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Calling All Compatriots



February 23, 2016 Featured Speaker - Mary Cory

Mary Cory has been the Museum Administrator of the El Dorado County Historical Museum since 1999. Prior to that she was the curator of the historic home of William Paca, a Maryland Signer of the Declaration of Independence. She has been working in the Museum field for over 30 years, and has a Master degree in Museum Studies from the George Washington University in Washington, DC. Mary currently lives in Camino, and thoroughly enjoys exploring and learning more about the history of El Dorado County and California. Mary will speak on railroading in the Placerville area.



Denny's

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

The next meeting of the Mother Lode Chapter will be held at 6:30 PM on Tuesday, February 23, 2016, at Denny's Restaurant in Cameron Park. The meeting starts promptly at 6:30. Come early to socialize with your friends.

**Mother Lode Chapter
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- Exec. Vice President**
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- 2nd Vice President**
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- Knight Essay Contest**
Open
- Valley Forge Program**
Open
- Community Awards Banquet**
Tom Chilton
- Law Enforcement Program**
Open
- Flag Certificate Program**
Open
- Elementary School
Poster Contest**
Tom Adams
- Middle School
Brochure Contest**
Tom Adams

From the Mother Lode President

FEBRUARY 2016

Greetings Mother Lode:

Our main activity is now our **Youth Programs**. Last month we had our Brochure Contest Judging. This month (February) a couple of us were in the schools presenting our Poster Contest program at two elementary schools. Next month (March) we'll be picking up the posters and then judge them during our March Meeting – *we expect to have close to 100 posters to judge this year!* Then (in April) we'll have our State Meeting in Sacramento, where the State Poster and Brochure Contest Winners will be determined. Then in late April and early May we will go back into the schools and make our awards, and then lastly invite the school winners to our May Chapter meeting to celebrate with us. ... *Whew!*



Bye for now. – *Tom*



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Minutes from the January 26, 2016 Meeting

By Tom Adams

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM by Chapter President **Tom Adams**. The invocation was given by **Wayne Griswold**. Sergeant at Arms **Mike Muetz** led the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by Past President, **Sam Bradley** leading the SAR Pledge.

There were 8 Mother Lode Chapter members and 3 guests in attendance. The meeting opened with Tom informing the attendees that the main activity of this meeting would be the selection of the **Schools** and the **Chapter Brochure Contest Winners**. Two schools entered 15 brochures: 9 from School 'A', and 6 from School 'B'. Five (5) Chapter members had previously participated in on-line judging and selected the top three winners from each school. At the beginning of the meeting, the attendees selected the Chapter Winner from the Winner of School 'A' and School 'B'. Throughout the meeting, attendees voted on the remaining entries and selected the Chapter's 2nd Place Winner and then selected the Chapter's 3rd Place Winner. The attendees were shown the Chapter 1st, 2nd and 3rd Place Winners and each School's 1st, 2nd and 3rd Place Winners, but the identity of the winners was not revealed. We are continuing our Chapter practice of *not* revealing the identity of the winners until after the State Judging, and then the identity is revealed at each school during the awards presentation.

Reports:

Presidents Report

Tom asked for an approval of the Minutes from the last meeting which were printed in the current issue of the *Dispatch*.

Tom emphasized the CASSAR Secretary's report to all Chapters. *"Any CASSAR member who will have contact with youth in conjunction with Chapter, State, or National youth programs shall first complete the Youth Safety Program sponsored by the Boy Scouts of America or the equivalent."*

Tom reminded the Chapter of the on-line BSA Youth Safety Program Training. **Tom Chilton** informed Tom he had taken the course for his upcoming youth program work for the Sacramento Chapter, and **Mike Muetz** provided Tom a hard copy of the Certificate he had earned.

Tom urged the attendees if they had not already done so, to read the January issues of the *Dispatch* as it is packed with good articles.

Tom repeated the Chapter's 2016 Election results, and noted we still have a vacancy for 2nd VP. Our Chapter By-Laws state:

"The 2nd Vice-President shall oversee all of the various chapter programs. They include, but not limited to the: ROTC/JROTC Program, Eagle Scout Program, Knight Essay Program, Law Enforcement Program, Flag Certificate Program, and Valley Forge Program."

Officer's Reports:

Secretary – **Tommy Douglas** was not able to attend, but Tom Spoke to Tommy and he reported the Chapter Secretary Annual Reporting has been successfully completed.

Treasurer – Treasurer **Wayne Griswold** reported the Chapter is in its best financial health in several years thanks to several generous donations from members, and from non-members, and the sound financial management of our Annual Banquet by **Tom & Marilyn Chilton**.

Registrar – Registrar **Jim Young** gave a favorable report of the Chapter's new member prospects.

Sunshine – **Gene Myers** was not in attendance, due to Jeanie's ill health. **Joy Krahn** offered to send Jeanie a card from the Chapter. *(Thank you Joy)*

Minutes from the January 23, 2016 Meeting

By Tom Adams
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Chapter Programs:

Community Recognition / Awards Event – The Chapter members *again* thanked the **Chilton's** for their incredible effort in producing the Chapter's premier event. **Tom & Marilyn** offered to manage the event again in 2016.

Youth Activities – **Kevin Tierney** informed the Chapter of future movements in the realm of national and state education. He was optimistic. **Tom Adams** reported on our 2015-16 Youth Awards Programs: Tonight we concluded our Chapter Brochure Contest program by selecting our winners, and in two weeks we will launch our Poster Contest program. **Jeff Doyle** has prepared to perform in the role of our re-enactor as he demonstrated this evening.

Wreaths Across America – The Mother Lode Chapter did not attempt to participate this year, however we will ask for members to consider this next year.

Flag Certificates - Tom commended **Mike Muetz** for taking the lead on our Flag Certificate program. (See brief article in the January *Dispatch*) Tom suggested we invite the flag certificate awardees to attend our meeting as our guests. Tom noted that Flag Certificate awardee **Milt Bandera** was aboard the **USS Pueblo** when it was captured in 1968 by North Korea and was a POW for nearly a year. Tom asked Mike to see if Milt would be willing to be a speaker at one of our meetings, and Mike said he would approach Milt.

Partners in Patriotism – (See brief article in the January *Dispatch*)

Unfinished Business:

NRA Grant & Color Guard – The Grant has been submitted; no further information at this time.

Joint Meeting with C.A.R. Society – (See brief article in the January *Dispatch*)

New Business:

Tom Chilton expressed his feelings for the need to fund the publication of our newsletter, the Dispatch. He reminded us that the Chiltons have been paying to print and publish the newsletter for well over a year. He suggested that all of our members who wish to receive a printed copy of the newsletter should pay a small fee, recommending ten dollars (\$10.00) per year. After some discussion a motion was made and passed that a line be inserted in the 2017 Dues Notice giving those members who wish to continue receiving a printed copy of the newsletter to pay for its printing and mailing. The motion was passed unanimously.

Presentation:

Our Featured Speaker, **Jeff Doyle**, gave us his re-enactor presentation of "Obadiah Brown" which he plans to use in the up-coming Poster Contest presentation in our two schools, Jackson Elementary and Holy Trinity. Tom Adams, who will participate with Jeff in the presentations, also contributed. The Chapter attendees then critiqued the presentation, and also commended Jeff for his impressive work, in dress and in the accompanying art work he developed to support his "*Fort Ticonderoga's Cannons & Henry Knox Trail*" story telling.

The Benediction was given by **Wayne Griswold**; **Sam Bradley** led the SAR Recessional and **Tom Chilton** led us in singing, "*God Bless America*". The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted

Tom Adams, Recording Secretary

Barron Von Steuben arrives at Valley Forge on February 23, 1777.

Born Friedrich Wilhelm August Heinrich Ferdinand Steuben on September 17, 1730, **Baron Von Steuben** and his entourage arrived in Portsmouth, New Hampshire, on December 1, 1777. With him were his young *aide de camp*, Louis de Pontière, his military secretary, Peter Stephen Du Ponceau (then called Pierre Etienne Du Ponceau), and two other companions. They were almost arrested for being British because Von Steuben had mistakenly outfitted them all in red uniforms. They were extravagantly entertained in Boston. On February 5, 1778, Von Steuben and his party arrived in York, Pennsylvania, where the Continental Congress had relocated after being ousted from Philadelphia by the British advance. Arrangements were made for Von Steuben to be paid following the successful completion of the war according to his contributions. He arrived at Valley Forge on February 23, 1778, and reported for duty as a volunteer. One soldier's first impression of the Baron was "of the ancient fabled **God of War** ... he seemed to me a perfect personification of Mars. The trappings of his horse, the enormous holsters for his pistols, his large size, and his strikingly martial aspect, all seemed to favor the idea. He turned the volunteers into a great army"



Von Steuben served as Inspector General and major general of the Continental Army during the American Revolutionary War. He is credited with being one of the fathers of the Continental Army in teaching them the essentials of military drills, tactics, and disciplines. He wrote *Regulations for the Order and Discipline of the Troops of the United States*, the book that served as the standard United States drill manual until the War of 1812. He served as General George Washington's chief of staff in the final years of the war.

Mother Lode Chapter's Calendar for 2016

March 22, 2016 - Regular Meeting
Denny's Restaurant - Program to be announced later. Poster Contest entries will be judged.

April 26, 2016 - Regular meeting
Denny's Restaurant - Program to be announced.

April 14-16, 2016 - CASSAR Spring Meeting
Embassy Suites Hotel in Sacramento.
Gold Country's Ron Barker will be instated as CASSAR President. Mother Lode's Maj. Gen. Doug Stone to be the Keynote Speaker.

May 24, 2016 - Regular meeting.
Denny's Restaurant. Youth Awards night.

October 25, 2016 - Annual Awards Banquet at the Cold Springs Golf and Country Club. More later.

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