



Next Meeting Tuesday, October 26, 2021, at 6:30 PM  
at the Denny's Restaurant on Coach Lane in Cameron Park

**Mother Lode Chapter**

**NEXT Meeting at DENNY'S!**

**Tuesday October 26, 2021 at 6:30 PM**

**To: Members and Friends of the Mother Lode Chapter SAR**

**DUE TO COVID RESTRICTIONS  
THE OCTOBER BANQUET HAS  
BEEN **CANCELED**, SO THE 2021  
COMMUNITY AWARDS WILL BE  
PRESENTED AT THE AWARDEE'S  
SITE BY OUR COLOR GUARD**

**Mother Lode Chapter**  
**Meeting Minutes, September 28, 2021**  
**Denny's Restaurant, Cameron Park, CA**

The meeting was called to order by President Mike Muetz at 6:31 PM. Compatriot Randy Keith gave the invocation, Compatriot Tom Douglas led the Pledge of Allegiance and Compatriot Tom Adams led the SAR Pledge.

There were six regular members, **Nolan Hall, Gene Bell, Tom Adams, Mike Muetz, Tom Douglas**, new SAR member **Randy Keith**, three guests, prospective members **Mike Smith, Steve Belden** and DAR member **Gaelyn Keith**.

President Muetz presented new member Randy Keith his SAR Membership Certificate and Secretary Douglas pinned the SAR Rosette on his collar. President Muetz and Secretary Douglas presented Compatriot Keith the Mother Lode Chapter Pin. Compatriot Keith shared thoughts on his Scottish heritage and history.

Compatriot Tom Adams made a motion and it was seconded by Gene Bell to endorse Compatriot John Dodd for Secretary General to the SAR National Nominating Committee. After discussion it was passed by the Chapter. Secretary Douglas agreed to email the SAR nominating committee the results of the vote.

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Compatriot Tom Adams brought to the Chapter three items to discuss and possibly act on.

The **first** was the book titled “Albion’s Seed: Four British Folkways in America”. A 1989 book that details the folkways of four groups of people who moved from distinct regions of Great Britain (Albion) to the United States. Compatriot Adams had a copy of the book with him and shared it with the meeting (information sheet attached to the minutes). [see **BELOW**]

The **second** item was a response from CASSAR Executive Vice President Craig Anderson to Compatriot Adams regarding the publishing of the Chapter’s Newsletter (attached). Compatriot Adams also asked those present if there was a member that might be interested in becoming the editor of the Mother Lode Dispatch. [see **BELOW**]

The **third** item is the CASSAR Spirit of America Program. The Spirit of America Award involves awarding two young people (one boy, one girl) from a school’s graduating class to receive the SAR Bronze Good Citizenship Medal at their graduation ceremony (see attached information). Compatriot Adams enthusiastically endorsed the program and suggested we move forward with it. The meeting was not well attended and it was agreed there would be no vote on the proposal, however those that were there agreed it would be something the Chapter should move forward on. [see **BELOW**]

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Guest and DAR member Gaelyn Keith talked about the new Folsom Chapter of the DAR and how quickly the membership was growing and how involvement in the community was expanding.

Compatriot Gene Bell shared a little on his involvement in the Bugles Across America, a group of men and women who volunteer to play taps at a veterans funeral.

Compatriot Keith gave the Benediction, President Muetz led the SAR Recessional and the meeting was adjourned at 7:55 with the singing of God Bless America.

Respectfully submitted,  
**Tom Douglas, Secretary**

## Mother Lode Chapter Welcomes New Member Randy Keith

At our September 28<sup>th</sup> meeting the **Mother Lode Chapter SAR** was pleased to welcome new member **Randy Keith**. Randy and his wife, **Gaelyn Keith**, make their home in El Dorado Hills.



Randy's Patriot Ancestor is **Tobias Lasseter**. Gaelyn is an active member of the recently established Folsom **Charlotte Parkhurst** Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution, **DAR**.

**Albion's Seed: Four British Folkways in America** is a 1989 book by [David Hackett Fischer](#) that details the [folkways](#) of four groups of people who moved from distinct regions of [Great Britain \(Albion\)](#) to the [United States](#). The argument is that the culture of each of the groups persisted, to provide the basis for the political culture of the modern United States.<sup>[2]</sup> Fischer explains "the origins and stability of a social system which for two centuries has remained stubbornly [democratic](#) in its politics, [capitalist](#) in its economy, [libertarian](#) in its laws and [individualist](#) in its society and [pluralistic](#) in its culture. Source: [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Albion%27s\\_Seed](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Albion%27s_Seed)

The **four** migrations are discussed in the four main chapters of the book:

### **East Anglia to Massachusetts**

*The [Exodus of the English](#)*

*Puritans ([Pilgrims](#) and [Puritans](#) influenced the [Northeastern United States](#)' corporate and educational culture)<sup>[4]</sup>*

### **The South of England to Virginia**

*The [Cavaliers](#) and [Indentured Servants](#) ([Gentry](#) influenced the [Southern United States](#)' early plantation culture)<sup>[5]</sup>*

### **North Midlands to the Delaware Valley**

*The [Friends' Migration](#) ([Quakers](#) influenced the [Middle Atlantic](#) and [Midwestern United States](#)' industrial culture)<sup>[6]</sup>*

### **Borderlands to the Backcountry**

*The [Flight from North Britain](#) ([Scotch-Irish](#) and [border English](#) influenced the [Western United States](#)' ranch culture and the [Southern United States](#)' common agrarian culture)*

## Chapter Newsletter

From: Craig Anderson <craigandersonsar@gmail.com>

To: Tom Adams

Cc: Craig Anderson

Sat, Sep 18 at 11:46 AM

**Hi, Tom**

I'm getting back to you on your questions yesterday. We are publishing our newsletters using marketing email software called Constant Contact. It's pretty simple to use and avoids the formatting issues (and other headaches) associated with most publishing software.

If your chapter would like to use Constant Contact, here's my suggestion.

Designate one person who will be your newsletter editor and who is computer literate.

We will give him access to Constant Contact, and I will train him on how to use the software and how to put together a newsletter.

I will create a template for your editor to use that will minimize the work of putting this together.

If this is of interest and you have someone interested in doing this, I would be willing to give him a demo via zoom on how it works.

**Craig**

D. Craig Anderson

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Proposal for Each of Us to Consider:

**Would you like your family to sponsor the two  
Outstanding Graduating Eighth Graders in a Middle  
School in El Dorado County?**

Here are schools the Mother Lode Chapter has been in:

**Rolling Hills Middle School  
Camerado Springs Middle School  
Holy Trinity Elementary  
John Adams Academy**

Here are schools the Mother Lode Chapter has yet to be in:

**Pleasant Valley School  
Gold Trail School  
Camino School  
Herbert Green School  
Miller's Hill School  
Mountain Creek School  
Edwin Markham School  
Sierra Ridge Middle School  
Marina Village School**



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### The Existing (since 1986) CASSAR Spirit of America Program

- **Recognizing the Outstanding Eighth Grade Boy and Girl**

The **Spirit of America Award** involves awarding two young people (one boy, one girl) from the district's / school's / graduating class to receive the **SAR Bronze Good Citizenship Medal** at their graduation ceremony.

- **Rules for the Award:**

Students to be recognized are selected by **school faculty** using these criteria:

- **DEPENDABILITY** (Punctuality, truthfulness, honesty, loyalty, trustworthiness and self-control at school, home and in the community);
- **COOPERATION:** (Respect for authority, property and the rights of others, and courtesy);
- **LEADERSHIP:** (Ability to improve the school experience for self and others); and
- **PATRIOTISM:** (Loyalty to the United States of America, knowledge of the purposes as expressed in the Preamble of the Constitution and the Declaration of Independence, and the meaning of and respect to the Flag of the United States of America).

- **Rules for SAR Chapter:**

In cooperation with the **school**, determine: Where and when the awards are to be made

- If an SAR Color Guard Member will be making the presentation
- If the medals are to be engraved – determine content
- If the Certificate is to be framed

- **Contacts:**

Spirit of America Award Chairman is: **Bob Taylor**. Where to find description:  
<https://www.californiasar.org/youth-programs/spirit-of-america/>

- **Prizes and Awards:**

**SAR Bronze Good Citizenship Medal and Certificate**



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### The Proposed (2022) **Mother Lode Spirit of America** Program

- The **Mother Lode Chapter Spirit of America** program, *unlike* the CASSAR program, recognizes Middle School Graduates *within* a District.
  - The annual expense of sponsoring an eighth-grade graduation at a school (young man and young woman) is **\$200**. [2 x Bronze GC Medals + 2 Special Certificates + 2 custom shadow-box frames]
  - The sponsoring **family** selects the school of their choice and provides a deposit of **\$1,000** to assure **5 years** of graduation sponsorship.
  - The **Chapter Treasurer** will establish and monitor each family's account.
  - The **Chapter Youth Activities Coordinator** will:
    - (1) Have access to the ML America Spirit Family accounts for expenses
    - (2) Make all arrangements with each school
    - (3) Procure the SAR Good Citizenship Medals (2 x school)
    - (4) Procure the SAR Good Citizenship Certificates (2 x school)
    - (5) Oversee the appropriate inscriptions on the certificates and medals
    - (6) Procure the Certificate & Medal frames to include assembly
    - (7) Arrange for SAR Color Guard Presentation at school agreed upon ceremony
  - The **Chapter President** is responsible for:
    - (1) monitoring the Spirit of America Family School Accounts to assure adequate reserve each year, and
    - (2) to take such action as necessary to sustain and maintain the Chapter's commitment to the schools that have agreed to participate,
    - (3) including soliciting replacement sponsoring families, if ever necessary.
  - The **Chapter Color Guard Commander** is responsible for:
    - (1) Confirming the actual presentation time and location with the school
    - (2) Arranging for the Chapter Color Guard presenters
    - (3) Accepting the framed awards from the Youth Activities Coordinator
    - (4) Reading the Awards at the school presentation event
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The Proposed (2022) Mother Lode Spirit of America Program (cont.)

***HERE is the AWARD!***

**FRAMED MEDAL & CERTIFICATE  
w/o Miniature Medal**



**CERTIFICATE RENDERING**

**The Spirit of American Award is presented by the (YOUR FAMILY NAME) to the Outstanding Young Lady, (HER NAME) from (HER SCHOOL), through the Mother Lode Chapter of the California Society of the Sons of the American Revolution**

**THE FRAME**



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**Go to *CASSAR Websites* to learn about our**  
***next State & National Society Meetings***

Date/Time	Event
Nov 04, 2021 - Nov 07, 2021	<a href="#">146th Fall Board of Managers Meeting</a> <i>Mission Inn, Riverside CA</i>



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