



Mother Lode Dispatch

Calling All Compatriots

Regular Meeting Tuesday, January 28, 2020, at 6:30 PM
Denny's Restaurant– 3446 Coach Lane – Cameron Park. CA.
Come at 6:00 PM if Ordering a Meal

REMINDER Our NEXT Meeting is (the 4th Tuesday of the Month)
January 28, 2020

Mother Lode Chapter Meeting Minutes, November 26, 2019 Denny's Restaurant, Cameron Park, CA

The meeting was opened at 6:31 PM by President Mike Muetz, Guest David Zelinsky gave the invocation, Secretary Douglas led the Pledge of Allegiance and Duel Member Tom Chilton led the SAR Pledge. There were five members, **Bob Conover, Tom Douglas, Mike Muetz, Tom Adams,** Duel Member **Tom Chilton** and **two guests, Marilyn Chilton and David Zelinsky present.**

The Minutes of the October 22, 2019 Meeting were approved as printed in the November Dispatch.

Secretary Douglas reported newest member Cade Guidera's 2020 dues were paid because he was admitted into the SAR after September 1, 2019.

Treasurer Conover reported a balance of \$5,167.50 in the checking account. \$925.00 of the balance will be used to pay CASSAR and NSSAR dues. There are three members still owing dues.

Tom Adams reported for Kevin Tierney; Kevin has contacted schools regarding poster and brochure contests. Rob Flowers has been/will be invited to attend the January Mother Lode Meeting. It is agreed he would be an asset to the Chapter.

It was noted ML Member John Krahn is in a medical facility fighting an infection in his injured leg.

President Muetz will be unavailable for meetings February through April 2020.

Tom Adams made a motion to have the current Chapter Officers continue in office for the 2020 year, Seconded by Bob Conover. Motion passed.

Guest speaker David Zelinsky, Post 119 American Legion Post Service Officer gave a talk on his duties as Post Service Officer and some of his experience with veterans he has worked with.

The Benediction was given, the SAR Recessional recited, and the meeting was adjourned at 7:55 PM with the singing of "God Bless America" led by compatriot Tom Chilton.

Respectfully submitted,

Secretary Tom Douglas

David Zelinsky tells us about the American Legion Post *Service Officer's* Role

Veterans needing assistance with benefits and programs of the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), and other military-related matters, often turn to The American Legion for help. For most veterans, the post in their community is “The American Legion,” This means veterans needing help are going to look for it at the local post. This is especially true today with the thousands of troops deploying and returning home from various countries across the world. If a veteran goes to a post for help, it is so important a post have a **Post Service Officer** (PSO) truly interested in helping fellow veterans.

The PSO is often the initial contact between The American Legion and the veteran. The PSO, in most instances, is not a professional service officer, nor is he or she an “accredited” representative of The American Legion. It isn’t necessary for the PSO to be an expert in veterans’ law or benefits. *What is important is for the PSO to have a strong desire to assist veterans.*

The purpose of the PSO is to be an initial point of contact regarding veteran issues by providing veterans in the community where the post is located with basic information and assistance, including referral as directed by the American Legion’s Department Service Officer (DSO).

Given the complexity and broad range of rules that govern VA benefits, it is critically important for the PSO to work with the professional American Legion DSO and the State’s Department of Veterans Service personnel to ensure any paperwork submitted by the veteran is submitted to the VA correctly and in a timely manner. The PSO should be familiar with laws and regulations pertaining to the filing of claims, as well as the policies and guidelines.

Mother Lode Members Participate in Wreaths Across America by Helping Other Organizations

President **Mike Muetz and Judy** and Past President **Sam Bradley** participated in the Wreaths Across America with Veteran's organizations in Placerville as they have every year.



Tom Adams participated with the local Sacramento C.A.R. Society who each year join **Blue Shield of California's V.E.T.** (Veterans and Employees Together) group at **Green Valley Cemetery** in Rescue. Next to Tom is **Nolan Hall***, Ponderosa Sophomore, **Eden Hall**, Freshman at University of St. Thomas in Houston (*home for the holidays*) and Sacramento C.A.R. Society President and El Dorado DAR Chapter member **Sabine Adams Hall**.

* An application is being prepared to bring **Nolan** into the Mother Lode Chapter as a **Junior SAR Member**. Two years ago, Nolan was a C.A.R. Page at the CASSAR Spring Meeting in Concord.

Why Not Plan on Going to Our Spring Meeting?

April 16 – 19, 2020
Hosted by the Sacramento Chapter

The Murieta Inn and Spa
7337 Murieta Drive, Rancho Murieta, CA 95683-9725

The room rate of \$159.00 per night plus taxes and fees (single or double) is available until March 26, 2020, or sold out. Make hotel reservations [online](#) or call (916) 354-3900, group no. 9750820. Parking is complimentary.

Meeting Reservation Form

Name: _____	Spouse/ Guest: _____
Chapter: _____	Title: _____
Address: _____	Telephone: _____
City/ Zip: _____	Email: _____

Arrival Day: Thursday, April 16th; Friday, April 17th; Saturday, April 18th

Registration is \$175.00 per person by April 1st or \$195.00 after April 1st

Number of Registrants: _____ @ \$175.00; Number Late Registrants: _____ @ \$195.00 Total: \$ _____

Non-Registered Friday Luncheon:	_____ @ \$55.00 per person	sub-total:	\$ _____
Non-Registered Saturday Luncheon:	_____ @ \$55.00 per person	sub-total:	\$ _____
Non-Registered Gala Dinner Banquet:	_____ @ \$85.00 per person	sub-total:	\$ _____
Total Amount Enclosed:			\$ _____

Checks should be payable to **Sacramento Chapter SAR** and mailed with this completed registration form to:
Craig Anderson, 235 River Run Circle, Sacramento, CA 95833
Questions? Contact Craig at craigandersonsar@gmail.com

Please mark your meal choices and the number of each below:

Friday Public Service Luncheon

_____ Roasted Chicken Breast; or _____ Grilled Portobello Mushroom

Saturday Awards Luncheon

_____ Char-broiled Flank Steak; or _____ Three Cheese Tortellini

Saturday Gala Dinner Banquet

— **Black Tie, Continental Uniform or Colonial Dress** —

_____ Atlantic Salmon; or _____ Roasted Chicken Breast; or _____ Grilled Portobello Mushroom

Come on Folks – it's
Only 30 minutes away!

**145th Annual Meeting of the
California Society**

April 17, 2020 – April 18, 2020

The Murieta Inn and Spa, Rancho Murieta, CA

Hosted by the Sacramento Chapter SAR

Go to CASSAR Website:

<https://www.californiasar.org/events/145th-annual-meeting-of-the-california-society/>



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