

# SAR Mother Lode Chapter Dispatch

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**Greeting Compatriots!** This is our Chapter's Monthly Newsletter, the *Dispatch*. Previously, the *Dispatch* came to you as a PDF. This month it's just an email.

Our next Chapter Meeting will a **Tuesday, February 22, 2022** (tomorrow) at 6:30 PM at **Denny's**. Come at 6:00 PM if you want to order a meal.

It will again be a hybrid, both in-person and a "Zoom-type" meeting, facilitated by Compatriot **Russ Kaiser** through his 'Go-To-Meeting' account.

## The Passing of One of the Chapter's Founders: Thomas Hobert Chilton, Jr.

The **Sacramento Chapter**, Sons of the American Revolution, hosted a Dinner Meeting celebrating the life of **Tom Chilton** on Wednesday evening, January 19, 2022 at [The Old Spaghetti Factory in Sacramento](#).

Tom was a 28-year member of the SAR, joining the Sacramento Chapter in 1993. He served as President of the Sacramento Chapter for 5 years: 2000, 2001, 2002, 2004, and 2012. He was chapter Registrar for more than a decade. Tom also served as Registrar for the California Society from 2008 through 2011. In addition, he was a founding member of the Mother Lode Chapter in 2008.

**Tom Douglas** and my wife **Anne** and I attended from the **Mother Lode Chapter**. A lot was said about this incredible man. But the comment that impressed me the most – because it revealed one very important reason why we all admired this man – was made by his beloved wife, **Marilyn**. She said the unique quality that Tom had was that he embraced **all** of the Goals of the SAR: Honoring the Past; Recognizing those who Share our Values; and Educating our Youth. When she said that it hit home because that does not fit me. I am primarily focused on just one SAR goal, Youth Education.

Marilyn was right. Her Tom was the model of what an SAR compatriot should be. He was a Chapter Officer, and a State Officer. He was in his Chapter's Color Guard, and a key member of their 'School Guard' education program. And he would cold-call on a school to promote the Chapter's School Guard program, or a State's youth program. And he made himself available to us, in his Continental Soldier uniform, or as his character, 'Mountain-Man Tom' to help the Mother Lode Chapter promote our youth programs.

It is easy to say he will be missed. But perhaps to remember him, and to honor him, we should all try to be more like him - more like Tom Chilton. – **Tom Adams**



Mother Lode Chapter

Meeting Minutes, January 25, 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 **Kevin Tierney** gave the invocation, President **Doug Drake** led the Pledge of Allegiance and 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 eight (8) regular members, **Russ Kaiser**, **Tom Adams**, **Mike Muetz**, **Doug Drake (Z)**, **Sam Bradley**, **Steve Almy (Z)**, **Bob Conover**, and **Kevin Tierney**. We had one guest, **Clinton Bazzill**, who expressed an interest in joining SAR. **Tom Douglas** and **Doug Drake** offered to help him. (We hope he continues.)

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

- Treasurer, **Bob Conover**, reported on the status of our account and the dues collection.
- Secretary, **Tom Douglas**, reported that there was nothing specifically to be reported.

Youth Programs Coordinator, **Kevin Tierney**, reported three classes of 5th graders at **John Adams Academy** are participated in the Poster Contest. He provided the teachers with 100 poster boards for the students to use for their poster contest entries. He asked that the teachers select 4 - 7 posters from each class to submit for judging. He also stated that these will be picked up on February 28th and that he would be looking for chapter level judges immediately thereafter. ... Additionally, he stated that **Rolling Hills Middle School** and **John Adams Academy** have indicated they will have entries for the brochure contest. Brochures will be picked up on February 4th and judging will begin immediately after.

- Dispatch Editor, **Tom Adams**, reported that No Dispatch issue had been released announcing this meeting. And he stated a Dispatch of this meeting would be issued before the next (February) meeting.

From the **December 21<sup>st</sup>** meeting the officers of the Mother Lode Chapter for **2022** shall be:

- **President: Doug Drake**
- **Executive Vice President: Sam Bradley**
- **2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-President-Programs, (Open)**
- **Secretary: Tom Douglas**
- **Recording Secretary: Tom Adams**
- **Treasurer: Bob Conover**
- **Registrar, (Open)**
- **Chancellor: Doug Drake**

The Chapter Bylaws state: "such other officers as the Chapter may wish to determine." President Elect **Doug Drake** made the following appointments following the **December 21<sup>st</sup>** and this **January 25<sup>th</sup>** Meeting:

### Appointed

- **Chaplin: Randy Keith**
- **Youth Activities Coordinator: Kevin Tierney**
- **Newsletter Editor: Tom Adams**
- **Historian, (Open)**
- **Sergeant at Arms, Sam Bradley**
- **Web Master, (Open)**
- **Public Safety Liaison: Bob Conover**

### OLD BUISINESS

Compatriot **Tom Douglas** brought up the proposed revisions to the **Chapter Bylaws** that he had introduced at an earlier Chapter meeting. After discussion the Chapter voted to accept the revisions to the Bylaws.

### NEW BUISINESS

The Chapter voted to honor one of its members. President **Doug Drake** and Compatriot, **Tom Adams**, will identify the appropriate award and time and place for the award to be made.

President **Doug Drake** asked Compatriot **Russ Kaiser** to assist Exec VP **Sam Bradley** in setting up a ZOOM-Type attendance capability at our next meeting, **February 22, 2022**, the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the month, at **Denny's** in Cameron Park. Future Mother Lode Chapter meetings will be hybrid format of both face-to-face meeting and with ZOOM-Type attendance option.

Compatriot **Sam Bradley** gave the Benediction, Compatriot **Tom Douglas** led the SAR Recessional, and the meeting was adjourned at 8:00.

*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

### Youth Education Programs – Kevin Tierney

For 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 from a **Home Schooled** young person mailed directly to me which I treated as a Mother Lode entry.

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