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# Mother Lode Dispatch



Calling All Compatriots



## May 26, 2015 Jill Kearney - Featured Speaker

**Jill Kearney** is a second generation resident of El Dorado County and descendent of pioneer Californians. A docent at the County Historical Museum, she began to research characters and events of Placerville and the Gold Country in more depth when she got involved in the Historical Society's downtown walking tours. Her research interest focused on the events around 1864, beginning with James B. Hume's career and ultimately launching the accumulation of several folders and binders full of neat information about the Stage Robbery known as "Bullion Bend," that occurred June 30, 1864, and the band responsible, "Captain Ingram's Partisan Rangers." Were the robbers Missouri Bushwhackers and ruthless bandits or men who considered themselves patriots? What happened to them and how did their interests and actions really differ from the men on the side of the law of California at the time?

Jill found that it would help organize her desk and working space if she just put down what she learned into a booklet! She is happy to share what she's found out about Captain Ingram and his band, how he is linked to the famous Black Bart, the likelihood of finding the lost cache of the Knights of the Golden Circle, and other characters who were part of the swift justice system in old Hangtown - Placerville during the Civil War years.

*Maybe Jill can give us some clues on where to find the "lost cache".*



**Denny's**

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

The next meeting of the Mother Lode Chapter will be held on Tuesday, May 26, 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.

## Mother Lode Chapter Officers for 2015

### President

Tom Adams

### 1st Vice President

Open

### 2nd Vice President

Open

### Secretary

Tom Adams (Acting)

### Recording Secretary

Chuck Smith

### Treasurer

Wayne Griswold

### Registrar

Jim Young

### Chaplain

Gene Myers

### Sergeant at Arms

Open

### Dispatch Editor

Tom Chilton

### Webmaster

Tom Adams

### Historian

John Krahn

## Committee Chairmen

### Eagle Scout Program

Sam Bradley

### ROTC Program

Open

### Knight Essay Contest

Open

### Valley Forge Program

Open

### Community Awards Banquet

Tom Chilton

### Law Enforcement Program

John Krahn

### Flag Certificate Program

Doug Stone

### Elementary School

#### Poster Contest

Tom Adams

### Middle School

#### Brochure Contest

Tom Adams

## From the Mother Lode President

### Greetings Mother Lode:

This is our month for wrapping up our Youth Contests. We are going back to the schools and presenting our awards. This year we had two schools enter our Poster Contest, Jackson Elementary in El Dorado Hills and Holy Trinity Parish School. In the Brochure Contest we had three schools enter: Camerado Springs Middle School and Holy Trinity, and this year, Rolling Hills Middle School from El Dorado Hills returned an entry.

Some of you may recall a few years ago we carried our contests up to Buckeye Elementary, Schnell Elementary in Placerville, and even up to Gold Oak Elementary out in Pleasant Valley. We had to drop these schools because we just could not continue to cover them with our few members. But keep in mind, when we get bigger with more volunteers to the youth programs, there are schools who want us to bring them our programs ... No doubt about it!

Lastly, this year we will be honoring three teachers who have given sustained support to our youth programs for five consecutive years! ... *More about that next month.*

Bye for now; I hope many of you can join us at our next meeting. - *Tom*



**Tom Adams  
President**



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## Minutes from the April 28, 2015 Meeting

By Tom Adams

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM by Chapter President Tom Adams. The invocation was given by Chaplin Gene Myers. Tom Chilton led the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by Past President Sam Bradley leading the SAR Pledge. There were 8 Mother Lode Chapter members and 6 guests in attendance. This included our guest speaker Vince Gantt, a member of the Sacramento Chapter.

### Reports:

#### Presidents Report -

Tom reported we did not have an Executive Committee Meeting this past month, but we did conduct business via phone, text messages, emails and conversations – we made progress.

Tom attended the State Spring Meeting in Irvine this month. It was another successful State meeting – it will be well covered in the CASSAR Newsletter the *Compatriot* – so he urged members be sure and read the next issue

The Mother Lode Poster entry earned an Honorable Mention competing against 5 other Chapters

The Mother Lode Poster entry earned 2<sup>nd</sup> Place competing against 4 other Chapters

We did not compete in 'The Best Chapter' Contest this year – but we will next year

There was a helpful presentation on D&O insurance which Tom will cover under 'Unfinished Business' since we have talked about it before.

Tom reported Tommy Douglas gave him his inventory of medallions and pins and he combined them his collection. He updated the inventory tab of our Chapter Budget spreadsheet. (Sam Bradley thought he might have even more items, but after checking with Sam after the meeting, Sam found he does not have more chapter pins.) The good news is we have sufficient stock of the medallions for our upcoming Youth Awards. The down side is we do not have enough Mother Lode Chapter pins which we have been giving out as participation awards for the last few years. [This item opened up a discussion on use of the chapter pins and the need for donations – discussed later.]

Wayne created business cards for our two big donation solicitors – Bob & Sam

After reading the minutes, we still need: (see Agenda carry over in 'Unfinished Business')

We need to find a member to assume duties of Secretary (replace Tom A)

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We need to find a member to assume duties of The Sergeant at Arms. The duties are listed in our Chapter Charter: Article III-13. (Officers): "The Sergeant at Arms shall be responsible for the safe keeping of the Chapter's flags, and other meeting paraphernalia, and have them available for use at Chapter meetings." ... Anyone willing to serve in this role please see Tom.

Tom reported we are continuing to move forward with our own Mother Lode Chapter Distinguished Teacher Award, for three (3) teachers, from three different schools, who have supported our youth programs for five (5) consecutive years.

**Secretary** – No Report

**Treasurer** – Treasurer Griswold was not present, but earlier in the day had provided Tom Adams with his report. Tom gave Wayne's report with a handout indicating Expenses and Income. The chapter's current checking balance is \$2,035.83.

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By Tom Adams  
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**Registrar** – Registrar Jim Young introduced a new candidate, Bob St. Amour. Jim and Tom Chilton are currently working on Bob's application. Jim also introduced Mike Muetz whose application is also in process. Mike has attended our meeting before.

**Historian** – John Krahn had no report.

**Youth Activities** – Now that the State judging has concluded we can begin presenting our awards at the schools. We will be making 5 presentations at schools, 3 presentations to our three Distinguished Teachers, plus inviting our poster contest winner and our brochure contest winner to our May Chapter meeting on May 26th.

### **Unfinished Business:**

**Community Recognition Awards Banquet** – Tom Chilton gave his Committee report and provided a preliminary budget. The event will be held on **October 27<sup>th</sup>** at the **Cold Springs Golf Country Club**.

**NRA Grant & Color Guard** – Bob Leach reported the Committee is meeting and making progress – more to follow in the future.

**Partners in Patriotism** – No report

**CASSAR Best Chapter Awards** – Tom Adams said he is complying with the reporting requirements and Mother Lode will compete next year.

**D&O Insurance** – Tom made contact with an insurance agent at the CASSAR Spring Meeting who writes D&O Insurance for SAR Chapters. CASSAR is in discussion to see if he can write an agreement with the state to cover Chapters. In the meantime, Chapters are on their own. Tom gathered some estimates during the meeting of what our activities might be like if we had a Color Guard. Tom will ask the insurance agent for a quote for the Chapter for our current activities and for our future Chapter activities with a Color Guard.

A motion was made by Bob Leach and seconded by Bob Conover to purchase 250 additional Mother Lode Chapter pins, (at cost approximately \$385) to be used as participation awards for youth contests and as a promotional items whenever warranted. The Motion was approved and Tom was authorized to pursue the purchase, after consulting with Sam Bradley to see if Sam had surplus pins. (A check with Sam after the meeting concluded Sam did not have a sufficient surplus, so Tom proceeded with the purchase as authorized.)

The Benediction was given by Gene Myers, Bob Conover led the SAR Recessional and Tommy Douglas led us in song, "*God Bless America*". The meeting was adjourned and given over to the speaker.

### **Presentation:**

**Vince Gantt**, a member of the Sacramento SAR Chapter, gave a talk on "The Real American Revolution." Vince's theme was that the British had historically been our enemy. Our independence and the support we gave to others seeking their independence conflicted with the goals of the British Empire. Vince also brought along a collection of vintage firearms from his impressive private collection and offered several for sale as a licensed firearms dealer.

## The Mother Lode Chapter Pin: Can we still afford to give them out?

It is a common practice to give a "participation" award to any young person that enters a completion regardless of their success in placing among the winners. The last few years the Chapter has presented our 7/8" diameter Mother Lode Chapter (lapel) pin as our participation award. This year, with a total 99 participants in our Poster Contest and our Brochure Contest, we discovered we did not have enough pins in our inventory to continue the practice without purchasing more pins at a cost of about \$1.50 each. That is a lot.



In a healthy Chapter discussion on the matter it was pointed out that other Chapters, like Sacramento, issue a Participant Certificate at a much reduced cost. On a few occasions in the very beginning Mother Lode used Certificates in 2009 & 2010. In 2011 & 2012 we switched to the practice favored by another Chapter, Gold Country, and gave out 'Dunlap BroadSides' of the Declaration of Independence.

In 2013 & 2014, after Tommy Douglas' generous gift of an order of the 7/8" Mother Lode Chapter (lapel) pins, we gave these pins out as participation awards. Tom Adams said that as an observer in the classroom when participation awards are being given out, he knows that some awarded 'Dunlap BroadSides' never made it out of the classroom. He would imagine the same would be true of Certificates. The pins on the other hand appeared to have great acceptance and many were immediately pinned on to the young person's clothing and we would assume found their way home – hopefully to be looked at, and maybe read, by a parent.

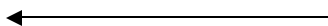
There is little question the Mother Lode Chapter (lapel) pin is a superior award to a paper award, both in terms of its meaning and value to the young recipient, and as an advertising vehicle of our Society. The question is, do we want to continue the practice? The Chapter passed a motion to purchase another 250 pins (for \$378). Now, the question is, can we afford it? ... The simple answer is, no, not with our current finances – the purchase is not covered in our budget. ... The solution is for the members (or others) to donate funds to cover this expense. Tom Adams announced he was making a 'modest' gift donation and urged others to do the same. Tom said, as the Chapter President, he would provide to the donor a letter citing our 501(c)(3) tax exemption status for tax purposes.

If you agree that the 7/8" Mother Lode Chapter (lapel) pin is an excellent participation award for the young people entering our contests – plus a great gift to our friends and supporters – please consider making a donation at this time. Send your donations to: **Wayne Griswold**, Treasure, 283 Randall Dr. Folsom CA, 95630-4926. Wayne's email is: [wagris@att.net](mailto:wagris@att.net)

## Photos from the April 28th Meeting



President Tom Adams presents Vince Gantt with the Mother Lode Certificate of Appreciation.



Kevin Tierney and Mike Muetz look over some of Vince Gantt's collection of Revolutionary War guns



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Kevin Tierney just became a member of SAR and the Mother Lode Chapter, but his story and his connection to SAR and the Mother Lode goes back some years. In 2009, when Tom Adams had only been an SAR member for a year, he was appointed the State's Youth Activities Director when that position became suddenly vacant. In his appointment letter, then CASSAR President Lou Carlson charged Tom with coming up with a "Middle School" program. There was not one middle school program in the State or in all of NSSAR. Tom found the emails of local middle school teachers on-line and sent them all an email with a plea for help. Kevin, an 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Teacher at Rolling Hills Middle School in the Buckeye Union Elementary School District, answered Tom's call and offered to help, which triggered a series of "after school" meetings at Bella Bru in El Dorado Hills. Kevin had several ideas for contests from his teaching experience. One program, a brochure contest, looked very promising. It had three qualities: (1) any student could do it - no technology required; (2) creating a brochure is a well-known skill - students can do this; and (3) it is the perfect bridge between the hand-drawn 5<sup>th</sup> grade poster contest and the high school written Knight Essay contest. Kevin prepared an 8-page guideline containing the rules for developing the brochure and then for judging it. CASSAR accepted the proposal, and very shortly so did the National Society. As we know the Brochure Contest is now in its second year as a National contest.



But Kevin wasn't done. He 2011, he applied for and won the CASSAR Valley Forge Teacher Scholarship to attend the Valley Forge Freedom Foundation Graduate Teacher Program. Upon his return he was invited to be the guest speaker at the CASSAR BOM Meeting in San Diego in November 2011. Kevin's presentation, on the importance of what our society is doing in education, so impressed the attendees that State and National Officers urged Mother Lode members like Wayne Griswold, Jim Young, and Tom Chilton to work on Kevin's genealogy to bring him into the society. We need members like Kevin, they said. In early 2015, Tom Chilton solved the problem and Kevin's Pennsylvania Militia Patriot is now fully documented.

## Mother Lode has a New Web Page

By Tom Adams

We have a "different" web page now. For years, Tommy Douglas maintained a website for us on GoDaddy.com at his own expense. [www.motherlodesar.org](http://www.motherlodesar.org) "Thank you Tommy." When I became Chapter President I promised Tommy I would take over the responsibility of being our webmaster. The catch was I was going to have to do this on a "FREE" website. So here is our new web page address: <http://tomadams1776.wix.com/motherlode>. When you get something "Free" you get "what you paid for" as the old saying goes, so our new web page is pretty limited. That is also true because of the limitations of the webmaster (me.) ... Also I am learning the WIX free webpage doesn't show-up very well on some browsers. It apparently works best with 'Google Chrome.' Here is what I am able to do: I will publish off the *Dispatch*: the Featured Speaker, the President's Message, the Meeting Minutes (for that month), a re-cap of the Presentations, and any additional items of interest. I will also list the Chapter Officers, our Calendar of Activities and column on our three major programs: Community Awards Banquet, Poster Contest, and Brochure Contest. That may sound like a lot, but here is what I am NOT publishing on our web site: Pictures. ... Maybe we can later come up with a website to will do that. ... Anyway, here is our "free" web site.

## Asa Allcott - Allcox - a Patriot of the American Revolution

Asa Allcott, the son of Daniel and Elizabeth (Dutton) Allcott (Allcox), was born on April 27, 1760, in Waterbury, Connecticut. Daniel and Elizabeth had at least ten children, including Asa. Asa's third great-grandfather, Thomas Alcock, immigrated to this county with Winthrop's company in 1630, settling in Boston.

Asa enlisted at Waterbury in the spring of 1776, in Capt. Jehiel Meig's company, Col. Andrew Ward's regiment of the Continental Line. His unit joined Washington at New York in August 1776, and was stationed first near Fort Lee. Marching with the troops to White Plains and subsequently into New Jersey, he took part in the battles of Trenton on December 25, 1776, and Princeton on January 3, 1777, and encamped with Washington until the expiration of his year's service. On March 1, 1778, he enlisted again for three years in Capt. Daniel Pendleton's company, in Col. Jeduthan Baldwin's regiment of "Artificers" Connecticut line of troops.

After he returned from service, Asa took up residence near his relatives in the part of Waterbury that later became Wolcott. He married Sabra Plumb on May 18, 1780, in Waterbury. His name appears on the Waterbury tax lists in 1787 and 1793.

Before 1793, he and his family moved to Ballston, Saratoga County, New York, where tradition says he kept a grocery store. County records show that he owned a considerable amount of land in Ballston. He later moved to Benton, Yates County, NY. There, on May 23, 1818, he applied for and received a pension for his service as an Artificer. He was granted a pension of \$96 per year.

Asa and Sabra Allcott had the following children: Daniel, Amos, Paulina, Simeon, Marilda, Sylvia, Almena, Delecta, and Asa. Asa's wife, Sabra, died in Benton, NY, in 1836. Asa died on January 14, 1846, in Naples, NY. "Till the day of his death, it is said that he never lay down in the daytime."

Mother Lode Chapter Applicants Robert Deno Saint Amour and his son, Robert Edward Saint Amour, are descendants of Daniel and Asa Allcott.

## Daniel Allcott-Allcox - a Patriot of the American Revolution.

Daniel Allcott, the son of John and Deborah (Blakeslee) Allcott (Allcox), was born on March 25, 1737, in Waterbury, Connecticut. John and Deborah Allcox had at least twelve children, including Daniel. Daniel's second great-grandfather, Thomas Alcock, immigrated to this county with Winthrop's company in 1630, settling in Boston. Daniel married Elizabeth Dutton on June 28, 1759 in Waterbury.

Daniel was a soldier in Captain Asa Bray's Company, Colonel Hooker's Regiment, serving at Peekskill from April 3 through May 15, 1777. He was also a member of the committee to provide clothing and soldiers for the war effort. In about 1795, he and his family moved to Colebrook, Connecticut. There he was known as Capt. Allcox. He and his wife were original members of the Colebrook Congregational Church when it was formed on December 31, 1795.

Daniel died on May 24, 1805, in Colebrook. Elizabeth left Colebrook before 1817, and probably spent the remainder of her life with one of her children. Daniel and Elizabeth Allcott had the following children: Asa, Daniel, Samuel, Joseph, Benjamin, Elizabeth, Mary, Benoni, Susana, and Urania.

Mother Lode Applicants Robert Deno Saint Amour and his son, Robert Edward Saint Amour, are descendants of Daniel and Asa Allcott.

## Your Ancestor - a Patriot of the American Revolution

Your ancestor's biography could be here next month. All you have to do is write his or her bio, and send it to me as a Word document (.doc, .rtf, etc.). Most of the information can be found on your SAR application. You send it to me - I guarantee you will see it in an upcoming edition of the Dispatch. To qualify for a Chapter streamer from NSSAR, we must submit bios for 20% of our member's Patriot ancestors by the end of the month, **so time is of the essence**. Mother Lode Chapter needs five more bios to qualify. If you need help writing your ancestor's bio, I will be happy to assist you. Tom Chilton

# Mother Lode Chapter's 2015 Calendar

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

September 22, 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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