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Calling All Compatriots



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Welcome back from summer vacation. I hope everyone has had a wonderful summer and I'm looking forward to resuming our meetings beginning in September.

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Budget planning for 2012 is currently underway. The process has been ongoing over the summer and it is almost formulated.

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A great deal of time and effort by the Executive Committee has been spent in the preparation of the budget. Hopefully, the finished product will be presented to the membership at the upcoming meeting.

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I am proud to announce that we have four new members that will be welcomed as Compatriots. At present, one of our new members will be attending our upcoming meeting, so please join us as we welcome him and get to know him. We will be meeting at 6:30 P.M. on Tuesday, September 27th at the Denny's Restaurant on Coach Lane in Cameron Park. See you there.

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Jim Young



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Next Meeting September 27th, 2011

Denny's Restaurant
3446 Coach Lane
Cameron Park, CA.
6:30 PM

An Investment in the Future: Enrolling your Grandchildren in C.A.R.
by Tom Adams, CASSAR C.A.R. Liaison

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Vacant

Valley Forge Program

Vacant

Law Enforcement Program

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Flag Certificate Program

Doug Stone

Americanism Poster Contest

Tom Adams

I do not think of myself as being terribly political. Although on the issue of what America is, where it is heading, and how it should change, I end up on the side that feels our Founding Fathers had a very unique vision and solution. Before we tinker too much with our fundamental values and principles we need to thoroughly understand what we might be giving up.

I have lived my life and I will not be around for the many attempts ahead to redefine America – but my grandchildren will. I would like to leave them with a deep sense of national ownership. When someone comes along and wants to change our republic model, I want them to say, *“Wait a minute. Not so fast. This is my Country!”*

What steps can I take to make that a reality? Our two sons are paid up SAR members; our two daughters are paid up DAR members – but they are not active, they have their heads down working to build their own young lives. So with their blessing, I have reached past them and enrolled their children into the Children of the American Revolution (C.A.R.).

I invest by paying their C.A.R. dues, and when feasible I offer to take them to C.A.R. meetings and functions. In addition I did something else that you might want to consider. In California, you can make the child's enrollment especially memorable, thanks to the efforts of one remarkable lady, Billie Spence, a Past California Society C.A.R. Senior President. For a very modest fee you can purchase for your grandchild an Heirloom Certificate which Billie personally fashioned into a replica of a beautiful 100 year old C.A.R. Certificate. What I have also learned is that an unframed certificate ends up in a drawer long forgotten. On the other hand, an attractive framed certificate ends up on a wall – maybe in the child's bedroom, or in a well trafficked hallway. So purchase a simple frame.

I chose a special day, Thanksgiving, as the day I gave all nine of our grandchildren their C.A.R. Heirloom Certificates. I told them we have much to be thankful for in this land. Now let this certificate, with their name on it; forever remind them of their heritage: *“You are a Child of the American Revolution. This is your land!”*



Need some help in exploring how to enroll your grandchildren in the C.A.R.? In Northern California, contact Tom Adams, tomadams@iname.com 916.600.7211 cell. In Southern California, contact Sean Moore, scm2900@gmail.com 626.253.4295 cell.

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SAR-CAR



SAR members and role players met with Amador CAR members and Leaders

Tom Chilton aka “Mountain Man Tom” (far left in hat) of the Sacramento Chapter CASSAR, Tom Douglas aka “Capt. James Curry of the Eighth Virginia Regiment” Mother Lode Chapter, CASSAR (center with period uniform) and Tom Adams, aka “Tom Adams”, (third from the right back row) CASSAR liaison to the CAR, Children of the American Revolution, attended the meeting of the Amador CAR for August. Mountain Man Tom and Capt. James gave accounts of their activities during the Revolution. “MM Tom” explained his role as a colonist who farmed West of the Appalachian Range near the Cumberland Gap, was convinced to fight only when he learned the English planned to return his farmland to the natives after the war. “Capt. James” Joined the Eighth as a Lieutenant and became a Captain in the 4th Virginia when the two units were consolidated. Tom Adams serves the State Society not only as the CAR Liaison but also as State Youth Activities Coordinator and the Mother Lode Chapters Youth Activities Coordinator and Vice President..

Guest Speaker Vince Gantt and his collection of Revolutionary War weapons and his wife Geni Cassidy at the June 28 Mother Lode Meeting



Members visit with Vince Gantt before dinner



New member Merv Purdy (far left) and his wife Jackie visit with members and guests.

More June 28, 2011 meeting photos



Mother Lode President Jim Young receives another supplemental ancestor certificate from chapter Secretary Tom Douglas.



Guest Speaker Compatriot Vince Gantt shows off some of his period weapons and the working parts of the weapons.

More June 28, 2011 meeting photos



Compatriot Gantt in period fighting clothing preferred by many of the Revolutionary War Soldiers.



Hand weapons from Compatriot Gantts collection

President Young presents Compatriot Gantt with a certificate of appreciation.

Mother Lode Chapter Minutes for the meeting of June 28, 2011

The meeting was called to order by President Jim Young at 6:30 pm at the Denny's Restaurant in Cameron Park California. After the Invocation, by Chaplain Gene Myers, the Pledge of Allegiance led by Sam Bradly and the SAR Pledge led by Compatriot Tom Chilton the guests of the evening were introduced. Dar members Jackie Purdie (El Dorado County), Jeanie Myers (Sacramento) Marilyn Chilton (Sacramento), Joy Krahn (LAUX), Cecilia Wolary (LAUX), Marcia Conover, Tom Chilton (Sacramento SAR) Vince Gantt (guest speaker) and Jeni Cassady, his wife. New member Merv Purdie was introduced.

Reports;

Secretary Tom Douglas; no report

Treasurer Roy Tougaw could not be present due to health issues. Tom Douglas reported there was \$1300.00 in the checking account.

Registrar Jim Young updated the members on a number of applications and hopes to have a number of new members soon.

Historian Mel Roush; no report

Dispatch Editor Tom Douglas would like more members to submit the information they have on their patriot ancestors.

Youth Activities Coordinator Tom Adams Reported on the ongoing activities of the SAR and our connection to the CAR.

Merv Purdy reported on the need for finances for the ROTC in El Dorado County. There is no real support for the ROTC in El Dorado County and without some support the ROTC will eventually close down in our area. There is already no support for the ROTC in the El Dorado School District.

Compatriot Tom Chilton presented two period flags, the Bennington Flag and the Philadelphia 1st Army Flag.

After dinner Compatriot Vince Gantt gave his talk on weapons of the Revolutionary War (see photos).

After the Benediction (Gene Myers) SAR Recessional (Wayne Griswold) and the singing of "God Bless America" the meeting was adjourned at 2040.

Respectfully submitted,
Tom Douglas, Secretary
Mother Lode Chapter, CASSAR



Mother Lode Chapter's 2011 Calendar of Events

January 25- Regular Meeting/Brochure Voting

February 4- First Poster Contest Presentation

February 22-Regular Meeting/Washington's Birthday
Law Enforcement awards presentations

March 22- Regular Meeting/ Poster Voting

April 7-9 CASSAR Spring Membership Meeting, Irving, CA

April 26- Regular Meeting

May 24- Regular Meeting/ Youth Awards Program

June 28- Regular Meeting

July- No Meeting

August- No Meeting

September 27- Regular Meeting

October 25- Regular Meeting

November-Date TBD

December—Wreaths Across America

December 27- Regular Meeting

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