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# Mother Lode Dispatch



## Calling All Compatriots



### 250 Minute History Classic Portraits

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#### Personal details

<b>Born</b>	John Sullivan February 17, 1740 Somersworth, Province of New Hampshire, British America
<b>Died</b>	January 23, 1795 (aged 54) Durham, New Hampshire
<b>Resting place</b>	Durham, New Hampshire
<b>Political party</b>	Federalist
<b>Children</b>	George Sullivan
<b>Relatives</b>	James Sullivan
<b>Education</b>	read law

#### Judge of the United States District Court for the District of New Hampshire

##### In office

September 26, 1789 – January 23, 1795

Appointed by George Washington

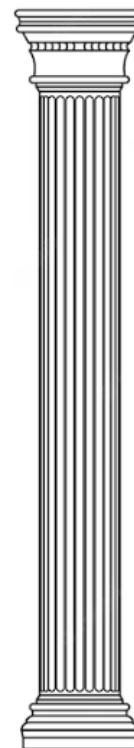
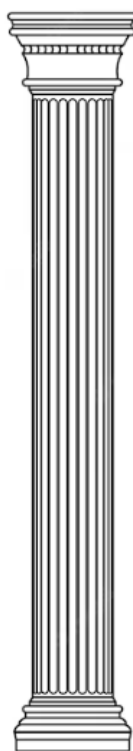
#### 3rd Governor of New Hampshire

##### In office

January 22, 1789 – June 5, 1790

##### In office

June 7, 1786 – June 4, 1788



## Major General Sullivan Dies

<https://www.revolutionary-war-and-beyond.com>



Denny's Restaurant  
3446 Coach Lane  
Cameron Park, CA.  
4th Tuesday - 6:30 PM



On This Day in History  
January 23, 1795

## **Major General John Sullivan dies**

Sullivan was a lawyer from Durham, New Hampshire, who, in his younger days, became a hated figure for filing lawsuits against his neighbors. As the years passed though, he regained his

stature and became friends with Royal Governor **John Wentworth**. In 1772, he was appointed a major in the New Hampshire militia.

In 1774, Sullivan was elected to attend the first rebel Congress of New Hampshire, which elected him a delegate to the **First Continental Congress**. Sullivan returned to New Hampshire in the fall of 1774 and led a raid on **Fort William and Mary** in New Castle. The raid was successful in rescuing a large supply of guns and cannon.

Sullivan was re-elected to Congress in 1775. Congress quickly appointed him a Brigadier General and sent him to the **Siege of Boston**. After the siege was broken, he was sent to Canada to take over the failed mission there. He was eventually forced to retreat and for this he was highly criticized in Congress, but still received a promotion to Major General.

Next Sullivan was put in command of the American forces at Long Island. He fought valiantly, but was captured. British Admiral **Richard Howe** sent Sullivan with a peace



proposal to Congress, but nothing came of it. After his release, Sullivan fought at the **Battles of Trenton and Princeton**, his two major victories of the war.

In early 1777, Sullivan got into a fight with Congress for being overlooked for promotion. In August of that year, he failed to capture Staten Island, which led Congress to investigate his behavior, but he was exonerated. Sullivan commanded the right flank that collapsed at the **Battle of Brandywine** and he also performed poorly at the **Battle of Germantown**.

Some in Congress wanted him to resign, but he still found favor with **George Washington** who sent him to retake Newport, Rhode Island. This mission failed when a storm damaged the French fleet. Sullivan was criticized again, but sent on another mission to western New York where he conducted a "scorched earth" campaign against British Loyalists and their Indian allies. After this, Sullivan resigned from the



army due to ill-health and frustration with Congress for being overlooked for promotion.

After his resignation, Sullivan was re-elected to Congress in 1780, but he resigned the following year after being accused of being a French agent when he borrowed some money from the French ambassador. Back in New Hampshire, where



Sullivan was considered a war hero, he became the attorney general for 4 years, served in the state assembly where he was elected Speaker of the House, served 3 years as president of the state (governor) and served at the Convention that created the New Hampshire Constitution. He served as President of the state convention that ratified the **US Constitution** and in 1789 was appointed as the first US District Judge of the Federal Court in New Hampshire by **George Washington**, a position which he held until his death in 1795.



## Mother Lode Chapter Officers for 2022

### President

Steve Belden

### 2nd Vice President

Kevin Tierney

### Secretary

Tom Douglas

### Treasurer

Doug Drake

### Registrar

Open

### Chaplain

Randy Keith

### Historian

Open

## Committee Chairmen

### Eagle Scout Program

Open

### ROTC Program

Open

### Knight Essay Contest

Kevin Tierney

### Valley Forge Program

Open

### Law Enforcement Program

(Community Service Awards Banquet)

Open

### Flag Certificate Program

Open

### Americanism Poster Contest

Kevin Tierney

### Web-Page

Steve Belden

### Dispatch Editor

Steve Belden



Don Littlefield presides over the 2023 Officer's Induction. The chapter apparently does not have a gavel, so quick thinking by Don, he bestowed temporary gavel rights to a Denny's salt shaker, which proved to be quite effective and flavorful.

- ◆ **Steve Belden** - President.
- ◆ **Doug Drake** - Treasurer
- ◆ **Kevin Tierney** - 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President and Recording Secretary
- ◆ **Doug Drake**, Treasurer, was not available to attend.

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## Mother Lode Chapter Meeting Minutes – January 24, 2023 Meeting at Denny's in Cameron Park



The meeting was called to order by President **Steve Belden** at 6:03PM. Compatriot **Don Littlefield** gave the invocation, and Secretary **Tom Douglas** led the Pledge of Allegiance and the SAR Pledge.

There were seven (7) regular Chapter members: **Bob Conover, Kevin Tierney, Mike Metz, Tom Douglas, and Steve Belden. Doug Drake and Brian Sooner** joined via Zoom for the first 15 minutes of the meeting. Wi-fi connectivity issues prevented Brian and Doug from continuing with the meeting. Dual chapter member **Don Littlefield** was also in attendance. We had one guest, **Tim Voss**, who wishes to join SAR and is working on his application. President **Steve Belden** began the meeting by reviewing the Annual Agenda with focus on key activities.

### **ELECTION & APPOINTMENT OF OFFICERS**

**Steve Belden** noted that the bylaws Article VIII Section 7 states that the new chapter officers must be reported to the State Society no later than January 1<sup>st</sup>. That date is incorrect. Tom Douglas will confirm the correct date, which is later in the month). The bylaws must be updated to reflect the correct date and this requires a quorum to vote.

**Tom Douglas** noted that he had already mailed the Officer Induction report to CA Society Secretary compatriot **Fred Schuster**, who will then file with National.

**Don Littlefield** then presided over the induction of the chapters new officers.  
**Steve Belden** - President.

**Doug Drake** - Treasurer

**Kevin Tierney** - 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President

**Kevin Tierney** - Recording Secretary

**Doug Drake** was not available to be attend.

**Don Littlefield** shared that he was elected Vice President - North. In 2024 he will become the first time 2x Society President.

Russ Kaiser indicated (via instant message to Don Littlefield) that he will remain Color Guard.

Sergeant-at-Arms, Registrar, and Historian remain vacant.



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## NEW BUSINESS:

**Tom Douglas** mailed in the Mother Lode Chapter Reconciliation Report to the State Secretary prior to the Jan 5<sup>th</sup> due date.

**Tom Douglas** reviewed the 2023 Audits deadline for DOJ is May 13, 2023. Bylaws Article VIII Section 8 indicate 2 auditors shall be appointed to form the Audit Committee. Compatriot **Mike Metz** volunteered to be an auditor. Remaining auditor will be chosen next meeting.

**Bob Conover** reviewed the requirements to get **Doug Drake** listed on the bank account, so that he can serve as Treasurer. **Bob Conover** must mail **Doug Drake** forms to complete so that he can be provided with his own Multi-Factor Application to access banking records. **Steve Belden** will call **Doug Drake** to let him know to expect forms to be mailed.

**Tom Douglas** will complete the on-line IRS 990-n (Income Tax Return) - due May 13, 2023.

**Tom Douglas** will complete the Franchise Tax Return Tax Return - due May 15, 2023.

**Tom Douglas** will complete the Charitable Org. Annual Registration - due May 13, 2023

**Tom Douglas** will complete the CA Secretary of State Info Filing - due with every change in officers, and at least every other year.

**Tom Douglas** and **Bob Conover** reviewed the Chapter's liability insurance carrier. We have general liability policy (Springbrook Insurance). A rider must be added when we have special events such as the American Legion Post 119's hall rental.

**Tom Douglas** reviewed the Chapter's Inventory Report. Tom Douglas completed this and it gets attached to Charitable Org. Annual Reg.

**Steve Belden, Tom Douglas, and Don Littlefield** reviewed requirements for matching fund donations. Chapter can donate the money to the national society through the company's charitable giving administrator. The donation is returned as a grant including the original donation amount.

Compatriot **Steve Belden** encouraged members do identify like opportunities (e.g. Wells Fargo Bank)





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**Steve Belden** reviewed the distribution of the Dispatch. Can we send it out as a link only? **Don Littlefield** suggested it be sent out as a PDF and as a link to encourage everyone to read it. **Don Littlefield** believes basic Treasure's Report information can be in the public minutes (in Dispatch) as long as no banking details are provided.

**Tom Douglas** motioned to have the Chapter cover the cost of a Zoom account to support remote meetings. Using TechSoup can be used to lower the costs since we are a non-profit organization. Pro: \$149.90 a year, potentially \$75 with the nonprofit discount. Pro offers everything the chapter would want. Steve will investigate further.

**Don Littlefield** offered to donate a wi-fi extender if we can get Denny's to establish its connection. **Steve Belden** to investigate with Denny's Manager.

**Steve Belden** reviewed the Member's Section of the chapter website to make sure everyone is comfortable with the layout and shared information.

**Steve Belden** reviewed the Officer's profile section of the web page. We are welcome to add non-elected positions if so desired.

**Steve Belden** reviewed the photo section and **Don Littlefield** reminded that any photo's of individuals under must provide explicit approval to use their image. **Steve Belden** will review any photos with people under 18 at the time of the picture.

**Don Littlefield** provide **Steve Belden** with the Sacramento Chapter 2023 Calendar, including a list of important patriotic dates to share.

**Tom Douglas** gave **Steve Belden** a copy of the Mother Lode Agenda draft.

**Don Littlefield** shared his 250 Challenge Coins. If we purchase coins in volume, then there is a price discount. Can we join with other chapters to make the purchase. We can consider them as giveaways if we get a donation from prospects, etc.

Donations must be cash or check. We can also consider Payit2.com & Stripe. There is a small processing fee that is paid by the buyer. A donation receipt will be provided if requested. **Steve Belden** will purchase an NCR receipt book.



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## **REPORTS:**

Treasurer's Report: Assistant Treasurer **Bob Conover** reported that the chapter currently has over \$5,000 in the account.

Secretary's Report: Secretary **Tom Douglas** has been working on Registrar work for **Tim Voss**.

Youth Activities: 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President **Kevin Tierney** reported:

Brochure Contest: Kevin has not heard back from past Brochure participants. He will continue to monitor the situation.

Kevin is currently looking at Poster Contest materials to provide to the John Adam Academy.

Kevin will learn more about the County Office of Education's Home-school program to determine if there is an opportunity to expand contest participation.

**Kevin Tierney** will need to report on the 2022 Brochure and Poster expenses. Kevin will provide **Doug Drake** with the expenses so they can be reported to the CA DOJ.

Dispatch Editor: **Steve Belden**, reported the October *Dispatch* was sent out along with minutes the September and October Meeting Minutes.

## **OLD BUISINESS:**

### **Prospects and Membership:**

Capital Air Show: **Steve Belden** to continue investigate the opportunity to set up an info table at Capital Air show. Current vendors include CHP, Sheriff's, Corrections, Explorers, and other youth groups. Steve to learn the cost of a kiosk space. Can we piggyback with a youth group space?

Service Organizations: **Steve Belden** will reach out to Shiners/Masons to invite a speaker from Shriners with he hopes we can provide a speaker to the Masons. Should chapter's combine force for a speaker's event to increase visibility?



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## **NATIONAL AND CASSAR ACTIVITIES:**

**Don Littlefield** provided an update on National and CASSAR activities.

Spring meeting will be in Costa Mesa - Hilton. April 13-15, 2023

National Congress - July 13-20 Orlando FL. Rosen Plaza

Fall Board of Manager - Nov 2-5 Harbor Chapter - no hotel yet. Long Beach area.

Hawaii State Meeting in Honolulu in April 2023

CA State Treasurer will have a Treasurers Zoom meeting at a given date.

**Don Littlefield** to get an update.

State Secretary Zoom Sessions have been cancelled.

## **250's HISTORY MINUTE:**

**Don Littlefield** shared the short story "Major General John Sullivan Dies".

See January Dispatch for details.

## **COMMENTS by GUESTS**

### **CURRENT UNFINISHED BUISINESS**

**Doug Drake** had earlier reported that there are new rules for genealogy proof. **Tom Douglas** to review and share.

**Randy Keith** will continue to investigate a bag pipe musician to play at the Community Awards Banquet.

## **CLOSE OF MEETING**

Compatriot Don Littlefield gave Benediction and **Tom Douglas** led the SAR Recessional. The meeting was adjourned at 7:39 PM.

*Minutes compiled from notes provided by Steve Belden.*

Respectfully edited and submitted,

**Steve Belden, President**