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Calling All Compatriots



May 2011 Program

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MEET MR. TIERNEY, our speaker for our May meeting. Mr. Tierney is going to speak on an interesting character he found while doing genealogy research " John Rollin Ridge". Below is a short version of his biography if you would like to know more about Kevin, go to the web site <http://teachertierney.net/meet-mr-tierney.html>

Mr. Tierney has been teaching for 20 years. He has a B.A. degree in History from San Francisco State University and an M.A. in Education and an M.A. in History from Sacramento State University. He was named Rolling Hills Teacher of the Year in 2001, 2004,2005, and 2011.

In 2002 he received a fellowship to the Williamsburg, VA, Teacher Institute. He was designated one of the most influential teachers by students at Oak Ridge High School in 1999.

In 2004 he was one of 36 teachers selected nationwide to receive the United States - Eurasian Excellence in Teaching Award, an honor that sent him to the Republic of Georgia in October, 2004 to work with teachers and students. Mr. Tierney returned to the Republic of Georgia in October, 2006 to assist in the development of an all English school in Kutaisi known as the Georgia-American School of Progress. As a result of his efforts on behalf of this school Mr. Tierney has a room at the school named in his honor. Mr. Tierney is hopeful he will be able to return to the Republic of Georgia again soon.

In 2005 Mr. Tierney was named a Fulbright Memorial Fund Scholar; as a result he visited the country of Japan in November of 2005 to share ideas about education and cultures. Mr. Tierney visited schools in Yanagawa, Fukuoka, Japan and published "Whispers Across the Pacific," a book of student poetry written by Japanese and American students. The book is available for a fee of \$5.

In 2007 Mr. Tierney was named a fellow for the Korean Studies Workshop, a program fully funded by the Korea Foundation. He traveled to Korea July 11 - 25, 2007 to learn about Korean history, culture and the arts at Yonsei University in Seoul.

In 2011 Mr. Tierney received a scholarship from the California Society of the Sons of the American Revolution to attend the Freedom Foundations "American Revolution South" course. As a result Mr. Tierney spent a week learning about the politics and campaigns that shaped the American Revolution from Charlotte, North Carolina to Washington D.C.



The next meeting of the
Mother Lode Chapter is May 24, 2011



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

The President's Corner by Jim Young

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Vacant

Knight Essay Contest

Vacant

Valley Forge Program

Vacant

Law Enforcement Program

John Krahn

Flag Certificate Program

Doug Stone

Americanism Poster Contest

Tom Adams

The Mother Lode Chapter has been very busy this month. Secretary Tom Douglas and Youth Coordinator Tom Adams have visited five classrooms to distribute the awards for the poster and brochure contests. There are still more to give out and that will happen by the end of the month.



Another first for the Mother Lode Chapter is having our Valley Forge Teacher nominee receiving one of the California

Societies places for the Valley Forge trip this summer. Kevin Tierney from Rolling Hills Middle School was selected because of his outstanding application. Kevin will also be our speaker at the May 24th meeting (see page one)

In Patriotic Service,
Tom Douglas, Secretary
Mother Lode Chapter

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The American Revolution

Month by Month

May 1781

By Andrew Strough III

(Editor's Note: During the winter of 1780 - 1781, activity of any consequence had been in the South. During the month of May things continue to heat up with activity in three locations: Florida, the Carolinas and Virginia.)

FLORIDA - While Spain may have been acting in her own best interest, the activities were a contributing factor in the progress of the Revolutionary War. In the early days, British troops had been moved north from Florida to support the effort at Savannah and then to support the war activity in the southern colonies. When Spain threatened British interests in Florida, there was less support for England's opposition to the Americans in the colonies.

With Mobile safe in Spanish hands, Bernardo de Galvez turned his attention to Pensacola. On February 28, he made his first attempt to take Fort George. Batteries along the approach made an assault too difficult and he retired to Havana where he convinced authorities to give him greater support to make possible a land invasion. He left Havana with 7,000 men. Most of his troops were Spanish, but there were some French, Dutch and Americans included. To oppose them, General John Campbell had 1500 British augmented by 500 Indian warriors.

Realizing that a sea-borne assault was imprudent, Galvez began a siege of Fort George. On May 1, he set up cannons on a hill to fire on the fort. On May 4, Indian allies of the British attacked. The attack might have been successful if Campbell had not failed to support the Indians. From this time on, it was a battle of cannon against cannon. On May 8, a Spanish shell hit and exploded the fort's magazine. The explosion killed many men and destroyed the fort's ability to defend itself. Campbell offered to surrender, and on May 10 the formal surrender occurred with eleven hundred men taken prisoner. West Florida was now a Spanish possession.

THE CAROLINAS - Following defeat at the Battle of Hobkirk's Hill, Nathanael Greene retired to Rugeley's Mills to regroup. He was concerned that Lord Rawdon, if reinforced, might try to destroy him or to push him back into the mountains. Such action would leave the South solidly in British hands. Rawdon made an effort to draw Greene into a battle but overestimated Greene's strength in a clash with the rear guard and turned back. His experience at Hobkirk's Hill undoubtedly weighed heavily in his decision. In addition to the men lost in battle, he had more than a hundred wounded on his hands. Rawdon's force had a number of American deserters, many of whom were taken prisoner at Hobkirk's Hill. He was now operating without re-supply from Charleston, due to harassing activities of the irregular forces. Local foraging was not productive since the area had previously been stripped bare by Cornwallis. Morale was low, possibly even mutinous. Fort Mott, the main supply point between Charleston and Camden, was under siege. Learning of the siege, Rawdon departed Camden on May 8 to relieve the fort, leaving behind more than one hundred wounded, who were too sick to move. En route he picked up any loyalists who wanted protection while burning and destroying every thing else.

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General Greene, too, was suffering from a lack of supplies and reinforcements. Had the promised supplies and re-inforcements arrived, Greene could have attacked Rawdon in Camden, bringing the southern war to an end. When Rawdon departed, Greene, with his reduced force, moved in to fill the vacuum.

On May 15, Rawdon arrived at Fort Motte only to find that the installation had been reduced to ashes. The Americans had used flaming arrows to set the fort on fire and causing the garrison to surrender.

Following the destruction of Fort Motte, the Americans, led by General "Swamp Fox" Marion and Lt. Colonel "Light Horse" Harry Lee, moved on to Fort Granby (the site of today's Columbia.) This stronghold was defended by Maryland Tories, who had a reputation of doing more looting than fighting. They were offered a choice: face a siege, or leave the fort with their booty but no military equipment or supplies. The defenders accepted the latter, adding welcome supplies and cannon to add to Greene's dwindling resources. Lee then was assigned to support General Andrew (Wizard Owl) Pickens at Augusta. On the way he captured Fort Gilpin then moved on to Augusta to attack Forts Grierson and Cornwallis. Fort Grierson surrendered after little fighting, but Fort Cornwallis fought well, surrendering only after Lee's men erected a tower, making further defense of the fort untenable.

Marion laid siege to Georgetown and was surprised when the garrison slipped out without a fight and headed for Charleston. Twenty days after Hobkirk's Hill all interior forts except Ninety Six and Augusta had fallen.

Greene had moved toward Fort Motte, but hearing of its surrender, he turned toward the fortified town of Ninety Six. Here more than five hundred seasoned Tory veterans would provide substantial opposition to Greene's Continentals augmented by Major Robert Kirkwood's Light Infantry with some untrained militia from North Carolina and Virginia. Kirkwood arrived on the May 21, followed the next day by the main body.

Ninety Six was well fortified with advanced defensive works as well as a covered way to Holme's Fort, the source of water for both the fort and village. Greene believed that he could not take the town by direct assault and began a siege that lasted until June 19.

VIRGINIA - During the Revolutionary War there had been a number of raids on the seacoast, but the interior was relatively overlooked—until Benedict Arnold began to wreak havoc upon the area facing little opposition from the Americans. British General Henry Clinton sent Major General Phillips with 2600 men and Major General Matthews with 1800 men to continue the subjugation of the state. Upon arrival, Phillips assumed command of the entire force. Benedict Arnold, much to his discomfort, became subordinate to two British generals.

(Editor's Note: With the exception of the almost uncontested rampage in Virginia, British influence in the South was now largely confined to Charleston and Savannah. Clinton threw his full weight into the pacification of Virginia while maintaining enough men in New York for him to keep Washington forces at bay. Reinforcements were sent from New York with the intention of controlling Virginia and disrupting the primary source of supplies for the American army. Control of the sea allowed reinforcement and supply for British troops while preventing outside interference with these operations. According to British planning, the colonies would then be divided and the South eventually starved out. Subjugation of the North would follow and the rebellion would end.)

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George Washington resolutely opposed the British plan. He dispatched General Marquis de Lafayette with twelve hundred Continentals to defend Richmond, and hopefully to capture Benedict Arnold. British General Cornwallis, supplied and reinforced by the Royal Navy at the port of Wilmington, North Carolina, marched north with fourteen hundred men. Arriving in Virginia on May 20, he assumed command of Major General Phillips' army, giving him a force of seven thousand men to face off against Lafayette's Continentals that had reached Richmond at the end of April. *On May 20, Clinton arrived at Petersburg and four days later, crossed the James River to reconnoiter Lafayette's position.*

(Editor's Note: The month of May ends with Cornwallis unchecked, but not in total command of Virginia. He had defeated American forces before, but in Virginia he was not able to draw Lafayette into a battle. American General Nathanael Greene, facing only token resistance from a few isolated forts, is virtually in control of the three southern states. The handwriting is on the wall, but neither King George III nor his generals could see any great obstacle to the return of the colonies to British rule. May marks the beginning of the end of British rule in America.)

—*Andrew J. Strough III Edited by Harold Rogers*

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Notes from the CASSAR Annual Meeting in Irvine, CA

The 136th Annual Meeting of the California Society SAR was held at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Irvine. Most at-tendees arrived on April 7th and many enjoyed the hospitality suite that was arranged by the hosting Orange County Chapter that evening. The meeting was attended by several National officers, including President General J. David Sympson (KYSSAR), Secretary General Larry Magerkurth (CASSAR), Registrar General Lindsey Brock (FLSSAR), Genealogist General Joseph Dooley (VASSAR), Historian General Chuck Lampman (CASSAR), and VPG Western District Stephen Renouf (CASSAR). Some attendees had a dinner with the National officers on the evening of April 7th.

Friday, April 8, began with a call to order by CASSAR President Wayne Griswold and Presentation of the Col-ors by the Orange Co. Chapter Color Guard. Following the pledges to the Flag and the SAR, CASSAR Secretary Jim Faulkinbury called the roll confirming that a quorum was present to conduct business. Introductions of distinguished guests and past CASSAR Presidents were followed by reports by the State Officers, National Officers, Committee and Program Reports, and finally the Chapter Reports. Most CASSAR reports were very brief since the reports were in the Reports Book passed out to the attendees.

The first session ended with the reports after which the members and their guests attended a Public Service Luncheon where SAR Law Enforcement, Fire Safety, and Heroism Medals were given to members of the community. Following the luncheon, the business session was resumed while the ladies went either on a tour of the Irvine Art Museum or a shopping trip. Under unfinished business, the minutes of the Fall 2010 Board of Managers Meeting were approved, a proposal to raise the CASSAR annual dues to \$20 was passed, and some minor budget revisions for the 2011 budget were made. Under new business, Exec VP John Dodd announced that the Fall 2011 Board of Managers meeting would be held on November 3-5 at the Town & Country Hotel in San Diego and that the room rate would be \$115 per night. It was also announced that the CASSAR has made a bid to host the 2019 National Congress in Southern California. A discussion on placing recruitment advertisements in regional magazines and newsletters, such as the American Legion's *California Legionnaire*, with its over 90,000 circulation. A call for delegates to the 2011 National Congress in Winston-Salem, NC was made, since our own Larry Magerkurth is the nominee for PG and CASSAR would like a good turn-out for him. Investment Fund Trustee and VPG Western District Stephen Renouf talked about various grant ideas, including the successful Wells Fargo Grant of \$ 1,000, which Sacramento Chapter recently received. President Wayne Griswold then made presentations of the Chapter Awards of which the Sacramento Chapter received several in the large chapter category. The general session recessed until the next morning. That evening the CASSAR Officer's dinner was held with most attendees present. When the business session re-sumed the next morning, a provisional endorsement of John Dodd as candidate for Chancellor General in 2012 was unanimously approved. The recommended slate of 2011 CASSAR Officers was read by the Chairman of the Nominating Committee Rt. Rev. Louis Carlson. There being no other candidates from the floor, the nominated slate of officers was unanimously elected. The 2011 CASSAR Officers elected are: President - John Dodd, Exec VP- Keith Bigbee, VP South - Stephen Hurst, VP North - Jim Faulkinbury, VP Membership - Phil Hinshaw, Secretary -Ronald Barker, Treasurer - Michael Howard, Registrar- Owen Stiles, Chancellor - J. Jeffries Goodwin, Genealogist - Terry Briggs, Historian - James Blauer, Chaplain - Phillip Dodson, Surgeon - Ernest Latham, Investment Fund Trustees - Richard Hawley, Stephen Renouf, & Curtis Porter,

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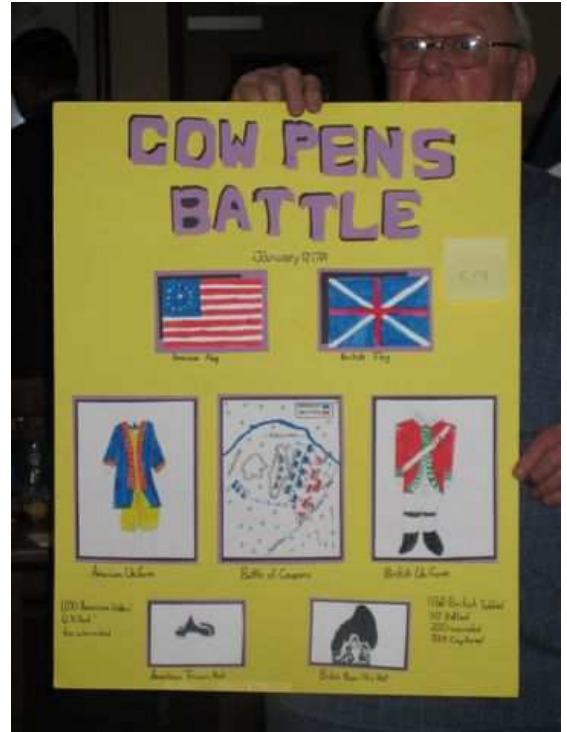
National Trustee - Wayne Griswold, and Alternate National Trustee - John Dodd. Following the election, a motion to adjourn the Annual Meeting was made and ap-proved. This was followed by a short convening of a Board of Managers meeting of the newly elected officers by President John Dodd.

The Youth Award Luncheon recognized the CASSAR Eagle Scout, Outstanding JROTC Cadet and the Knight Essay Contest winners with awards of \$1,500 Savings Bonds plus \$300 each from the Ladies Auxiliary. The winners of the Americanism Poster Contest and the Brochure Contest were also announced. Of particular interest to the Sacramento Chapter was the winner of the Outstanding JROTC Cadet Contest This award was presented to Nicholas Ingrassia, who had previously been honored by the chapter. The luncheon was followed by a Memorial Service recognizing the Compatriots who have passed on since last April. There being no further business, the hospitality room reopened until the Inauguration Banquet that evening in which awards were presented with Tom Chilton receiving the CASSAR Meritorious Service Medal and Jim Faulkinbury receiving the State Distinguished Service Medal. Following the award, P.G. Sympson swore in the new CASSAR Officers and the Officers of the Ladies Auxiliary. With the retirement of the Colors, the 136th Annual Meeting ended.

—Meeting Notes Courtesy of Jim Faulkinbury, Sacramento Chapter



Past President Wayne Griswold presents the President's Medal and Ribbon to newly elected California Society President John Dodd at the spring membership meeting in Irvine California, April 2011.



Arraya Scarlett chapter poster winner with her medallions and check and Jacob Lay whose poster was second in the chapter. Arraya and Jacob were in Mrs. Banks class at Jackson Elementary School in EDH. Compatriot Tom Douglas along with youth coordinator Tom Adams handed out the awards

Arraya's winning poster



Compatriot Douglas presents Mrs. Pam Banks a Certificate of Appreciation. All of the students in her class participated in the poster contest and received a copy of the Dunlop Broadside. All students in all schools that participate in the poster or brochure contest receive copies of the Broadside



Forest Goddard with his poster that took third place in the chapters poster contest. Jacob is in Ms. Macalusa's fifth grade class



Compatriot Douglas with a special gift for Susan Macalusa for her ongoing support of the Sons of the American Revolution class room presentations.



Youth Coordinator Tom Adams with Holy Trinity fifth grade teacher Jeremy Roderick.



Compatriot Adams with Holy Trinity eighth grade teacher Teresa Hilts. Ms. Hilts class participated in the SAR Brochure Contest.



Mother Lode Chapter Minutes; April 26, 2011

The meeting was opened by President Young at 6:30 PM at the Denny's Restaurant in Cameron Park CA. After the Invocation (Gene Myers), Pledge of Allegiance (Bob Conover) and SAR Pledge (John Krahn) the minutes of the March meeting were approved as presented in the April Dispatch.

There were eight members and eight guests present. President Young then introduced the guests for the evening. The guests included Marilyn Chilton (DAR), Tom Chilton (CASSAR Registrar & Sacramento Chapter Member), Joy Krahn (LAUX), Joyce Douglas, Donna Douglas, Jeanie Myers, Jim Faulkinbury (CASSAR Vice President North), and David Reid (possible SAR member).

Reports;

Secretary Tom Douglas; NR

Treasurer Roy Tougaw, Absent

Registrar Jim Young reported we have six active applicants; Robert Leach, Thomas Leach, Michael Leach, Melvin Purdy and Mathew Vargo.

Youth Coordinator Tom Adams reported on the ongoing youth programs. The state awards for the poster and brochure contests were announced at the Spring Meeting and the Mother Lode Chapter awards will be given out starting the first week in May. We did not have any state winners in the youth contests, but our nominee for the Valley Forge Teacher's Program, Kevin Tierney of Rolling Hills Middle School, was selected to go as one of the representatives from California. It was noted at the Spring Meeting that Mr. Tierney's application was exceptionally well done.

Historian Mel Roush NR

Dispatch Editor Tom Douglas asks for articles from the members especially articles about their ancestors.

CASSAR Vice President North Jim Faulkinbury reported this was his first chapter visit since his election at the spring meeting and hopes to see us more in the future.

CASSAR Registrar Tom Chilton reported the applications for SAR membership was still slow.

CASSAR Past President Wayne Griswold gave a short report on the spring meeting and mentioned he presented Jim Faulkinbury the Distinguished Service Medal, and Tom Chilton the Meritorious Service Medal. He also mentioned the Mother Lode Chapter had an opportunity to receive the Richard F. Locke Award for the largest growth percentage wise. All we need to do is actively reach out to the community and seek members.

Tom Chilton presented two flags from the Sacramento Chapter's collection. The Philadelphia Lt. Horse Flag, also know as the 1st Army Flag and the 1st Continental Flag also know as the 1st Rifle flag. The Mother Lode Chapter appreciates Compatriot Chilton's regular presentations of the flags.

President Young introduced our guest speaker for the evening, El Dorado County Deputy Sheriff Keith Maher. Deputy Maher gave us an interesting look at gang activity in El Dorado County. Deputy Maher comes from a county where gang activity is a big problem. Gang activity in El Dorado County is not that significant, and he said working in El Dorado County is considerably different (better) than the county he came from.

After the Benediction (Gene Myers) SAR Recessional (Tom Adams) and the singing of God Bless America, Compatriot Young adjourned the meeting at 7:51 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Tom Douglas, Secretary

Mother Lode Chapter



Mother Lode Chapter's 2011 Calendar of Events

January 25- Regular Meeting/Brochure Voting

February 4- First Poster Contest Presentation

February 22-Regular Meeting/Washington's Birthday
Law Enforcement awards presentations

March 22- Regular Meeting/ Poster Voting

April 7-9 CASSAR Spring Membership Meeting, Irving, CA

April 26- Regular Meeting

May 24- Regular Meeting/ Youth Awards Program

June 28- Regular Meeting

July- No Meeting

August- No Meeting

September 27- Regular Meeting

October 25- Regular Meeting

November-Date TBD

December—Wreaths Across America

December 27- Regular Meeting

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