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Calling All Compatriots



January 26, 2016 - Featured Speaker Jeff Doyle aka Obadiah Brown

Obadiah Brown, aka Jeff Doyle, will be our featured speaker this month. Obadiah traveled with the Knox expedition for two months from late November 1775 through January 1776. The presentation will preview the living history program that is being prepared to share with local fifth grade students in February for the Mother Lode Chapter's Poster Contest.

The journey begins at the Knox Bookstore in Boston, extends 300 miles to Fort Ticonderoga, and follows the route taken to move 60 tons of artillery across lakes and rivers, through ice and snow, back to Boston. Obadiah shares first-hand accounts of his time with Henry Knox. The details are chronicled in Obadiah's diary. The narrative includes detailed maps, sketched illustrations, and descriptions of the challenges they faced. It was Knox's energy, ingenuity, determination, and knowledge of artillery that made this mission a success.



Jeff is a new member to the Mother Lode Chapter, his application was approved on _____. He will appreciate any constructive suggestions you might have regarding his presentation.



The next meeting of the Mother Lode Chapter will be held at 6:30 PM on Tuesday, January 26, 2016, at Denny's Restaurant in Cameron Park. The meeting starts promptly at 6:30. Come early to socialize with your friends.

From the Mother Lode President

Mother Lode Chapter Officers for 2016

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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

January 2016

Greetings Mother Lode:

I hope you feel we had a good year in 2015! I certainly did.

We had by all accounts our finest Annual Community Awards Banquet!

We had new members stepping up and taking on roles in the Chapter

We participated in SAR programs we had never, or seldom, participated in:

- Partners-in-Patriotism
- Flag Certificate Program
- Joint Activities with the local C.A.R. Society



And here is one more accomplishment: Three of our "Founders" (Tom Chilton, Wayne Griswold and Jim Young) all felt at the beginning of the year that having a speaker at every meeting was important to the members and impacted attendance. I confessed to them, as the incoming Chapter President, this was not a high priority for me. So the three of them agreed to share the responsibility of getting a speaker for each meeting. Here are the results:

- 2015 January - 10 members + 6 guests
- 2015 February - 7 members + 5 guests
- 2015 March - 9 members + 5 guests
- 2015 April - 8 members + 6 guests
- 2015 May - members 6 + 9 guests
- 2015 June - 6 members + 7 guests
- 2015 September - 9 members + 6 guests
- 2015 October (Banquet) - 14 members + 52 guests
- 2015 November - 12 members + 4 guests

I am impressed. Well done gentlemen! ... See you on January 26th.

Tom

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Minutes from the November 24, 2015 Meeting

By Tom Adams

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM by Chapter President Tom Adams. The invocation was given by Chaplin Gene Myers. Sergeant at Arms Mike Muetz led the Pledge of Allegiance followed by Past President, Jim Young, leading the SAR Pledge. There were 12 Mother Lode Chapter members and 4 guests in attendance.

The meeting opened with the presentation of two Supplemental Certificates. The first went to **Sam Bradley**, who gave us a glimpse of the very colorful life of his patriot. After that, **Jim Young** told us that it appears his patriot and Tom Adams' patriot were in the very same militia in western Massachusetts. Tom said he was looking into reconstructing that militia unit and hoped to provide more information in the future. Next, **Joy Krahn** was presented the **Lydia Darragh Medal**. The medal is named after Lydia Darragh (1729-1789), who crossed British lines in 1777 during the British occupation of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, to deliver information to George Washington. Its stated purpose is: "The medal will recognize the assistance of the ladies who work behind the scenes supporting SAR programs." President Tom Adams then said, "*Which is exactly what Joy has done for the Youth Activities Program. Do you all remember the raffle at a prior year's Christmas Party? She raised considerable funds for our program – That was virtually all Joy's doing. For the last two years, she brought John to our Poster Contest culling session. This year, It was only Tom Douglas and me (who came to open the Church), and John and Joy. If they hadn't shown up, I would have had to cancel the session. John was in his wheelchair; Tom wasn't that mobile that day, but Joy was full on. We decided we couldn't put up the tables, so we decided to work on the floor space. Joy was laying out and pickup and sorting posters along with me. We went through 77 posters to get down to 20. When we hold our judging, Joy is always there to help set up the chairs to support the posters, and she steps in to remove and replace the next batch. It's mostly all behind the scenes, but she's there giving a hand.. And, she volunteered to work the Community Awards event in past years. And she has offered to help the in-classroom presentations – like the "Traveling Trunk" idea. No other non-member, gives more to the Chapter.*"

Next, **Tom Chilton** was awarded the **Bronze Roger Sherman Medal**. This medal is named after Roger Sherman (1721-1793), who was a founding father, and the only person to sign all four Congressional papers of the United States: the Continental Association, the Declaration of Independence, the Articles of Confederation and the Constitution. Its stated purpose is: "The Bronze Roger Sherman Medal may be awarded to a compatriot in recognition of, and in appreciation of, outstanding services rendered to a Chapter." President Tom Adams then said, "*This is precisely what Tom has done for the Mother Lode Chapter since our founding. The effort Tom put forth this last year in chairing the Chapter's Annual Community Awards Banquet was perhaps the pinnacle of his long service to the Chapter. Every year Tom has been a re-enactor for our Poster Contest going into every single classroom for the past 7 years. Tommy Douglas was always by his side until this last year when Tom had to carry the load all on his own. (Hopefully we have Jeff Doyle in training to step into the role!) And, by the way, Tom does this for the Sacramento Chapter schools as well. Where I might add, he nurtured a National Poster Contest Winner! Let me emphasize the importance of Tom's (and Marilyn's) efforts on the recent Banquet. In February, as we were planning for 2015 it did not look like we could have a banquet. We looked at what Gold Country does which is to have the awards during the day without a Banquet. Tom felt the banquet was critical aspect of our presence in the Community. If we were to have a banquet as the Chapter President, I insisted upon having a Project Manager. Tom accepted the role. We did not have the funds, and I did not want to proceed on the bet our donors would come thru again. Where upon, Tom and Marilyn offered to contribute \$500.00 to support the banquet. Above all, the one quality I most admire is the "good and wise parent" Tom has been. He gives us advises us against making a wrong step, and we ignore his advice and go ahead and do it, and he doesn't give up on us, he doesn't walk away. He stays with us.*"

Next, **Marilyn Chilton** was awarded the **SAR Martha Washington Medal**. The medal is gold in color and bears on the obverse a portrait of Martha Washington within the inscription "SAR Martha Washington Award." Its stated purpose is: "The Martha Washington Medal may be presented to a woman in recognition of outstanding service to SAR." President Tom Adams then said, "*What Marilyn has done falls into two categories: The first, and without the question the most important is being the wife and life partner of Tom. They are truly a couple. A lot of what Tom is able to accomplish in SAR, for us, for the Sacramento Chapter and the years he was a State Officer, is because of Marilyn. The second category regarding what Marilyn brings is as a quiet behind the scenes advisor to*

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me. After a meeting, or even during a poster or brochure judging session, she will give me one-on-one counsel. Here is an example. After our September meeting, where Jeff Doyle and Mike Muetz were both inducted in the SAR, Marilyn came up to me in the parking lot. She said, 'I just want you to know, giving new members a role to play as a way to get them involved in the Chapter is a great move. Keep it up.' You might recall, Jeff accepted the charge to become a re-enactor for our Poster Contest, and Mike became our Sergeant at Arms. Thank you Marilyn for your long support and service to the Chapter."

Next, **Tommy Douglas** was awarded the **Chapter Medal of Distinguished Service**. The Chapter Medal of Distinguished Service is the highest medal that can be awarded by a Chapter President. Former chapter presidents who have not made a presentation of this award would be eligible to present the medal to a compatriot. **Jim Young**, who has believed so strongly about the exceptional contribution Tommy has made to the Chapter since its founding, felt it was essential to make this award before the Chapter membership. Upon pinning the medal on the recipient, Past Chapter President Jim Young said to Tommy: "No one has made a greater commitment or done more for this Chapter than you."

Reports:

President's Report

Tom reported we did not have an Executive Committee Meeting this past month, but we did conduct business via phone, text messages, emails and conversations, and we made progress. Most of the discussions had to do with the Annual Community Award Banquet.

Tom did not attend the CASSAR BOM meeting in Riverside earlier this month. We have learned the biggest item was a motion that passed regarding Youth Protection. Tom read 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 told the Chapter he took the on-line BSA Youth Safety Program Training. He shared the Certificate he earned through BSA with the Chapter. He asked all members who are likely to participate in the Chapter's youth programs to take the training and to provide him a hard copy, or a PDF, of their earned BSA Youth Safety Program Training Certificate which he will then forward to the CASSAR Youth Activities Director. Tom said he would see that an article on the process appeared in an upcoming issue of the *Dispatch*.

Tom reported he has submitted the Chapter endorsement of Mother Lode Dual Member Compatriot Mike Tomme of Georgia for PG 2016-17 in a Proclamation. Tom shared the Proclamation with the attendees and promised a future *Dispatch* Article.

Tom confirmed three outstanding donations were received! One from outside the Chapter, David Verry, for \$1,000; \$500 from the Chilton's to support our Community Awards Banquet; and another generous gift from Tommy Douglas (\$750) to support the unbudgeted purchase of the ML Membership Pins and also the Community Awards Event.

Tom confirmed for the Chapter that the unbudgeted purchase in April of the Mother Lode Chapter pins to be used as our participation awards for our contests has been fully recovered by our donations. Congratulations.

Secretary

Tommy Douglas reported he is fully back on board as the Chapter's Secretary. He then reminded us the Bylaws call for the Chapter to use the Chapter Secretary's home address as our Chapter address and he offered to do that which will save the Chapter almost \$250/year. His Address is: P.O. Box 475 Shingle Springs, CA, 95682.

Treasurer

Treasurer Griswold was not present.

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Registrar

Registrar Jim Young gave a report of the Chapter's new member prospects. Many were in attendance at the Banquet. The members complimented Jim on the fine recruiting he has been doing for the Chapter.

Sunshine

Gene Myers shared with us that he had sent a card from the Chapter to Marcia Conover while she was in Marshall Hospital. She is now back home.

Chapter Programs:

Community Recognition / Awards Event

The Chapter members thanked the Chiltons for their effort in producing the Chapter's premier event. Tom briefly discussed "lessons learned" for next year's ceremony, such as: 1. begin serving the head table; 2. introduce each ML Officer at the head of each table, etc. Tom reported that financially we did well. We will have Treasurer, Wayne Griswold, give us the final report later.

Youth Activities

Tom Adams reported that our 2015-16 Youth Awards Program has been launched. Some, but not all, teachers have responded that they are ready for another year of SAR Contests. Kevin Tierney is working with Tom to plan our upcoming youth programs. Jeff Doyle is preparing to perform in the role of our re-enactor.

Wreaths Across America

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

Flag Certificates

Tom mentioned again that VP North Derek Brown wanted us to get back into the Flag Certificate Program. Compatriot Mike Muetz offered that he knew an excellent prospect for the Flag Certificate and volunteered to follow-up on the opportunity. Tom said he would help.

Partners in Patriotism

Exec VP Ron Barker asked us to participate in the PIP Program. Compatriot Mike Muetz offered to use the upcoming Veterans Day Flag Event in Placerville on November 11th to achieve this by involving the SAR and the local C.A.R. Society with the veterans groups (VFW, American Legion, etc.) who normally participate. Mike prepared and submitted the PIP Report submitted it. (See the article *on page 9*)

Unfinished Business:

NRA Grant & Color Guard

The Grant has been submitted; no further information at this time.

Joint Meeting with C.A.R. Society

Tom is in discussion with Jim Faulkinbury to have him speak at a Joint Meeting with the Mother Lode Chapter and the local Sacramento Society C.A.R. on the history of certain Revolutionary War era flags. More on this later.

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By Tom Adams
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Elections:

The Chapter held its election of Officers for 2016. Dual member, Tom Chilton, graciously agreed to conduct the election for us.

Gentlemen: (*for the record*) Here are the results from the **Mother Lode Chapter** Election of Offices (on November 24, 2015) for the coming calendar year, **2016**.

Elected Officers	For 2016
President	Tom Adams
Exec VP	Jeff Doyle
2 nd VP	Open
Secretary	Tom Douglas
Recording Secretary	Tom Adams
Treasurer	Wayne Griswold
Registrar	Jim Young

Presentation:

The Feature Presenter was intended to be Wayne Griswold who would lead us a discussion on presenting artifacts in a classroom. Unfortunately, at the last moment Wayne was unable to attend. Tom Chilton came to the rescue (as he often does) and presented a talk on the Sacramento Chapter's 'School Guard' and their '5th Grade Living History Presentation' <http://www.sarsac.org/history.shtml> President Tom Adams would like the membership to think about how the Mother Chapter could begin offering an American Revolution era artifacts and storytelling program in our local schools. Here is another resource: The Georgia Society's Traveling Trunk Program

http://www.georgiasocietysar.org/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=74&Itemid=102 Contact Tom if getting involved in this type of activity interests you.

The Benediction was given by Gene Myers, Tom Chilton led the SAR Recessional, and Tommy Douglas led us in singing, "God Bless America". The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted.

Tom Adams, Recording Secretary

Mother Lode Chapter's Calendar for 2016

February 23, 2016 - Regular Meeting
Denny's Restaurant
Jim Faulkinbury will present Revolutionary Flags and their history

March 22, 2016 - Regular Meeting
Denny's Restaurant - Program to be announced later.

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.

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

Photos from the November 24, 2015 meeting.



President Tom Adams presents Past-President Sam Bradley with his Supplemental Certificate for his patriot ancestor, Joel Calhoun.



President Tom Adams presents Past-President Jim Young with his Supplemental certificate for his patriot ancestor, Obadiah Brown.



President Tom Adams presents Joy Krahn with the Martha Washington Medal and certificate for her service to the Mother Lode Chapter.



Past-President Jim Young presents Past-President Tom Douglas with the Chapter's Distinguished Service Medal.



President Tom Adams presents Tom Chilton with the Bronze Roger Sherman Medal.



President Tom Adams presents Marilyn Chilton with the Martha Washington Medal

Happy New Year

Youth Safety Program Training Certificate

We have a new State Society Directive: Any member who is likely to participate in the Chapter's youth programs needs to take the BSA on-line training and provide the Chapter President (Tom) with a hard copy, or a PDF, of their earned BSA Youth Safety Program Training Certificate. Tom will then forward the certificate to the CASSAR Youth Activities Director. The following is from CASSAR Secretary Bergtholdt:

Gentlemen:

At the Fall BOM the following motion was passed regarding the protection of youth with whom we have contact:

"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."

Also attached is the flyer on accessing the Boy Scouts of America Youth Protection Training program which was suggested that we adopt. This program takes about 30 minutes to complete and you can print out a certificate of completion when finished. It was also suggested that you notify the Youth Activities Director, Derek Brown (dptydeke@yahoo.com) of your completion of the program.

Doug Bergtholdt, CASSAR State Secretary

President Tom told the Chapter he took the on-line BSA Youth Safety Program Training and obtained his certificate in about 30 minutes. Below are the steps he took:

Follow these Steps to Obtain your Youth Safety Program Training Certificate

Go to: <https://myscouting.scouting.org>

Watch the tutorial video on the right of the screen: [Watch account creation demo](#)

After watching the 5 minute video, click on: Create an account

Are you associated with Boy Scouts? **No** *B select*

Fill in the Personal Information screen

Create an Account – in my.Scouting

Scroll to **E-Learning Training Available on My.Scouting Tools**

Select: **Home** button in upper right corner

Then Select: **My Dashboard** (defaults to **My Training**)

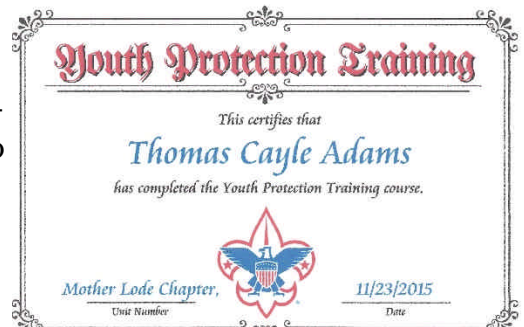
Select: **Take Course** > **Youth Protection Training**

Complete Training session

At the end of the Training session you will be asked to SELECT your BSA Council.

Sacramento "Empire" is listed, but you can leave it blank – and just 'Print Certificate'

Create a PDF of the Certificate to send, or print a copy for the Chapter President



Mother Lode Chapter participates in "Partners in Patriotism "

On February 19, 2015, Ron Barker, CASSAR Executive VP, challenged the Mother Lode Chapter to participate in the Partners in Patriotism program. He sent this letter to us which Tom Adams read at our Meeting in March.

"At congress, we will be handing our Partners in Patriotism Certificates for chapters that have participated in a patriotic event from June 1, 2014 to May 31, 2015.

This can be Wreaths Across American, or other events with another patriotic organization such as American Legion, VFW, Wounded Warrior, etc.

A chapter only needs one event to qualify. Has the Mother Lode Chapter participated in one event? - Ron Barker, Chairman, SAR Patriotic Outreach Committee"

The Chapter has never participated. But Mike Muetz, Mother Lode Chapter Sergeant at Arms, has changed that and met the challenge for us. He submitted our Chapter's first 'Partners in Patriotism Report' to Compatriot Ron Barker for our participation in the 2015-16 cycle. Here is a Summary of his report: "November 11, 2015 – Veterans Day. El Dorado County Veterans Monument. Organizations Involved: Mother Lode Chapter, SAR, VFW, American Legion, Marine Corp League, and Boy Scouts. Also, local C.A.R. Kids helped American Legion place 70+ flags along Highway 50 in Placerville." Thank you Mike!

PARTNERS IN PATRIOTISM REPORT June 01 – May 31

Mail to: Compatriot James C. Arnold
320 Poplar Drive
Ellettsville, IN 47429-1010

OR Compatriot Ronald J. Barker
19070 Hummingbird Drive
Penn Valley, CA 95946-9693

Date and Place: NOVEMBER 11 2015
(Grave marking, Parade, EL DORADO COUNTY VETERANS
Dedication, etc.) MONUMENT
ALSO - C.A.R. KIDS HELPED AMERICAN LEGION PLACE FLAGS
ALONG HIGHWAY 50 - ABOUT 70+ FLAGS.

Organizations Involved: MOTHER LOD Chapter SAR, VFW,
(SAR Chapters, American Legion, AMERICAN LEGION, MARINE CORP
VFW, AMVETS etc.) LEAGUE, Boy Scouts

Additional Information: ANNUAL VETERANS DAY CEREMONY -
(Programs, Newspaper FIRST TIME SA SAR TO ATTEND -
Articles, Pictures etc.) CHAPTER COLORS INCLUDED WITH
VETERAN'S ORGANIZATION COLORS. MIKE MUETZ WORE
REVOLUTIONARY WAR ATTILA AND CAPTION CHAPTER BANNER.

Remember you cannot send too much information on a Partners in Patriotism (PiP) event.

Submitted by Mike Muetz, Sgt at Arms - Mother Lode Chapter

Questions please contact Compatriot Barker at ron0729con@comcast.net
Compatriot Arnold at JimIndySAR@aol.com

Mother Lode SAR Chapter Involves Young C.A.R. Children in Veterans Day Flag Display Event

Mike Muetz, Mother Lode Chapter Sergeant at Arms, found a way for the Chapter to have a 'joint' meeting with the local C.A.R. (Children of the American Revolution) Sacramento Society in Placerville. Mike invited the group, through Tom Adams, Chapter President, to join with other veterans groups on Veterans' Day, November 11, 2015, to put up and take down the flags along US 50 in Placerville. The C.A.R. adult leaders, Sabine Hall, Jeannette Barrett and Bonnie Battaglia brought seven young people to the Veterans Memorial Building on Placerville Dr. at 7:00AM. The young people who attended were: Mason, Connor, Eden, Nolan, Ciara, Dariana, and Damian.



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Young C.A.R. Children in Veterans Day Flag Display Event

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Mike Muetz coordinated and provided the direction for the event. Jack and Joy Krahn were there too to help and provide guidance. The C.A.R. Society was just one group participating with several Veterans organizations. They all met at the Veterans Memorial Building parking lot next to the fairgrounds on Placerville Drive. The event began at 7:00AM to get the flags from the flag locker. The flags were placed in the poles that are used for the Christmas trees. There are about 77 flags to put out and take down. After putting the flags up everyone went to the Waffle Shop for breakfast. At 10:30AM the main group headed up to the El Dorado County Veterans Monument. The Veterans Day program starts at 11:00AM and ends at Noon. (C.A.R. Society did not participate in the Noon event). At 4:00PM the entire group went back to US 50 to remove the flags and return them to the flag locker.



Sabine Hall, Acting Senior President for the local C.A.R. Society, told Mike it was a great experience for the young people and thanked him for making it possible. Because it was a National Holiday the children were all excused from school. Sabine said that by involving them in this flag display event they now have a better understanding of why this is a National Holiday, plus they had an opportunity to work alongside veterans and their family members from the American Legion and VFW.

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