

# SAR Mother Lode Chapter Dispatch

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**Greeting Compatriots!** This is our Chapter's Monthly Newsletter, the *Dispatch*. For the present time, we will publish the *Dispatch* as an email.

Our next Chapter Meeting will be on **Tuesday May 24, 2022**, at 6:30 PM at **Denny's**. Come at 6:00 PM if you want to order a meal.

**This will be an *all in-person meeting* – NO Zoom.**

Mother Lode Chapter  
Meeting Minutes - April 26, 2022  
Meeting at Denny's in Cameron Park

The meeting was called to order by President **Doug Drake** at 6:00PM, Compatriot **Randy Keith** gave the invocation, Compatriot **Mike Muetz** led the Pledge of Allegiance and President **Doug Drake** led the SAR Pledge.

There were eight (8) regular Chapter members, **Tom Adams, Doug Drake, Sam Bradley, Kevin Tierney, Gene Bell, Mike Muetz, Randy Keith** and new member **Steve Belden**. We had one guest, **Clinton Bazzill**, who wishes to join SAR and is working on his application. **Tom Douglas** and **Doug Drake** have offered to help him and are working with him.

In addition, there were three special guests, **Anne Adams** (Tom's wife), **Mary Lou Bell** (Gene's wife), and **Judy Muetz** (Mike's wife).

The meeting opened as a regular meeting and the officers were called upon to give their report.

- Treasurer, **Bob Conover**, was not in attendance so no formal treasurer's report was given.
- Secretary, **Tom Douglas**, was not in attendance so no formal Secretary's report was given.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President, **Kevin Tierney**, was present. He deferred to **Tom Adams** who stood in Kevin's place at the **CASSAR Spring Meeting** last weekend in Sacramento.
  - Tom** reported the Mother Lode Chapter **Poster** entry finished in 4<sup>th</sup> place at the State Competition. Our young winner will receive a cash prize of **\$150**.
  - Tom** reported the Mother Lode Chapter **Brochure** entry finished in 2<sup>nd</sup> place at the State Competition. Our young winner will receive a cash prize of **\$300**.

- Dispatch Editor, **Tom Adams**, reported the **April Dispatch** went out again as an email.

- Compatriot **Gene Bell** took up the challenge of donating to allow us to continue to give our **Mother Lode Chapter pins** to each young person who participated in our contests. Others followed: **Gene Bell** \$25; **Doug Drake** \$20; **Steve Belden** \$20; **Tom Adams** \$20 for a total of **\$85**.

- President **Doug Drake** took the opportunity to re-create the presentation he made at the CASSAR Spring Meeting to **Gene Bell** for his participation in **Bugles Across America**. The Mother Lode Chapter awarded Gene the **Bronze Good Citizenship Medal**.

## ELECTION & APPOINTMENT OF OFFICERS

- President **Doug Drake** discussed with **Tom Adams**, *Dispatch* Editor, and new Chapter member **Steve Belden** regarding Steve becoming our new editor. After a discussion with **Steve**, President **Doug Drake** made the appointments:
  - Steve Belden** is the **Chapter Newsletter Dispatch Editor**
  - Steve Belden** is the **Chapter Webmaster**

## COMMENTS by GUESTS

- Our one applicant guest, **Clinton Bazzill**, said he was still working on his SAR application, and looking forward to joining us as a member.
- Our other guests, **Judy Muetz, Anne Adams** and **Mary Lou Bell**, wives of members participated fully in our discussion.

## OLD BUISINESS

President **Doug Drake** opened **Old Business** on the potential Mother Lode Chapter Community Awards Banquet.

- After a discussion there was a consensus decision that the Chapter would continue to plan for an Annual Community Awards Banquet on Tuesday, **October 18, 2022**.
- After that decision, President **Doug Drake** led a Community Awards Banquet Planning session. President Drake has an outline for planning the event. The conclusions of the **APRIL** planning session are contained in the **ATTACHED** document by Doug Drake, titled: **MAY**
- Gene Bell** was presented with a framed **SAR Bronze Good Citizenship Certificate and Medal**. Doug asked Gene to bring the award to the Mother Lode Chapter Meeting on April 26<sup>th</sup> and President Drake re-enacted the presentation for the Mother Lode Chapter members who could not attend the State Conference.

## NEW BUISINESS

- President **Doug Drake** announcement that the 'Celebration of Life' for **Tom Chilton** May 13<sup>th</sup> at the Folsom Community Center. **Tom Adams** reported the *Dispatch* contained an article on the Celebration of Life' for **Tom Chilton**.
- Tom** reported the *Dispatch* contained an announcement of an opportunity to donate to enable us to give our **Mother Lode Chapter pins**.

## CLOSE OF MEETING

Compatriot **Kevin Tierney** gave the Benediction, **Doug Drake** led the SAR Recessional, and the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 PM.

*Minutes compiled from notes provided by President Doug Drake and Compatriot Tom Adams.*

Respectfully edited and submitted,

**Tom Adams**, Recording Secretary

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## Gene Bell Recognized at State Meeting in Sacramento

Mother Lode Chapter President **Doug Drake** flew into Sacramento from his home in Hawaii on Thursday; and the next day he appeared at the CASSAR Community Awards Banquet Luncheon, in full Continental Soldier uniform. The single purpose of his presence was to recognize Compatriot **Gene Bell** before the State Annual Convention for Gene's unselfish service to veteran's families as a true bugler at that their loved one's funeral or memorial. Gene was presented with the framed **SAR Bronze Good Citizenship Certificate and Medal**. Doug asked Gene to bring the award to the Mother Lode Chapter Meeting on April 26<sup>th</sup> and President Drake re-enacted the presentation for the Mother Lode Chapter members who could not attend the State Conference. Look for the full article in the California State Society's *Compatriot* Newsletter: "**Compatriot Gene Bell Sounds Taps at Veterans' Funeral**"



## ATTACHMENT

### MAY

Item Priority	Item	Person Responsible	Initial When Done	Follow-up	
1	Venue	Mike			
2	Date	10/18			D
3	Agency 1 Sheriff	Bob			
	Agency 2 Police	Bob			
	Agency 3 CHP	Bob			
	Agency 4 TBD	Steve			
4	Meal Chairperson	Steve & Doug			
6	Venue Chairperson	Mike			
8	Maitre'D	Russ			
9	Servers (Explorers?)	Bob			
10	Colorguard Chair Civ Air Patrol	Mike			
11	Ticket designer/orderer	Tom A			
12	Invitor of Agencies	Bob Steve			
13	Gatherer of photos and bios of awardees	Tom A			
14	Table Decorations/pre-seating cards	Doug			
15	Hall Setup	Sam			
16	Co-ordinator Soliciting donations	Randy			
17	Ticket collector at door	DAR			
18	Master of Ceremonies	Russ			
19	Obtain Awards	Tommy D			

## COMMENTS AND TIPS

- a. We need to divide up the work so no one person is overwhelmed. Suggested Chairpersons:
- Overall Chairperson-ensures that sub-chairpersons complete their assigned tasks timely; selects awardees, writes letters of invitation and explanation of banquet, Arranges Venue and Date (Items 1-4), selects guest speaker and communicates with him/her as to venue, date and time. This person would also arrange for invitations to be sent to special guests who do business with MLC. e.g. our banker at Umpqua.
  - Meal Chairperson- in 2017 the meal was okay, but there was a lack of interconnection between the venue host and the caterer. The caterer prepared an okay meal, but portions were not hot and some tables didn't receive all their food. The hot dishes should be served on hot plates and the salads on cold or room temperature plates. This chairperson would ensure the caterer has the kitchen at the venue, knows the venue. This person could also be the Maitre'D
  - Venue Chairperson-in 2018 Mike Muetz stepped up and saved the day arranging for the venue, parking, open bar, locating colorguards, storage of flags, etc., pending the function. These would be the duties of the Venue Chairperson. Mike's offering of the venue and arranging for an open bar, with the proceeds of bar sales going to the American Legion Hall was a win-win for all.
  - Maitre'd-in 2017, there were several people who did not obtain all the food we paid for, specifically, several tables did not receive starches and got only salad, a piece of meat and a vegetable. Some missed dessert. The Maitre'd would be responsible for the servers making certain the tables are properly served. As this requires duties during the dinner portion of the banquet, this person should arrange to eat first and then supervise the servers. This person would also be responsible for initial contact with the servers, communication with time and place, and meets them at the door and helps them get oriented to the venue at the banquet.
  - Colorguard Chairperson- arranges for the invitation of the Colorguard (in 2017, the Youth CAP), meets them at the door and helps them get oriented to the venue. Could be the Maitre'D

## Leave our Mark!

**Will you donate so we can continue to give every young person who enters a Mother Lode Contest a Mother Lode Chapter Pin? ...**



**We have done this for years, but now we've exhumated our inventory of pins. ... Just give whatever cash you can to Treasure Bo Conover, our write a check for any amount, to "Mother Lode Chapter SAR" and write "Chapter Pins" in the comment line. ... Our goal is \$500. ... We can do this!**

**PS: We collected \$85 at our April Meeting!**

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