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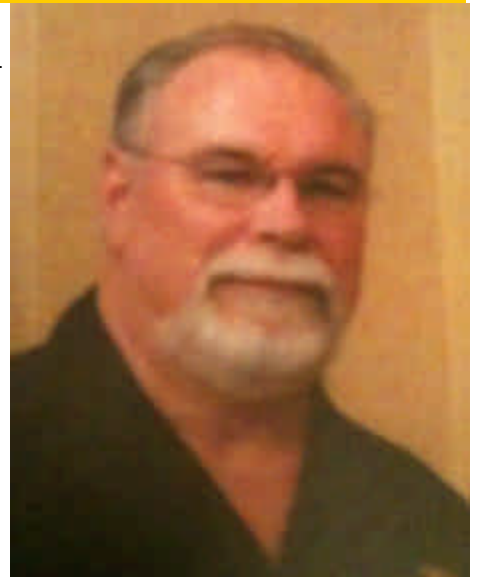


March 24, 2015 Jim Brown- Featured Speaker

Jim Brown is our featured speaker this month and will speak about his experiences at Folsom Prison. Jim joined the United States Army in November, 1965, and was discharged in November, 1968. Jim accepted a position with the California State Prison System, and was assigned to the Folsom Prison, where he served for 32 years. He was promoted to Officer in 1970, Sergeant in 1985, and Lieutenant in 1994. Jim retired in 2002, and has been the Operations Manager for the Retired Correctional Peace Officers Museum at Folsom since 2001. He is an active member of the CCPOA, the International Police Officers Association, the Northern California Peace Officers Association, and was involved in helping to start the Attica Prison Museum in Attica, NY. He was also involved with the San Quentin Prison Museum.

Jim has written three (3) books: Correctional Officer Safety & Gang Identification, Arcadia Images of America Folsom Prison, and 130 Years of the Folsom Prison Legend.

The Retired Correctional Peace Officers Museum members are currently planning a new and larger museum at Folsom Prison to be called the "Big House Prison Museum". It will showcase the good, bad and ugly parts of their profession, telling the story of prisoners and staff from the beginning of prison and jail life.



Denny's Restaurant
3446 Coach Lane
Cameron Park, CA.

The next meeting of the Mother Lode Chapter will be held on Tuesday, March 24, 2015, at 6:30 PM, at Denny's Restaurant in Cameron Park. Wives, guests and visiting compatriots are always welcome. Come socialize with us at 6:15PM. The meeting will start promptly at 6:30 PM.

From the Mother Lode President

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Eagle Scout Program

Open

ROTC Program

Open

Knight Essay Contest

Open

Valley Forge Program

Open

Law Enforcement Program

John Krahn

Flag Certificate Program

Doug Stone

Americanism Poster Contest

Tom Adams

MARCH 2015

Greetings Mother Lode Members and Friends:

I hope you feel we have begun the year 2015 on a good note. For me, there were three key happenings at our last meeting:

1. Three of our 'Chapter Founders', Tom Chilton, Wayne Griswold, and Jim Young had pledged to see that we would have a fine speaker at every meeting! – That is stepping up.
2. Wayne Griswold, as our Chapter Treasurer, has committed himself to seeing that the Chapter operates with an annual budget! – We have never done this before.
3. We decided as a Chapter to recognize, with our own Mother Lode Chapter Outstanding Teacher Award, three (3) teachers, from three different schools, who have supported our youth programs for five (5) consecutive years.

At our March meeting, after our speaker, we will have the opportunity to view an impressive array of posters on the Lexington-Concord Alarm of 1775 by the children from our local schools. From these posters we will pick the chapter, school and class winners.

I hope many of you can join us. - Tom



**Tom Adams
President**

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Notes from the February 24, 2015 Meeting

By Tom Adams

[Chuck Smith, our Recording Secretary, could not attend this meeting. Following is what happened at this meeting as remembered by Tom Adams.]

President Tom Adams (Tom A) called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM. Chaplain Gene Myers led us in the Invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance and SAR pledge were then recited. There were seven members (Tom A, Tom D, Jim Y, Wayne, Gene, John K, and Bob L) and seven guests present (Joy K, Marilyn & Tom C, Mike Muetz, William Teie and Jim & Karen Faulkinbury.).

Tom A opened the meeting by introducing distinguished guest CASSAR President Jim Faulkinbury and his wife, Karen. Tom A then introduced all the guests. They included William C. Teie, our speaker, Marilyn Chilton, Sacramento Chapter DAR, Joy Krahn, and Mike Muetz, a prospective member.

CASSAR President Jim Faulkinbury swore in the Chapter's new officers: Tom Adams President and Secretary, Wayne Griswold Treasurer, Jim Young Registrar, Gene Myer Chaplain, and John Krahn Historian.

The Chapter was invited to enjoy their dinner.

After the meal was finished, Tom A asked Tom Chilton to introduce our guest speaker, William Teie. Bill is an accomplished author and publisher, and has written and published a book titled History of a Place Called Rescue. He gave a very interesting presentation of some of the more interesting stories of Rescue and the surrounding communities. [This book is still available should anyone wish to purchase it.] At the end of his presentation, Tom A presented Bill with the SAR Certificate of Appreciation for his presentation.

After the presentation, Past Chapter President Tommy Douglas presented recent Past President Sam Bradley with plaque commemorating his past year of service to the Chapter. (Thank you Sam.)

The minutes were read and then approved by the membership.

Tom A then gave his report.

Tom stated that he would use the Executive Committee concept to accomplish much of the detail work. Voting members, according to our By-laws are: President, Secretary, Recording Secretary, Treasurer and Registrar and the Past President. Tom said even though, that is the core group, anyone is welcome to attend the meetings.

He announced that he and Treasurer Griswold were working on an annual budget. He recounted the recent expenses. (Treasurer Griswold during his report shared copies of the draft budget.)

He pointed out that over the years, many members have donated items to the Chapter. He said that we will see that a member receives a receipt for any donation. (Thank you Gentlemen)

He stated that three of our 'Chapter Founders', Tom Chilton, Wayne Griswold and Jim Young, had pledged to see that we would have a fine speaker at every meeting! (Thank you, Gentlemen)

He asked if there was a desire by the Chapter to again join the Sacramento SAR Chapter for their Christmas meeting in December. Seeing an approval, he said he would take steps to make that happen.

He reminded the Chapter we have officer vacancies. We need a Secretary, and a Registrar to relieve Jim Young from his long held duties.

He said that Tom Chilton has offered to serve as the editor and publisher of our Chapter newsletter, *The Dispatch*. (Thank you, Tom)

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By Tom Adams

He said that Wayne Griswold has offered to create the Chapter's many award certificates. (Thank you, Wayne)

Wayne Griswold will assume the task of preparing the Chapter's annual reporting to IRS and FTB. (Thank you, Wayne)

Tommy Douglas prepared the CASSAR Chapter Report for 2014. (Thank you, Tommy)

He read the CASSAR Resolution on firing black powder muskets.

He re-affirmed the need for someone to investigate D&O insurance for us. He is seeking a volunteer to look into this for us. (No one volunteered at the meeting)

He read Ron Barker's email re: 'Partners in Patriotism' (PIP) and ask if anyone would be our chairman. (No one volunteered at the meeting)

He shared the Secretary's CASSAR 'Best Chapter' Spreadsheet and ask if anyone would be interested in preparing the spreadsheet for our Chapter. The Chapter won Best Chapter in 2008. Tom recommended one should be comfortable with a spreadsheet before taking on this task. (No one volunteered at the meeting)

He shared the "Flag" and the "Articles of Association" DVDs he had recently received from NSSAR CAAH. See Tom if anyone wishes to borrow them.

Tom A then requested reports from the other officers. Wayne Griswold gave the Treasurer Report. He stated that we have \$2,122 in the checking account and \$500 in the savings account.

For the Youth Programs report, Tom A reported that he and Tom Chilton went to Holly Trinity and Jackson Elementary Schools, where they invited the fifth grade students to participate in this year's SAR Americanism Poster Contest. They left poster paper and instructions, and told the students they would return on March 13th to pick up their completed posters. The posters will be judged at the March meeting.

Under New Business two items were discussion:

Tom A presented the options for created the Mother Lode Chapter Outstanding Teacher Award. The Chapter had agreed earlier that three teachers who have supported our youth programs for five (5) consecutive years are deserving of some form of recognition – which neither the National Society or the State Society have – in our opinion – a suitable award; so we need to create our own. (The three teachers come from different schools in the area.) It was the consensus of the Chapter to proceed to create three (3) framed awards utilizing the Bronze Good Citizen Medal with Certificate. The Cost is budgeted to be under \$50 for each one. Tom A will proceed to have the awards created.

Tom A presented options for how we could put on our Annual Community Recognition Awards Event this fall. One option is our traditional banquet the Cold Springs CC. Another option would be to hold a non-dinner event at local public site such as the Placerville Public Library. Of primary concern is the ability to fund such an event with our own resources. Tom A said he would be calling an Executive Committee Meeting to discuss the options before returning with a recommendation to the Chapter.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting. Chaplain Gene Myers led us in the Benediction, followed the SAR Recessional. Everyone then joined in singing God Bless America.

Tom Adams

Mother Lode President

Patrick Henry's Famous Speech - "Give me Liberty or give me Death!" 240 Years Ago - March 23, 1775

We do not have room to reprint the entire speech. Following are the last two paragraphs. For the entire speech, go to: <http://www.ushistory.org/documents/libertydeath.htm>

"They tell us, sir, that we are weak; unable to cope with so formidable an adversary. But when shall we be stronger? Will it be the next week, or the next year? Will it be when we are totally disarmed, and when a British guard shall be stationed in every house? Shall we gather strength by irresolution and inaction? Shall we acquire the means of effectual resistance by lying supinely on our backs and hugging the delusive phantom of hope, until our enemies shall have bound us hand and foot? Sir, we are not weak if we make a proper use of those means which the God of nature hath placed in our power. The millions of people, armed in the holy cause of liberty, and in such a country as that which we possess, are invincible by any force which our enemy can send against us. Besides, sir, we shall not fight our battles alone. There is a just God who presides over the destinies of nations, and who will raise up friends to fight our battles for us. The battle, sir, is not to the strong alone; it is to the vigilant, the active, the brave. Besides, sir, we have no election. If we were base enough to desire it, it is now too late to retire from the contest. There is no retreat but in submission and slavery! Our chains are forged! Their clanking may be heard on the plains of Boston! The war is inevitable — and let it come! I repeat it, sir, let it come.

It is in vain, sir, to extenuate the matter. Gentlemen may cry, Peace, Peace — but there is no peace. The war is actually begun! The next gale that sweeps from the north will bring to our ears the clash of resounding arms! Our brethren are already in the field! Why stand we here idle? What is it that gentlemen wish? What would they have? Is life so dear, or peace so sweet, as to be purchased at the price of chains and slavery? Forbid it, Almighty God! I know not what course others may take; **but as for me, give me liberty or give me death!**"



Patrick Henry
1736 - 1799



Photos from the February Meeting

Photos by Matt Adams



L-R: President Tom Adams presents Bill Teie with the SAR Certificate of Appreciation.



L-R: Past-President Tom Douglas presents President Tom Adams with a "Gold Miner".



CASSAR President Jim Faulkinbury conducts the swearing in ceremony for the 2015 officers.
L-R: Tom Adams, Gene Myers, Jim Young, and Wayne Griswold.



Past-President Tom Douglas presents Immediate Past-President Sam Bradley with a Certificate and Plaque commemorating his service to our chapter.



Adams and Chilton introduce the Poster Contest

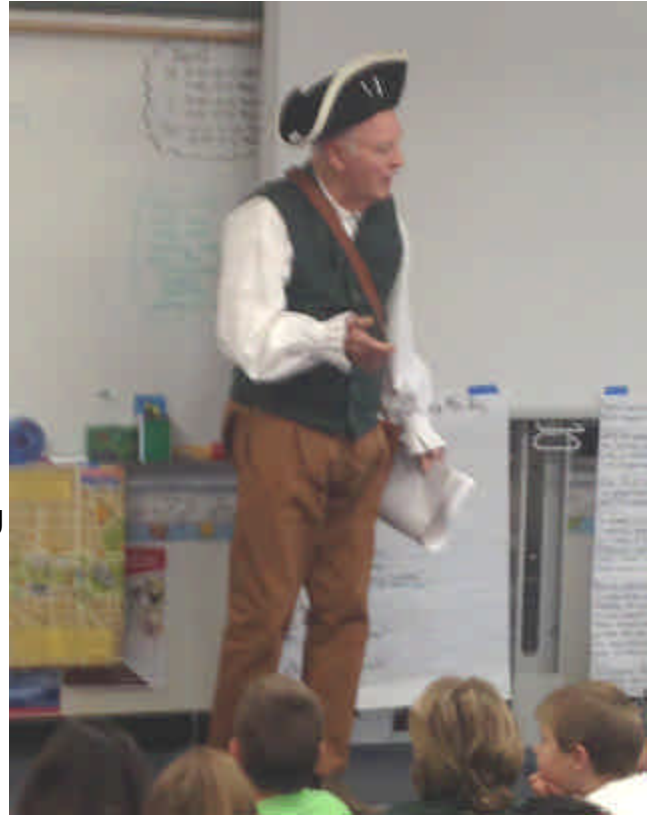
Tom Adams and Tom Chilton spent the day on February 11th introducing the Mother Lode Chapter's 2015 Americanism Poster Contest to the fifth grade students at Jackson Elementary School and Holy Trinity School.

Chilton, dressed as a New England farmer, portrayed Dudley True (one of his wife's patriot ancestors who lived in Salisbury, MA). He explained how the Patriots learned that the "Redcoats" were planning to march to Concord and capture or destroy the Militia's store of weapons, how the Militia had assembled on the Lexington 'green", and how *someone* had fired that first shot. After killing several of the militia, the "Redcoats" went on to Concord, where they began searching for hidden weapons, and how the Militia marched toward Concord when they thought their town was being burned. When they reached the North Bridge, fighting with the "Redcoats" broke out. And the rest is history.

Adams then explained the rules for the contest, and that special poster paper would be provided for each student. He also explained what the winners might expect to win. First place in each classroom will win \$25, second place will win \$15, and third place will win \$5. He mentioned last year's winner's names, and asked if anyone knew those students. Quite a few of the students remembered last year's winners, which seemed to increase interest in the contest.

Entries were picked up from the two schools this week, and the posters were "prejudged" on Monday, March 16th. The best three posters from each school will be displayed at the March meeting, where the final selections will be made. The BEST entry for the Mother Lode Chapter will be taken to the Spring CASSAR meeting, where it will compete with other entries from around the state. The state winner will then be taken to the National meeting, where it will compete against entries from the other State Societies.

Let's hope our entry wins!!



Tom Chilton portrays Dudley True as he tells the students what happened on April 19, 1775.



Minuteman on the Lexington Green.



North Bridge at Concord, MA.

Mother Lode Chapter's 2015 Calendar

April 17 and 18, 2015 - The annual CASSAR Spring Membership meeting will be held in Irvine, CA. 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

May 22, 2015 - Regular meeting at Denny's
Program to be announced

June 23, 2015 - Regular meeting at Denny's
Program to be announced

September 29, 2015 - Regular meeting at Denny's
Program to be announced.

October 27, 2015 - Program and location to be announced

CASSAR Fall Manager's meeting to be held at the Riverside Mission Inn. This is a great opportunity to visit this historical treasure. Details will be in the next California Compatriot.

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

December 12, 2015 - Wreaths Across America
Sacramento Valley National Cemetery in Dixon, CA. Ceremony start at 9:00 AM sharp. Wear warm clothes!

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