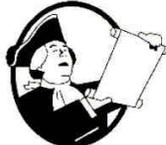


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Calling All Compatriots



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Featured speaker - Kevin Tierney

Kevin Tierney has been in education for over 25 years. He is currently the Coordinator of Professional Development with the El Dorado County Office of Education. He spent 24 years as a teacher in the Buckeye Union School District. Kevin has a master's degree in education as well as a master's in history. He loves to read history books and travel. Kevin has been married to his wife, Karen, for nearly 30 years.

The topic of his presentation: California Department of Education Adopts New Social Science Framework. In July, the California Department of Education approved the new Social Science Framework, marking the first time a new framework has been introduced before new standards were written. The new framework is focused on an inquiry based approach to teaching history.



Kevin Tierney.



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

The next meeting of the Mother Lode Chapter will be held at 6:30 PM on Tuesday, 27, 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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Tom Chilton

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Flag Certificate Program

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Elementary School

Poster Contest

Tom Adams

Middle School

Brochure Contest

Tom Adams

From the Mother Lode President

September 2016

Greetings Mother Lode:

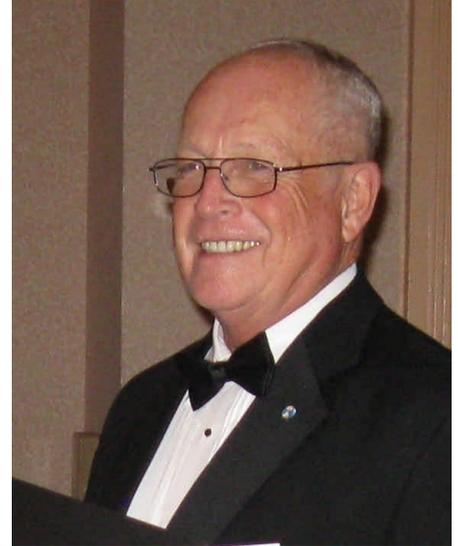
Welcome Back! How was your summer? Good, I hope.

Our big upcoming event will be our Annual Community Awards Banquet next month. Put **Tuesday, October 25th**, on your calendar now!

This month's meeting we were hoping to have a report on how our effort to create a **Color Guard** is coming along. We will have to wait a little longer. Key members of that committee will be absent: Doug, Jeff & Jim. Each of them is traveling back east with their families experiencing this great land of ours. *Enjoy!*

What's next? How about creating a **Patriots Trunk program**? We have talked about this a couple of times before, but it is such a promising program I have to keep bringing it up. This is the sort of program where we go into the schools. It is sometimes called an "in-school field trip". Instead of the kids getting on a bus and going on a trip, the adventure comes into the classroom. We go into a classroom with a "trunk" full of historical artifacts, replicas, and stories from the American Revolutionary period. Our Patriot's time. Our target audience will be 5th graders and 8th graders where the Colonial period and the American Revolution are taught in California schools. Does this interest you? Would you like to help build our **Patriots Trunk program**? As before, come prepared to share ideas!

Bye for now, I hope you can make the meeting. – *Tom*



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Minutes from the June 28, 2016 Meeting

By Jeff Doyle

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM by Chapter Vice President **Jeff Doyle**. The invocation was given by **Gene Myers**. Past-President **Jim Young** led the Pledge of Allegiance followed by **Mike Muetz** leading the SAR Pledge. There were 10 Mother Lode Chapter members and 5 guests in attendance.

Jeff asked for an approval of the Minutes from the last meeting which were printed in the current issue of the Dispatch. The Minutes were approved as contained in the *Dispatch*. Jeff announced our speakers tonight, Tom Boyd and Paul Money from the Folsom Power House.

Presentation:

Our Featured Speakers Tom Boyd and Paul Money delivered a multimedia presentation covering the history of the Folsom Power House.

Reports:

Presidents Report – Tabled until September meeting as Tom is attending the National Congress.

Secretary – **Tom Douglas** reported Charity Trust documents have been filed with California Attorney General.

Treasurer – Treasurer **Wayne Griswold** was unable to attend. **Tom Douglas** reported \$25 was paid for the Charity Trust filing.

Registrar – Registrar **Jim Young** recently met with Dr. Ellison in Jackson regarding membership.

Sunshine – **Gene Myers** reported that Marcie Conover is home.

Chapter Programs:

Community Recognition / Awards Event – **Tom Chilton** was unable to attend, but later confirmed that he is coordinating local honorees. **Mike Muetz** reported the Color Guard application was filed.

Youth Activities – Tabled until September meeting. **Kevin Tierney** was unable to attend.

Poster Contest – Tabled until September meeting **Tom Adams** was unable to attend.

Brochure Contest – Tabled until September meeting **Tom Adams** was unable to attend.

Partners in Patriotism – **Mike Muetz** reported he coordinated with the CAR to set flags along Highway 50 on Memorial Day and they are scheduled to do the same on July 4th.

Flag Certificate Program – **Mike Muetz** had no new information to report.

Color Guard – **Doug Drake** was unable to attend. **Jim Young** showed uniform Doug obtained and reported NRA grant had been turned down and that it will be re-worked and submitted for consideration this year. **Jeff Doyle** reported the Go Fund Me crowdfunding site will be launched by July 4th.

Unfinished Business:

Rebuilding Chapter Records Copies – this effort is in progress.

New Business:

Jeff shared the NSSAR 250th Logo Contest winner.

Jeff announced that the DAR had sent 100,904 letters to active-duty service members.

Adjournment:

Motion to Adjourn was made by Sam Bradley and Seconded by Mike Muetz. The motion was approved.

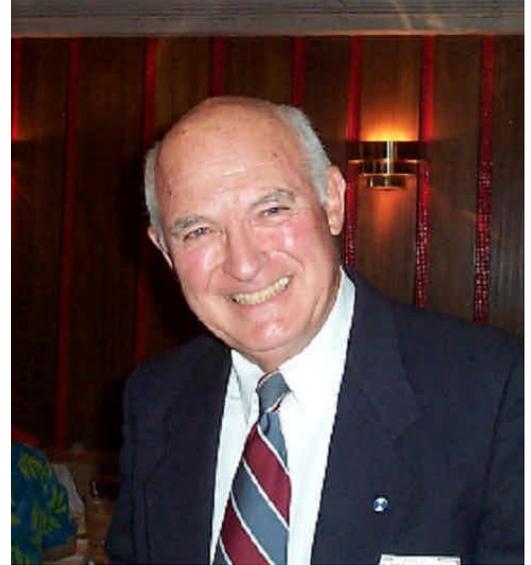
The Benediction was given by **Gene Myers**, **Jim Young** led the SAR Recessional, and **Tom Douglas** led us in singing, "God Bless America". The meeting was then adjourned.

Mother Lode Chapter's 5th Community Awards Banquet

Mark your calendar now!!

By Tom Chilton

The Annual Community Awards Banquet is the Mother Lode Chapter's **signature event**. This year it will be held on Tuesday, October 25, 2016, at the Cold Springs Golf and Country Club. As in the past, we have invited local police, sheriff, and fire officials to identify members of their staff who have performed acts above and beyond what is normally expected of them. We have invited the local CHP, the Placerville Police Department, the Rescue Fire Department, the El Dorado Hills Fire Department, and the Cameron Park Fire Department to participate this year. It is hoped that we will have at least ten recipients, ten spouses/guests, and ten supervisors, for a total of at least 30 guests. I hope that all of our local members will plan to attend this special event. It is possible the we will have more guests than members unless you mark your calendars now.



Featured Speaker for October - Igor Birman

Born in the Soviet Union in 1981, Igor Birman has seen firsthand the misery that tyrannical government inflicts upon its people, and learned the precious nature of freedom by witnessing his parents' struggle under the communist regime. After a decade of Soviet refusals to issue an exit permit, Igor and his family arrived in California as refugees in 1994. By then a firm believer in the American dream, Igor proudly became a U.S. citizen in 2001. At the age of 16, Igor enrolled at UC Davis where he received a political science degree. At 24, Birman graduated as Doctor of Law from Emory University and then joined the California State Bar. In 2009, Representative Tom McClintock appointed Birman as his Chief of Staff, tasking him with managing operations of the Congressional office, serving as senior policy and strategy advisor, and making Birman the youngest Chief of Staff on Capitol Hill. Throughout his life in America, Igor has not stopped promoting the ideals of freedom. Birman's articles and opinion pieces have been published around the country and his guest commentary has appeared on talk radio and TV.

An avid skier and private pilot, Igor splits his time between Washington DC and Sacramento.



Dr. Igor Birman

Mother Lode Chapter Ranks in Top Third of SAR Chapters Nationally!

By Tom Adams

Every year the National SAR Society runs "The President General's / Americanism Award" challenge. Chapters from across the Nation compete. A third of SAR's 562 Chapters fill out a monthly multi-page score sheet and send them into National for judging at the annual Congress. Statistically, up against the original colonies and southern States, California Chapters have little chance of winning with our shortage of Revolutionary War sites, cemeteries and monuments to visit. For years, no California Chapter has even bothered to enter – *until now*. Tom Adams, our fearless leader, heard the Chairman of the Americanism Committee remark at a National meeting: "*Doing the activities itemized in this spreadsheet is what every SAR Chapter should be doing.*" Tom was curious to know what National thinks of what we are doing as a Chapter, so all last year he dutifully prepared the monthly multi-page score sheets describing what we, the Mother Lode members, do! The results were published in August after Congress, and the Mother Lode Chapter ranked 24th out of 75 Chapters our size (under 50 members). That is impressive! *We did good!*

Christmas Party Anyone?

By Tom Adams

In 2013 and 2014 we joined the Sacramento SAR Chapter for our Christmas meeting. They meet earlier in December than we do, so we joined them and we got to see some old friends – the Mother Lode Chapter was formed by four members of the Sacramento and Gold Country Chapters in 2008 (Tom Chilton, Wayne Griswold, Tom Douglas and Jim Young). Plus, by joining them we were able to enjoy the entertainment provided by the Choral Music Ensemble, Vista del Lago High School, from Folsom – *talented group of young people!* But last year Sacramento canceled their Christmas meeting. I just checked, and they not going to hold the event this year either. We are on our own – again. So, anyone up for a Christmas Party? Any ideas?

Tom Adams



Mother Lode Chapter's Calendar for 2016

September 27, 2016 - Regular Meeting
Denny's Restaurant - Kevin Tierney will speak on the new Social Science framework recently approved for our elementary schools.

October 25, 2016 - Annual Awards Banquet at the Cold Springs Golf and Country Club. More later.

November 22, 2016 - Regular Meeting
Denny's Restaurant - Program to be announced.



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