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Calling All Compatriots

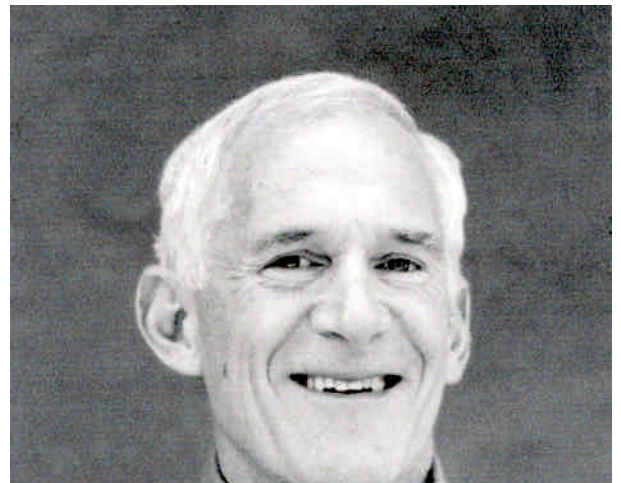


January 2015 Bill Center - Featured Speaker

Bill Center was born in Berkeley and grew in Fort Bragg. He spent a year as an AFS student in New Zealand before attending Stanford University, Santa Rosa Junior College, and Sonoma State. He became a river guide and later operations manager for the American River Touring Association in the early seventies. Bill moved to El Dorado County in 1976, and married Robin Magnuson on their property overlooking the South Fork of the American River in 1977.

Bill and Robin started the river companies ARTA California and California River Trips in 1978, and later bought Camp Lotus. He entered into a successful multi-year battle to protect the lower South Fork from four dams proposed by El Dorado County. In 1990 he was elected to the El Dorado County Board of Supervisors for one term.

Bill and Robin still own and operate Camp Lotus, but are no longer professional river outfitters. They "run the rivers", sea kayak, backpack and spend time with kids and grandkids for fun. He continues to be involved with a variety of non-profit environmental organizations having been a founding board member of Friends of the River, American River Recreation Association, the American River Conservancy, and the Great Valley Center, past president of the Sierra Nevada Alliance, and The Planning and Conservation League. He is partly retired, meaning that about half of the time he does what he wants to do and doesn't get paid for it. The rest of the time he is a simple campground owner. Bill and Robin have two adult children. Bill will speak on the History of Coloma.



Denny's

The next meeting of the Mother Lode Chapter will be held on Tuesday, January 27, 2015, at 6:30 PM, at Denny's Restaurant in Cameron Part. Wives, guests and visiting compatriots are always welcome.

Come socialize with us at 6:15PM. The meeting will start promptly at 6:30 PM.

Denny's Restaurant
3446 Coach Lane

From the Mother Lode President

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John Krahn

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Doug Stone

Americanism Poster Contest

Tom Adams

Dear fellow SAR members and friends,

I would like to thank all of you for selecting me as your President. I have enjoyed this last year as your President, and the fellowship with each one of you, working together on different projects for the good of our chapter and our country.

I will still be here and look forward to the coming year. Thank you

God Bless America, and God bless each one of you.

Your President,

Sam Bradley.



Sam Bradley

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Minutes of the December 16, 2014 Meeting

By Craig Anderson

[Mother Lode Secretary Chuck Smith was unable to attend this meeting. Sacramento Chapter's Secretary Craig Anderson has graciously allowed us to use his minutes.]

President Russ Kaiser called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Jeff Goodwin gave the invocation, Dale Ross led the Pledge of Allegiance, and Tom Chilton led the Pledge to the SAR. President Kaiser asked all members and guests to introduce themselves.

Among those present were Past Presidents of the Sacramento Chapter and their guests: Jim Faulkinbury, CASSAR President and Sacramento Chapter Past President 2005 and 2006 and his wife Karen; Tom Chilton, Past President 2000, 2001, 2002, 2004, and 2012, and his wife Marilyn, Don Littlefield, Past President 2010 and 2011, current Executive Vice President, Treasurer, Webmaster, and CASSAR Chairman of the Wreaths Across America Program; Jeff Goodwin, CASSAR Chancellor, Sacramento Chapter Past President 2009, and Sacramento Chapter Chaplain, his wife Mary Ann, and his daughter Sara, and Eugene Melvin, a dual CASSAR member and former Pacific District Vice President General from the Portland Chapter SAR. Also present were Neil Zinn, Chairman of the Eagle Scout Program; Craig Anderson, Chapter Secretary; Carl Alhberg, SAR Calling Committee Chairman; and Don Spradling, SAR Photographer.



Craig Anderson
Sacramento Chapter Secretary

From the Mother Lode Chapter: Wayne Griswold, CASSAR Past President 2010-2011; Sam Bradley, President; and his wife, Suzane, Bob Conover, Past President, and his wife, Marcia; Tom Adams, 2nd VP, and his wife, Anne, John Krahn, Historian, and his wife, Joy; Gene Myers, Chaplain, Jim Young, Past-President and Registrar; Major General Douglas Stone (USMC Retired); and his wife, Kathy, and Bob Leach.

From the Gold Country Chapter: Dale Ross, President, and his wife, Coreena

DAR members present were Marilyn Chilton and Medora Allen from the Sacramento Chapter; Susan Broderick from the General John A Sutter Chapter; Susan Brooking, Regent, and Karen Faulkinbury from the Gold Trail Chapter; Ann Taylor, Regent; Deborah Tasker-Brady, Recording Secretary, and Ruth Edmonson-Johnson, Past Regent and current Registrar from the Sierra Amador Chapter.

CASSAR Ladies Auxiliary members present from the Sacramento Chapter were Karen Faulkinbury 1st VP, Marilyn Chilton, Mary Ann Goodwin, Susan Brooking, and Donna Spradling.

Executive Vice President Littlefield introduced guests Major General William H Wade (USA Retired) and his wife, Leslie. Leslie is with the Rolling Hills Blue Star Moms Organization. President Kaiser introduced other guests: Elicia Spencer and the Vista Del Lago Choral Ensemble, new members Jordan Hull, and Jeff Erskine, and prospective members Sam Smith, and his wife, Kaaren, and Kevin Tierney, and his wife, Karen..

Jim Faulkinbury presented a historical overview of the Proctors Battalion Flag and the Bedford Flag. President Kaiser asked New Members Jordan Hull and Jeff Erskine to come forward. Past President Tom Chilton introduced them and read their biographies. President Kaiser administered the SAR oath and presented them with their membership certificates. Tom Chilton pinned the SAR Rosettes on them. All members were invited to come forward to offer the customary welcoming handshake to our new members.

President Kaiser presented two supplemental ancestor certificates to Registrar Alan Brooking, and a Meritorious Service Medal and Certificate to Neil Zinn for his service as Eagle Scout Chairman. The Mother Lode Chapter President Sam Bradley presented a SAR War Service Medal to Major General William H. Wade (USMC Retired). Executive VP Don Littlefield came forward and presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Leslie Wade for her work with the Folsom Care Package Program.

President Kaiser announced that he had received a Certificate of Appreciation from the DAR Gold Trail Chapter for

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a Color Guard appearance at their November meeting. He also announced that he had received a Certificate of Appreciation from the City of Sacramento for the Chapter's participation in the 2014 Veteran's Day Parade.

President Kaiser announced that Wreaths Across America was a success. Four members of the Sacramento Chapter participated in the Dixon ceremony: Jim Faulkinbury, Vince Gantt, Alan Brooking, Russ Kaiser. Five members of the Gold Country Chapter also participated. George Taylor was present at the Wreaths Across America Ceremonies in Jackson, CA, representing the Sacramento Chapter. President Kaiser announced that Compatriot Archie McPherran passed away on December 7th.

President Kaiser asked Alan Brooking to come forward and conduct the raffle. Those donating gifts were: Russ Kaiser and Donna Baca, Alan and Susan Brooking, Jim and Karen Faulkinbury, Marilyn and Tom Chilton, and Don and Donna Spradling, Don and Mary Ann Littlefield, John and Aggie Vawter, Mary Ann and Jeff Goodwin, Neil and Helen Zinn, and Jim Warrick.

Ms Elica Spencer and the Vista Del Lago Choral group presented a medley of Christmas songs. President Kaiser presented Ms Spencer a Certificate of Appreciation and a NSSAR Challenge Coin. Treasurer Don Littlefield presented Ms. Spencer with a check for \$500 for the Vista Del Lago Music Boosters. President Kaiser thanked Ms. Spencer and the Vista Del Lago Choral Ensemble for a great musical program, Susan Brooking for selling raffle tickets, Alan Brooking for conducting the raffle, Neil Elvick for editing the newsletter, and Don Spradling for taking the photos and caring for the flags.

A motion to adjourn was made and seconded. Don Littlefield led the Recessional and Jeff Goodwin gave the Benediction. The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM.

Respectfully Submitted

Craig Anderson, Sacramento Chapter Secretary

Maj. General Douglas Stone Awarded the SAR War Service Medal



L-R Mother Lode President Sam Bradley, Maj. General Doug Stone, and Russ Kaiser, Sacramento Chapter President.

Masters Degrees in Human Resource Management, Public Administration, and Business Management from Pepperdine, USC, and Stanford Universities, a Master's Degree in International Security from the Naval War College, and a Ph.D. in Political Science from USC.

Doug Stone is the chairman and CEO of Rail Networks International. He is a 37-year veteran of the US Marine Corps Reserve and retired in 2010 at the rank of Major General. He held several command and staff positions including Deputy Commanding General, Multi-National Force - Iraq, Commanding General, Task Force 134, Baghdad, Iraq, and Commanding General of Marine Air Ground Task Force Training Command and Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center, Twenty-nine Palm, CA..

He has served as President/CEO of GammaLink, President/CEO of Decisive Technology, led business and strategic development at Qwest Communications, and was a Senior Vice President at Scientific Applications International Corporation (SAIC). He is a graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy and holds

Photos from the December Meeting

Photos by Don Spradling



Tom Adams



Bob Leach, Jim Young, and Tom Chilton



Joy and John Krahn



Maj. General Doug and Kathy Stone

Mother Lode Chapter's 2015 Calendar

February 24, 2015 - Regular meeting at Denny's
Program to be announced

March 24, 2015 - Regular meeting at Denny's
Program to be announced

April 17 and 18, 2015 - The annual CASSAR Spring
Membership will be held in Irvine, CA, this year.
Details to follow. Kent Gregory (Orange County)
will be installed as the new CASSAR President.

April 28, 2015 - Regular meeting at Denny's
Program to be announced



**Bob and Marcia Conover also attended
the Christmas meeting.**

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