave the Benediction, **President Doug Drake** led the SAR Recessional, the members all sang **God Bless America**, and the meeting was adjourned at 7:50.

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

Respectfully edited and submitted,
Tom Adams, Recording Secretary

Celebration of Life - Tom Chilton

From: <marilyntom482@comcast.net>
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Subject: Celebration of Life -
To: Douglas Drake <capndrakesar@konacondo.biz>

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Doug,

I thought the Mother Lode SAR members might like to know about the **Celebration of Life** the Chilton family would be having for Tom.

The Sacramento chapter had a tribute to Tom at a meeting on January 19th that Don Littlefield presented.

I also put an obituary in the Sacramento Bee in January. But we could not rent the Folsom Community Center on a weekend until May. Tom Adams and Tom Douglas attended the Sacramento program. But I did not know if you wanted to put this notice/invitation in the Dispatch or mention it at the meeting.

There is free parking at the Folsom Community Center next to City Hall, the Folsom Fire Department, and a Senior Center.....all on Natoma Street.

Thank you. Sincerely,

Marilyn Chilton



Celebration of Life

Please join us to
celebrate the life of

Tom Chilton

Friday, May 13, 2022

1:00 – 3:30 PM

Folsom Community Center
50 Natoma Street
Folsom, CA 95630

Light appetizers & desserts.

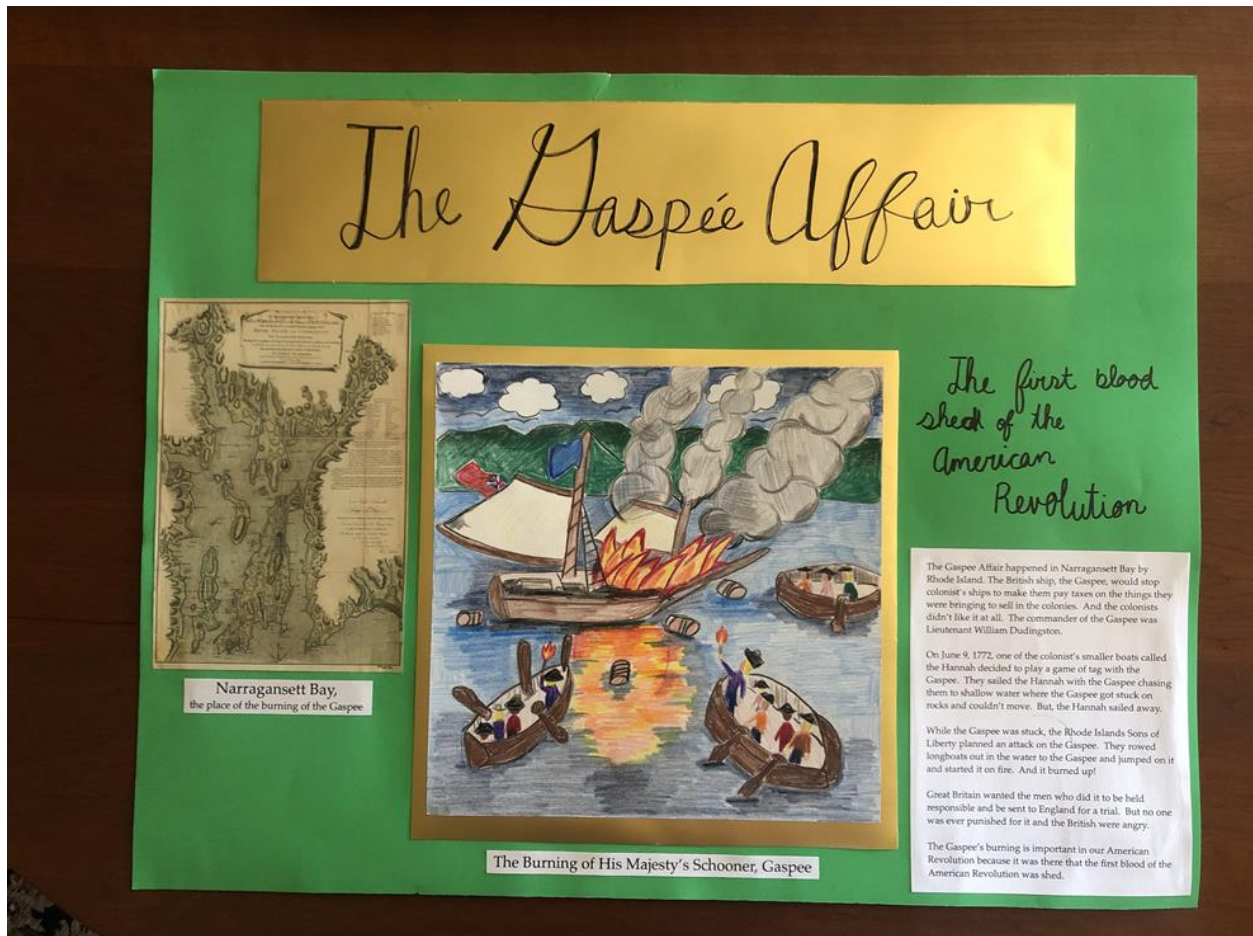
You are encouraged to share your
favorite memory of Tom.



147th Annual Meeting of the California Society

The California State SAR conference at the **Holiday Inn** in Downtown Sacramento at the 147th Annual Meeting of the California Society on **April 21** thru **April 24** just concluded. The **Mother Lode Chapter** had both a **Poster Contest Entry** *and* a **Brochure Contest Entry**. We have been incredibly successful this year. ... **Great job, Kevin!**

Mother Lode Chapter 2022 Chapter Poster Contest Winner Finished 4th the State - **\$150 CASH Prize**



School Name: John Adams Academy – El Dorado Hills*

**Mother Lode Chapter
2022 Chapter Brochure Contest Winner
Finished 2nd in the State - \$300 CASH Prize**



School Name: John Adams Academy – El Dorado Hills *

*The people (*and they are many and powerful*) who see it as their mission to scare children and their parents, have managed to prevent us from publishing the names of the children who entered our contest. Sorry, *The Dispatch Editor*

Let's Continue to Leave our Mark!

Will you donate so we can continue to give every young person who enters a Mother Lode Contest a Mother Lode Chapter Pin? ...



We have done this for years, but now we've exhumated our inventory of pins. ... Just give whatever cash you can to Treasure Bo Conover, our write a check for any amount, to "Mother Lode Chapter SAR" and write "Chapter Pins" in the comment line. ... Our goal is \$500. ... We can do this!

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