

Mother Lode Dispatch
Calling All Compatriots



**NEW
MEETING
LOCATION**

New Meeting Location

Raley's Event Center

3935 Park Dr., El Dorado Hills, CA

The next meeting of the Mother Lode Chapter will be held on

Tuesday, January 24, 2017, at 6:30 PM

Raley's Event Center in El Dorado Hills.

Family style dinner will be served at 6:15 | \$8 per person

Gourmet Wraps | Cesar Salad | Chicken Alfredo | Cookies | Beverage

Come early to socialize with your friends, guests are welcome

**DIGITAL
DISPATCH
LAUNCH**

Delaware Regiment - Huzzah!

**YEAR AT A
GLANCE**

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2017 will be a
busy year



**POSTER
CONTEST**

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John Sevier and
the Overmountain
Men

Please welcome our
Guest Speaker, John Hess
from Somerset, CA.

The Delaware Regiment
is a member of the
Brigade of the American
Revolution (BAR), a non-
profit organization based
in California. They are a
family-oriented group of
men and women who
share an interest in
bringing history to life.

The mission of the
Delaware Regiment is to
educate the public about
the American Revolution,
ignite interest in American
History, and to have fun
doing so. They recreate,
as accurately as research
allows, the life and times
of soldiers and people
during the Revolutionary
War.



This includes portraying
the Delaware Regiment
and allied forces, civilian
camp followers and
tradespeople.

Members portray the life
and customs of soldiers
and civilians during the
period of the American

Revolution (1775 to
1781). They present
living history to show
military drills, camp life,
civilian occupations and
trades.

www.delawareregiment.org

www.brigade.org

2017 Chapter Officers

President

Jeff Doyle

Ex Vice President

Open

2nd Vice President

James Young

Secretary

Tom Douglas

Recording Secretary

Jeff Doyle

Treasurer / Chancellor

Douglas Drake

Registrar

Open

Chaplain

Gene Myers

Historian

John Krohn

Sergeant at Arms

Mike Muetz

Dispatch Editor /

Webmaster

Jeff Doyle

Committee Chairmen

5th Grade Poster

Contest

Tom Adams

Middle School

Brochure Contest

Tom Adams

High School Essay

Contest

Kevin Tierney

Eagle Scout Program

Sam Bradley

ROTC Program

Open

Community Awards

Banquet

Open

Continental

Color Guard

Douglas Drake

Flag Certificate

Program

Mike Muetz

Valley Forge

Scholarship

Open

President's Message
Happy 10th Anniversary Mother Lode

Our Patriotic Message is welcomed now more than ever. It is a great time to promote our cause, recruit new members and strengthen our outreach.

A big heart felt thank you to Past President Tom Adams, the Executive Committee and other Members for the service they have provided the Mother Lode Chapter and our community.

A special thank you to Tom and Marilyn Chilton for their leadership to coordinate the Community Banquet.

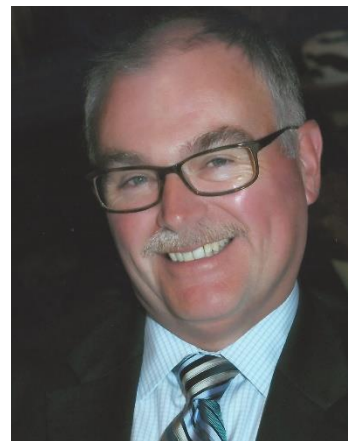
continue with this important tradition.

Congratulations to the newly elected Officers. I welcome the opportunity to serve with Jim Young, Douglas Drake, Tom Douglas and the various appointees to grow our Chapter and its programs.

We start 2017 with several local schools participating in the Brochure and Poster Contests. And we continue to raise funds to uniform and equip our Color Guard. This will open new doors for membership and program growth.

We need a member to

Huzzah!!!Jeff



Jeff Doyle
2017 President



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Meeting Minutes November 22, 2016 *revised*

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM by Chapter President **Tom Adams**. The invocation was given by **Gene Myers**. **John Krahn** led the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by Past President, **Jim Young** leading the SAR Pledge.

There were 8 Mother Lode Chapter members and 2 guests in attendance.

Tom announced our speaker tonight, is our own **Stephen Almy** and he will speak at conclusion of our officers reports.

Reports:

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

The Minutes were approved as contained in the *Dispatch*.

Tom reported on the CASSAR BOM Meeting in Burlingame on November 3 & 4 which he attended: He reported that the Chapter received the ‘Partners in Patriotism’ Certificate; Because of the change categories our likelihood of Winning the Best Chapter Award had increased (we’re competing against 4 other Chapters rather than 9 as before); Help from the State Color Guard Commander is evident – an option for obtaining Insurance looks promising. Tom also reported a new form would be coming out regarding obtaining signed permission from parents to photograph their children. It will be model after the BSA policy.

Secretary – **Tommy Douglas** reported all was well; and he reminded us that there were some annual dues outstanding.

Treasurer – Treasurer **Wayne Griswold** was unable to attend.

Registrar – Registrar **Jim Young** reported we are getting a little behind in our Inductions of our new members. For example: Stephen Almy and Robert Saint Amour. Tonight we will induct Steve.

Sunshine – **Gene Myers** reported on Tom Chilton’s recovers following his recent hip surgery.

Chapter Programs:

Community Recognition / Awards Event – Financial Report is in the *Dispatch*.

Youth Activities – **Tom Adams** gave a report on the Poster Contest and the Brochure Contest school presentations. All our schools who participated last year have been contacted. Jackson Elementary replied for the Poster Contest and Camerado Springs for the Brochure Contest.

Color Guard – **Tom Adams** reporting we had received guidelines from the CASSAR Color Guard Commander, including information regarding and insurance carrier that other Chapters are using. This information has been forwarded to Doug Drake.

Unfinished Business:

NRA Grant & Color Guard – **Jeff Doyle** reporting we have not heard from the NRA regarding our proposal. However, Doug Drake has made an extreme effort toward our being fully compliant with NRA Grant requirements.

New Business:

Under New Business, the following three Motions were brought forth:

Motions

1. Tom reported as we pursued our NRA Grant legal issues came up. The Executive Committee has the power to appoint “such other officers as they deem necessary.” So we asked Doug Drake to act as our “Chapter Chancellor”. We would like to formalize his role by amending our by-laws to include a Chancellor. We know other Chapters have this position: Orange Country, San Francisco, Gold Country

Chancellor

The Chancellor shall be an attorney at law and it shall be his duty to give opinions on legal matters affected the Chapter when such questions are referred to him by the Executive Committee. He shall act as the Chairman of the Bylaws Committee.

Motion Passed.

Meeting Minutes Continued...

2. In correspondence Doug reported we have a legal problem with the Chapter's by-laws. NRA wrote him to say their lawyers will review our by-laws for the legalities of language necessary to be a charity, and they will probably catch the omissions in ours. The NRA says it will give us a chance to make corrections. Doug know that the attached by-law (501 motion) is missing from the by-laws, so let us fix it before the NRA asks.

Motion Passed.

3. In correspondence Doug drafted a motion on uniform wearing that he hopes will suffice for the IRS rule on deduction of uniforms. This would not apply to the uniforms we buy if we get the grant, but would apply to all members who buy or maintain their uniforms. Note, the motion does not require uniforms to be worn at every ML Chapter function, but only as the Chapter President authorizes. Perfect example of the motion's use would have been at our Annual Banquet when Tom Douglas, Mike Muetz and Doug Drake wore uniforms.

Motion Passed.

Election of Officers:

Election of officers was held.

Jeff Doyle was elected **Chapter President**.

James Young accepted appointment as **2nd Vice President**

Tom Douglas was elected **Chapter Secretary**.

Doug Drake was elected **Chapter Treasure**.

+ **Jeff Doyle** will assume the role of **Recording Secretary** while serving as **Chapter President**.

Inductions:

Stephen Olney Almy was inducted into the California Society of SAR and the Mother Lode Chapter. Steve received his certificate, a SAR Members Rosette and the Mother Chapter's Pin. Steve will tell us about his illustrious patriot as our Presentation.

Presentation of Awards:

1. Tom Adams performed the presentation of the **Certificate of Patriots in Partnership** to the Mother Lode Chapter with **Mike Muetz** accepting on behalf of the Chapter.
2. Tom Adams performed the presentation of the framed **Vietnam War Certificate** from the National SAR Society to **Thomas Ansel Douglas**.
3. Tom Adams performed the presentation of the **Chapter Distinguished Service Medal** with framed Certificate to **James Willard Young**.

Speaker Presentation:

Our Featured Speaker and Chapter member, **Steve Almy**, spoke on his Patriot "**Stephen Olney – Final Battle at Yorktown**" – Read *Dispatch* for description.

The Benediction was given by **Gene Myers**; **Jim Young** led the SAR Recessional and **Tommy Douglas** led us in singing, "*God Bless America*".

The meeting was adjourned.

Appalachians / Long Hunters

The Appalachians are the primary geographical boundary dividing the 13 American colonies from the western frontier.

18th-century explorers and hunters who made expeditions over the Appalachians and into the frontier wilderness were called Longhunters. The parties of two or three men usually started their hunts in October and ended toward the end of March or early in April.

Many Longhunters were employed by land surveyors seeking to take advantage of the departure of the French from the Ohio Valley following the French and Indian War in 1763.

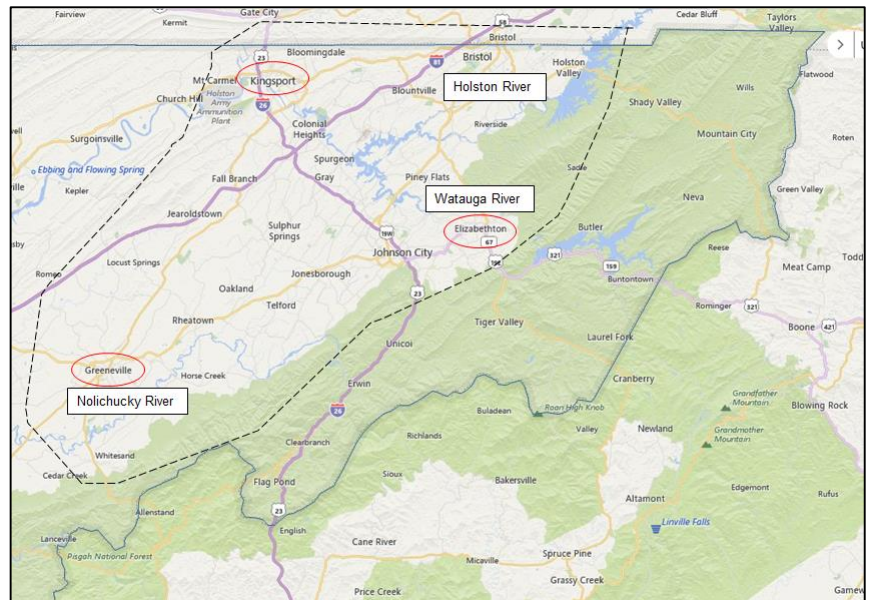
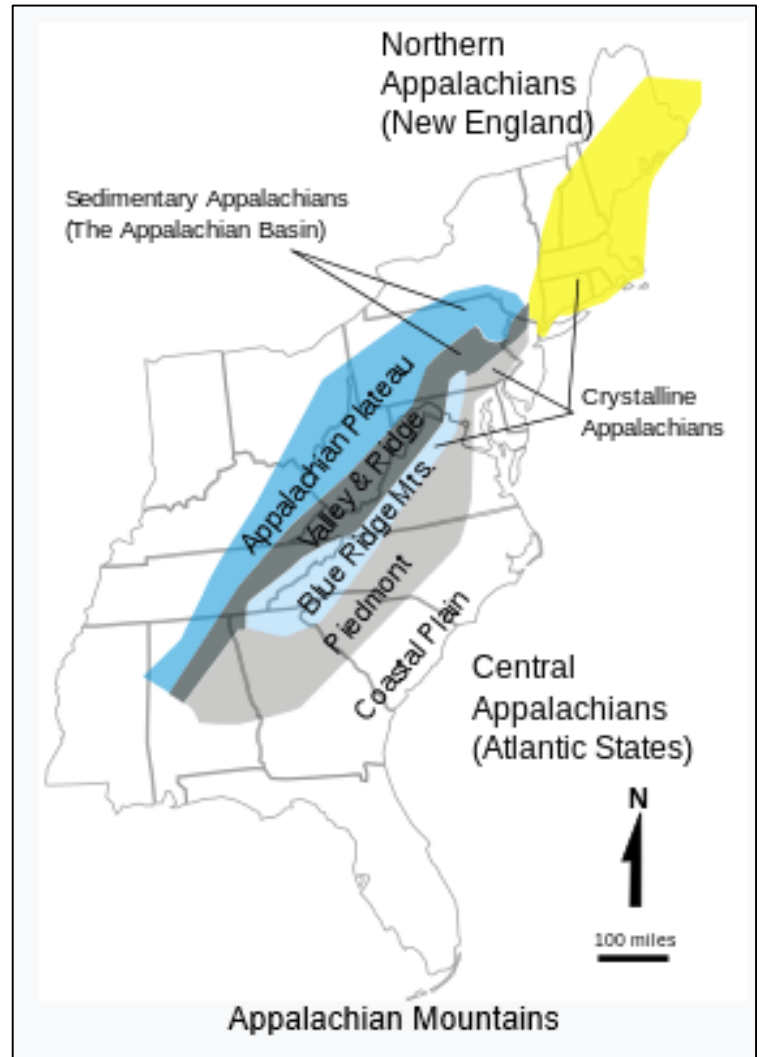
Eventually, the Longhunters moved their families over the Appalachians into the new frontier. Because their settlements were west of, or “over” the Appalachians, they became known as “overmountain people”.

Most of these folks descended from immigrants who had come not from England but from a

vast Irish territory known as the Ulster Plantation.

These Scotch-Irish defied King George III’s 1763 proclamation that prohibited private settlements west of the mountains. They claimed the forbidden wilderness for their own, felling trees to clear the land for small farms, building dirt-floor log cabins, growing what they needed and living as they pleased—they were a people apart.

These efforts helped to solidify the existence of the fragile settlements in the Watauga, Nolichucky, and Holston river valleys. This is the region in northeastern Tennessee were the Blue Ridge Mountain Range of the Appalachians stood between the overmountain settlements and the Revolutionary War. A war thought to be contained in the villages of New England and concerned places like Boston, New York and Philadelphia.



2017 SAR Poster Contest Theme



*John Sevier and his
Overmountain Men*

Rather than comply with the Crown's order, the illegal settlers —mostly concentrated at the Watauga settlement at Sycamore, the Nolichucky settlement, and Carter's Valley —decided to lease their land from the Cherokee.

The British Crown and the colonial governments considered the land purchases illegal, and ordered the settlers to leave.

John Sevier [suh-veer'] was born in 1745 in the Shenandoah Valley west of Baltimore. Sevier was a farmer, trader, surveyor and militia officer. In December 1773, he moved his family to the overmountain settlement near the Holston River. In 1776, he was elected to the Watauga Association's five-man court.

In 1772 they established the Watauga Association, which was the first independent American constitutional government west of the Appalachians. Three years later, the Watauga and Nolichucky settlers purchased their leased lands outright from the Cherokee.



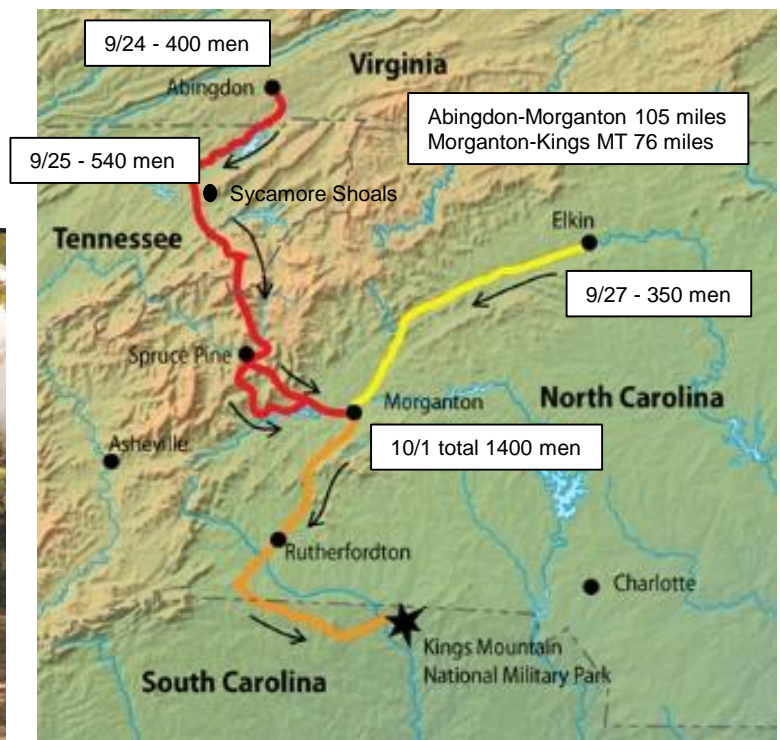
At the outbreak of the American Revolution in 1776, the Cherokees invaded the Overmountain settlers in July. This was encouraged by the British. The settlers were chased out of Carter's Valley and the Nolichucky settlements but held ground in Watauga.

Throughout the next few years, the Overmountain Men fought British Loyalists and British-aligned Cherokee and Shawnee all along the Appalachian frontier.

In August 1780, British General Charles Cornwallis invaded North Carolina, and sent Major Patrick Ferguson into the mountains to root out the Patriot irregulars. Ferguson sent a message to the Overmountain settlements warning that if they didn't lay down their arms, he would "march his army over the mountains, hang their leaders, and lay waste the country with fire and sword."

Upon receiving this message, John Sevier and other militia leaders agreed to raise armies to engage Ferguson. Express riders rode through the region to muster the Overmountain Men. Sevier led 240 men and joined force with several hundred other frontiersmen at Sycamore Shoals on September 26th.

After a fiery sermon, the men began their long trek over the Blue Ridge Mountains, driving a herd of cattle to feed their army. Over 1400 militiamen headed south to engage Ferguson at Kings Mountain. On October 7th, in "one heroic hour" the Patriots captured or killed the entire Loyalist Army. The Patriot losses were small: 28 killed and 62 wounded. The Loyalists suffered more: 150 killed, 150 wounded, some 800 captured.



Last year, students submitted terrific artwork, but failed to include text that detailed the story. This year, our classroom visits will include a discussion of key elements that make successful poster messages. Posters are designed to be both eye-catching and informative. They are used to communicate a message.

To Make A Compelling Poster...

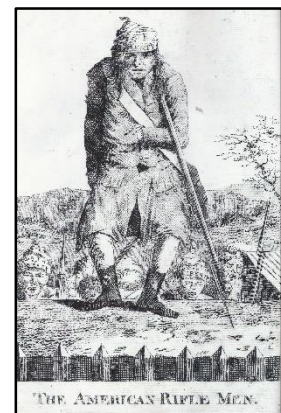
Answer these questions:

1. What is the most important/interesting/astounding finding from my research project?
2. How can I visually share my research? Should I use charts, graphs, photos, images?
3. What kind of information can I show on the poster to create conversation?

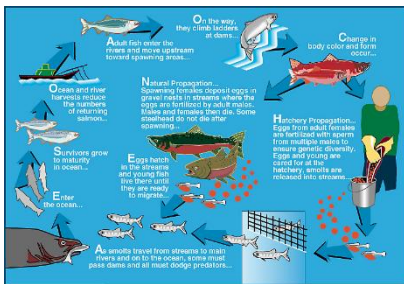
Key Elements

- Theme / Focus / Impact
- Informative / Factually Correct
- Capture interest in 15 seconds
- Pleasing to the eye / Balance / Composition
- Legible 3-6 feet
- Short Title / 300 – 800 word message
- Bullet Points / Numbers / Headlines
- Effective Colors / Graphics / Fonts
- Readable, succinct, well organized
- Conversation starter
- Acknowledgements

Colonial Posters

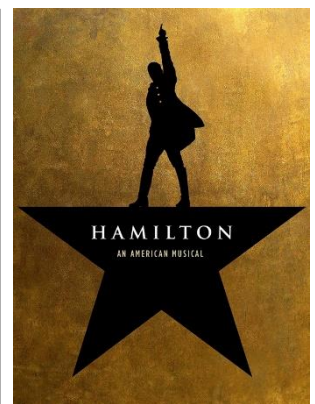
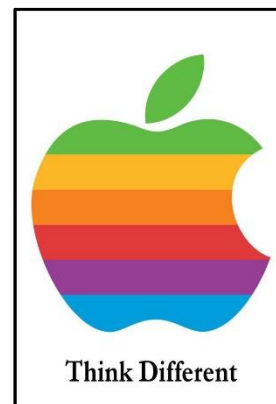


Research Posters



Research posters summarize information or research concisely and attractively to help publicize it and generate discussion. The poster is usually a mixture of a brief text mixed with tables, graphs, pictures, and other presentation formats.

Advertising Posters



2017 Mother Lode Chapter Calendar

January 24 - Regular Chapter Meeting

February Jackson ES
..... Holy Trinity ES
..... 28 - Regular Chapter Meeting

March 28 - Regular Chapter Meeting
..... Brochure Judging
..... Poster Judging

April 7&8 – CASSAR Spring Meeting
..... 19 – Patriots’ Day [Lexington]
..... 25 - Regular Chapter Meeting

May 23 - Regular Chapter Meeting
..... 29 - Memorial Day

June 14 - Flag Day
..... 27 – Regular Meeting

July 4 – Independence Day
..... 7-13 – National Congress

August..... No Events

September 11 - Patriot Day [911]
..... 17 – Constitution Day
..... 26 - Regular Chapter Meeting

October El Dorado Essay Contest
..... 24 - Awards Banquet

November 11 – Veterans’ Day
..... 28 - Regular Chapter Meeting
..... CASSAR Fall Meeting

December..... 15 – Bill of Rights Day
..... Wreaths Across America
..... Christmas Party
..... 2018 Youth Programs



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