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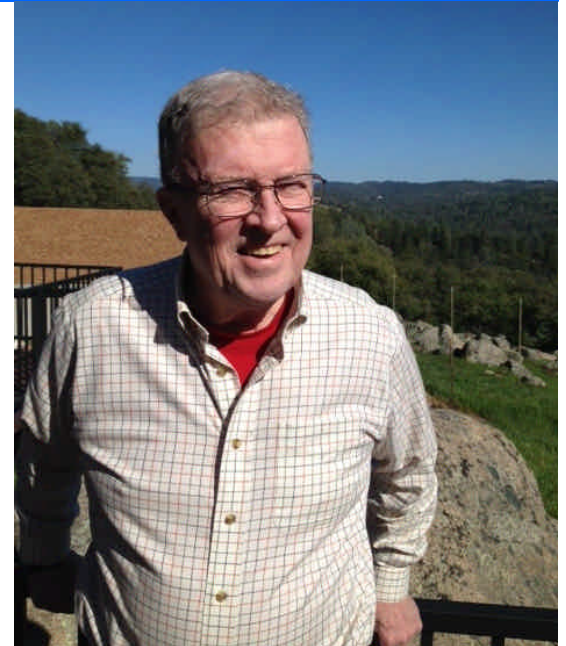
Featured speaker - Stephen Olney Almy

Stephen Olney Almy is one of the newest members of the Mother Lode Chapter, and will be inducted into our chapter during the November meeting. In celebration of his induction into the Mother Lode Chapter, he will give a presentation about his 3rd great-grandfather, Stephen Olney, who was instrumental in winning the final battle at Yorktown during the Revolutionary War.

Stephen Olney was well known by Washington, and a close, personal friend of Lafayette. He fought in every battle of the Revolutionary War, culminating when he led his men into the British Redoubt 10 at Yorktown, and winning the battle. With British General Cornwallis' surrender, the war was over, and this was recognized by Washington and Lafayette.

For over two hundred years, Stephen Olney's descendants have treasured items originally belonging to him, including his Brown Bess musket. Stephen Olney Almy has many of those items, including the musket, and will bring them for display during his presentation.

This should be an excellent presentation. Don't miss it!!



Stephen Olney Almy

Denny's

Denny's Restaurant
3446 Coach Lane

The next meeting of the Mother Lode Chapter will be held at 6:30 PM on Tuesday, November 22, 2016, at Denny's Restaurant in Cameron Park. The meeting starts promptly at 6:30. Come early to socialize with your friends.

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Community Awards Banquet

Tom Chilton

Law Enforcement Program

Open

Flag Certificate Program

Open

Elementary School

Poster Contest

Tom Adams

Middle School

Brochure Contest

Tom Adams

From the Mother Lode President

Mother 2016

Greetings Mother Lode:

Wow! Another great Mother Lode Chapter Community Awards Banquet!

Tom and Marilyn Chilton worked very hard to make this the Chapter's most important event. Thanks folks – you make us proud!

Coming up this month, November 22nd, will be our last meeting of the year. We are not planning on holding a December – Christmas Meeting. We will have our election of officers at this November Meeting. We also should have a discussion about what we want to do next. I will bring up again the idea of taking American Revolution era artifacts (real and replicas) into the classroom. Schools want us. I am told it is called "In Class Field Trips" in education parlance. We take a piece of the real world into the school. So bring your ideas to share. We also should talk about the progress of our Color Guard proposal. We need to find a way to make this happen.

I attended the CASSAR Board of Managers Meeting in Burlingame this Month so I can give you a report on what transpired.

Bye for now. See you all soon. – *Tom*



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Final Report - 2016 Community Awards Banquet

By Tom Chilton

The 2016 Mother Lode Chapter's Community Awards Banquet is now in the history books. We had a great program and a good turn out - a total of 68 Mother Lode Chapter members and wives, awardees, and guests attended. We were honored to have Jim and Karen Faulkinbury (Jim is NSSAR, Vice President General, Western District), Ron and Conni Barker, (Ron is President CASSAR), Jim and Uni Fosdyck, (Jim is CASSAR Ex. VP), and Derek and Janet Brown), (Derek is CASSAR VP North). Jim and Uni live in Orange County, and Derek and Janet live in the Bay Area.

Our speaker, Dr. Igor Birman, gave a very interesting presentation. Each recipient received a framed certificate, an appropriate medal, and a SAR Challenge coin.

Profit/loss

Expenses		Income	
Print programs	\$145.31	Checks and cash	\$1,860.00
Print RSVP cards & invitations	\$6.03	Donations	\$1,110.00
5 presentation frames	\$89.71	Expected check	\$30.00
Engrave 4 medals	\$20.00		
2 challenge coins	\$26.99		
Medals, & 6 challenge coins	\$220.74		
Postage	\$27.26		
Cost of meals	\$2,426.00		
Donation to the Color Guard	\$100.00		
Total	\$3,062.04		\$3,000.00
Profit/Loss	-\$62.04		

As you can see, this was an expensive program. Donations from John D'Agostini, Marilyn and Tom Chilton, Joyce and Tom Douglas, Page and Jeff Doyle, and Karen and Chuck Smith helped to make it possible. We also want to thank Dr. Albert d'Vittorio for the wine that he graciously provided for this event.

I want to thank Tom Adams, Jeff Doyle, Page Parker, Parker Doyle, Tom Douglas, Mike Muetz, Doug Drake, Bob Conover, Jim Young, and Marilyn Chilton for their help in making this event a success. Photos and bios of our awardees can be found on the following pages. Photos by Parker Doyle can be found on pages 10 and 11.

Happy Thanksgiving

Law Enforcement Commendation Award Recipient Officer Ronald Ellison CHP

On November 29, 2015 at approximately 8 a.m., a family of six took an off-road excursion to go fishing at Junction Reservoir in a remote location of El Dorado County. After enjoying the day, the driver and father of the five passengers, soon realized he was lost in the wooded area among the snow and ice on the dirt roadway they were traveling. He called the California Highway Patrol (CHP) at approximately 2:30 p.m. and informed the dispatcher the family was lost and that his pickup truck had begun sliding toward a cliff. He stated that he had been holding the brake pedal of his pickup with both feet for some time to prevent it from going over the edge. He also related they were running out of food and water and they were very cold. He was in fear for the immediate safety of his family.

A CHP helicopter was called in and began searching for the family by using cellphone information to get the GPS coordinates of the victims. The flight crew found the pickup truck near Icehouse Road, north of Highway 50. CHP Officer Ron Ellison #15607 and Officer Rob Nevins #13603 responded on the ground to help the family. Access to the vehicle was hampered due to the icy slope. Officer Ellison approached the truck on foot and applied straps to stabilize the vehicle to a nearby tree. He also placed rocks behind the tires to discourage any further slippage. Officers Ellison and Nevins then assisted the family members to safety.



As a result of Officer Ellison's heroic act, none of the family members were hurt.

Law Enforcement Commendation Award Recipient Deputy Roman Fontana El Dorado County Sheriff's Department

Deputy Roman Fontana has worked for the Sheriff's Office since February of 2007. He is assigned to the Operations Division as Patrol Deputy and has collateral assignments as a SWAT Sniper and a Dive Team member. These positions require extensive training and are collateral assignments in addition to his primary assignment as a Patrol Deputy. He remains available 24/7 for dive call-outs, and SWAT missions. Deputy Fontana is dedicated to these assignments and to the service of our community. He is exemplary in his service to our country.

Deputy Fontana served five overseas tours of duty in the Army as a Sergeant First Class, two of which while working for the Sheriff's Office. He served in Kosovo, Serbia, Afghanistan, and did two tours of duty in Iraq. Deputy Fontana is a true patriot and the epitome of the Sheriff's Office vision statement.



Deputy Roman Fontana

Law Enforcement Commendation Award Recipient Detective Jason Alger Placerville Police Department

Detective Jason Alger has 21 years of law enforcement experience. He started working in patrol with the City of Half Moon Bay Police Department in 1995. From there he went to the Daly City Police Dept in 1999, where he worked patrol and gangs and as a Field Training Officer. In 2002, Detective Alger moved to El Dorado County and began working for the El Dorado County Sheriff's Office where he continued to work patrol for 2 years. In 2004, he joined the Placerville Police Department. He has worked as a K9 Officer, Field Training Officer, Assistant Squad Leader, SWAT, and is currently assigned as lead detective in the investigations unit.

Detective Alger's efforts in the unit have earned him the nomination for this award. One case specifically stands out as an example of his hard work and dedication. In July of 2015, Detective Alger was assigned a child molestation case. This case involved a father molesting his daughter for nearly 10 years. The suspect in the case was a respected member of the community. This case required several search warrants, travel out of the county, and hundreds of hours of work. With the outstanding work that Detective Alger put in to this investigation, it resulted in the suspect pleading guilty to all counts and he is now serving the maximum penalty in prison.

Detective Alger continues to work vigilantly on his caseload at the Placerville Police Department. This is only one example of how his dedication to the job has paid off. The Placerville Police Department is proud to have Detective Jason Alger as one of their own.



Detective Jason Alger

Heroism Award Recipient Firefighter/Paramedic Adam Gregory El Dorado Hills Fire Department

On June 29, 2016, Firefighter/Paramedic Adam Gregory and his family were returning home from vacation when they came across a serious accident in the city of Patterson, CA. The accident occurred seconds prior to his arrival and involved two vehicles traveling 55 mph that struck each other head-on. Firefighter/Paramedic Gregory approached the first vehicle and found one conscious victim attempting to control bleeding in his arm. He was alert and had an open foot fracture stuck under the pedals. Firefighter/Paramedic Gregory introduced himself as an off-duty Firefighter/Paramedic and asked what he could do to help. While speaking with first victim, another witness stated, "I think the guy over there is dead."

Firefighter/Paramedic Gregory explained to the first patient that there was another person who may need more help and left to assess the other driver. Firefighter/Paramedic Gregory found a second patient inside a vehicle that had come to rest on train-tracks. Inside the vehicle, he found an unconscious man in his twenties slumped over the steering wheel with blood coming from a head wound (possibly caused by impact on the steering wheel). Firefighter/Paramedic Gregory was unable to open the doors by the handles, saw that the front driver's window was damaged during the collision, and used his

elbows to finish breaking through to gain access to the driver's compartment. Firefighter/Paramedic Gregory peeled the window back and checked and confirmed tachycardia (rapid heartbeat) by checking his pulse rate. Firefighter/Paramedic Gregory pulled the man out of the vehicle and opened his airway improving his breathing. The patient had shallow and unequal breaths. A Stanislaus County Deputy arrived on-scene and Firefighter/Paramedic Gregory requested to have the railroad tracks shut down and that two medical helicopters be ordered. At this time, Firefighter/Paramedic Gregory's patient became combative and the Deputy came to assist in controlling the patient onto a backboard with the assistance of the engine crew and Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) from the ambulance. Firefighter/Paramedic Gregory and the EMT packaged the patient and placed him on the gurney to prep the patient for a helicopter flight.

Firefighter/Paramedic Gregory assisted with additional Advance Life Support until both patients were transported by helicopter to the nearest Trauma Center. Both patients are expected to survive their injuries. According to Paul Willette, a Paramedic with the Patterson Fire Department, "Firefighter/Paramedic Gregory's decisive actions that day deserve recognition, no doubt he made a difference".



Firefighter/Paramedic Adam Gregory

Medals Awarded

The SAR Heroism Award

The Medal for Heroism may be presented by the National Society, a state society or a chapter for acts of bravery. It recognizes outstanding bravery and self-sacrifice in the face of imminent danger, i.e., acts which involve great personal courage and risk to the recipient. It is intended primarily for acts by civilians not in uniform but does not exclude police, firemen, and SAR members. It is not intended to recognize acts which would have been covered by armed forces medals for valor. The medal may also be presented posthumously.



The SAR Law Enforcement Commendation Medal

The Law Enforcement Commendation Medal is presented to those who have served with distinction and devotion in the field of law enforcement. The medal is intended to recognize exceptional service or accomplishment in the field of law enforcement. Eligibility is not limited to peace officers but extends to the entire range of persons who make and enforce the law to include, but not limited to, peace officers, attorneys, judges, prosecutors, and legislators who have performed an exceptional act or service beyond that normally expected. The medal may be presented posthumously.

The obverse of the medal depicts a police badge design surmounted by a gold eagle with the SAR Badge below. The names of all recipients are published annually in the SAR publications.



This will be your last Complimentary issue of the Dispatch!

By Tom Chilton

We have been publishing our monthly newsletter, the Mother Lode Dispatch, since October 2007, shortly before the chapter was chartered. Most of this time it has been published at no cost to the Chapter. With few exceptions, the cost of printing and mailing the newsletter has been covered by Joyce and Tom Douglas and Marilyn and Tom Chilton. As our chapter grows, these costs also grow. Today it costs almost two hundred dollars (\$200.00) each year. I believe that this money could be used for a better purpose, such as our Youth Programs, Awards Banquet, etc.

I have long thought that the newsletter provides a valuable service to our members, keeping them up-to-date as to what the chapter is doing and what its plans are for the future. I also feel that it is unfair to expect a few members to foot the bill to print and publish it. Some chapters have an on-line only newsletter. Others ask their members who want a hard copy delivered in their mail to pay for a it (usually \$10.00 per year).

It is time for the Mother Lode members to decide how they want to receive the newsletter. In the 2017 Dues Notice that you received in the fall there was a line asking if you want to continue to receive a hard copy the Mother Lode Dispatch, and would be willing to pay ten dollars (\$10.00) in addition to your normal dues for the newsletter. We will continue to publish an on-line edition for those who do not want to pay the extra \$10.00.

If you did not include the ten dollars (\$10.00) with your 2017 dues, but now would like to continue to receive a hard copy of the Dispatch, please send your check for ten dollars (\$10.00) made payable to the Mother Lode Chapter SAR to Tom Douglas. It should be sent to:

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Tom Chilton

Newsletter Editor

Happy Thanksgiving

Photos from the 2016 Awards Banquet

By Parker Doyle



The E. L. Carnahan Cadet Squadron 85 Color Guard presents the Colors.



Dr. Igor Birman
Featured speaker



Mother Lode Chapter President Tom Adams
and Master of Ceremonies Bill George



Sheriff John D'Agostini, Mike
Muetz, and John Krahn



Page Doyle and Marilyn
Chilton set up the room.



Jim and Dacia Young and one of our guests.



Tom Douglas, Dr. Igor Birman,
and Jeff Doyle



Dave Petty, Bob Conover,
and Stephen Almy



Mike Muetz
and Doug Drake.

Photos from the 2016 Awards Banquet

By Parker Doyle



Tom Douglas, CHP Officer Ronald Ellison, CHP Representative, and Jeff Doyle.



Tom Douglas, Placerville Officer Jason Alger, Jeff Doyle, and Placerville representatives.



Tom Douglas, Deputy Sheriff Roman Fontana, Sheriff D'Agostini, and Jeff Doyle



Officer Jason Alger, Officer Ronald Ellison, and Deputy Roman Fontana.



Mother Lode Chapter's Calendar for 2016 - 2017

November 22, 2016 - Regular Meeting
Denny's Restaurant - Stephen Olney Almy to speak about his patriot ancestor. Stephen Olney.

December 2016 - **No Meeting**

January 24, 2017 - Regular Meeting
Denny's Restaurant - Program to be announced

February 28, 2017 - Regular Meeting
Denny's Restaurant - Program to be announced

March 28, 2017 - Regular Meeting
Denny's Restaurant - Program to be announced



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