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# Mother Lode Dispatch



Calling All Compatriots



## February Program

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Ed Allen's lifelong interest in history began in the 4th grade when his teacher Miss Stein introduced him to California history.

Ed was born in Santa Monica, CA June 11, 1947. He was raised in the San Joaquin Valley and attended public schools. He graduated from Salinas High School and served three years in the U.S. Army from 1965 to 1968. After his return he went to Hartnell Junior College and graduated with a degree in Anthropology and Archaeology from CSU Fresno with high honors in 1973. His first job out of college was servicing and repairing microscopes. This skill set came from his hobby of building telescopes. At this time he also met the love of his life Joanne, they have been married 34 years. After three years of working for others he started his own repair business and also started designing and manufacturing reproductions of antique telescopes.

Twenty-five years of work were enough and Ed retired at 50. Ed and Joanne started volunteering at Bodie SHP in the summer of 1997. They still spend a month of each summer there. In 2003 they decided to move from Santa Cruz County to El Dorado County. Ed wanted a greater opportunity to expound his passions of California history and motorcycle riding; he made the right choice.



The next Mother Lode Chapter meeting will be at Denny's, on February 28, 2012

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

## Mother Lode Chapter Officers for 2010

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Bob Conover

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Open

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Tom Douglas

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### Eagle Scout Program

Vacant

### ROTC Program

Vacant

### Knight Essay Contest

Vacant

### Valley Forge Program

Vacant

### Law Enforcement Program

John Krahn

### Flag Certificate Program

Doug Stone

### Americanism Poster Contest

Tom Adams

## The President's Corner by Bob Conover

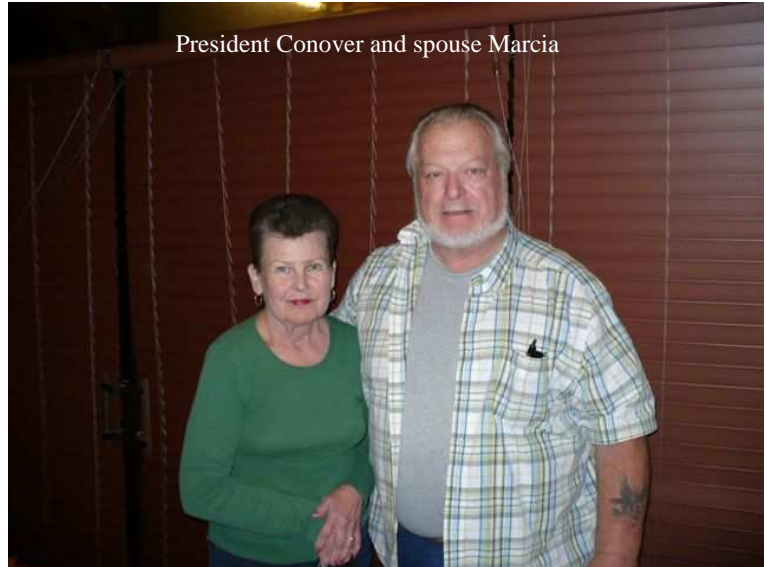
Well we survived my first meeting as President without too many oops.

The February meeting is going to be very important as we will present information of the awards dinner coming in March. The dinner will cost \$25.00 per person and has a

kids menu at \$7.00 for age 7 to 12, and those under 7 are free. We will discuss the kids menu at the meeting.

We have a guest speaker for February's meeting. Ed Allen will speak on the history of the gold country.

Judging the posters is the next item we as members must do. We have to judge the poster contest before the CASSAR April meeting. This would allow the winner to be in competition at the state level



President Conover and spouse Marcia

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### Five 8<sup>th</sup> Graders from C.A.R. Sacramento Society Enter the CASSAR Brochure Contest - *Three different ways!*

Submitted by Tom Adams, Mother Lode Chapter and CASSAR Youth Activities Coordinator

The California Society of the SAR (CASSAR) actively promotes their contests to C.A.R. members by attending C.A.R. Summer Workshops, C.A.R. Society meetings, and through e-mails to Society Senior Officers. It started out with SAR encouraging young C.A.R. members to approach their school classroom teacher and suggest that the teacher invite the SAR into their class to present the SAR contests. SAR is in essence asking the C.A.R. to help market their contests in public and private schools throughout the State.

That is still true, but another option suddenly opened up at the 2010 Northern Workshop when Judy Brown, now Senior State Vice President, asked, “*Why can’t we, a C.A.R. Society, be a school?*” Suddenly the “One-Room Schoolhouse” concept was born. The CASSAR immediately agreed. While still looking for the opportunity to offer their Poster, Brochure and Essay contests to C.A.R. member’s school classmates, the CASSAR now also accepts contest entries directly from a C.A.R. Society – just as if it were a school.

In 2010, then 8<sup>th</sup> grader Marissa Mancebo of the Ariel Bradley Society entered a brochure and won second place in the inaugural state-wide CASSAR Brochure Contest – an impressive accomplishment.

In 2011 five 8<sup>th</sup> graders from the Sacramento Society have entered the SAR Brochure Contest in three different ways!

Two of the 8<sup>th</sup> graders, **Kaitly Malinovsky** and **Mason Hall**, entered the contest through their participating school, Holy Trinity Elementary. This is the customary means of entering a SAR Contest – through the child’s school.

Another 8<sup>th</sup> grader, **Ciara Barrett** who attends Markham Middle School in Placerville, is entering the SAR Brochure Contest through the C.A.R. One-Room Schoolhouse option pioneered by Marissa Mancebo last year.

There is now a new third option: Two other 8<sup>th</sup> graders (**Leslie Young** and **Hannah Bailey**) got the idea and instructions for creating a brochure from CASSAR by attending a C.A.R. meeting, but then, with the cooperation of their Society President Jeannette Barrett, CASSAR SAR-C.A.R. Liaison, Tom Adams, and their parents, approached their 8<sup>th</sup> grade teachers to have their brochures entered into the CASSAR Contest through their schools to the local SAR Chapters. Leslie Young attends Country Day School in Sacramento, so her brochure went to the SAR Sacramento Chapter. Hannah Bailey attends St. Rose Elementary in Roseville, so her brochure went to the Gold Country Chapter in Placer County. This approach involves the school, usually for the first time, in a SAR Contest – and it is an opportunity for the child to receive some in-school recognition. Plus, in this incidence it involves two SAR Chapters in the Brochure Contest for the very first time as well.

The fact that all five 8<sup>th</sup> graders in the C.A.R. Sacramento Society prepared a brochure to enter into the SAR Brochure Contest demonstrated to the younger C.A.R. members that responding to the opportunity and challenge of contests is painless and fun – much to the delight of Sacramento Society Senior President, Jeannette Barrett and the other senior officers.



CAR Member Leslie Young



Photos of Poster Contest Presentation by Mother Lode Chapter at Holy Trinity School in El Dorado Hills, CA



Mountain Man Tom (Chilton) (above) explains the reasons he left Tennessee to fight against the Redcoats.

Tom Adams gets things started with an explanation of the rules and the awards that may be won.

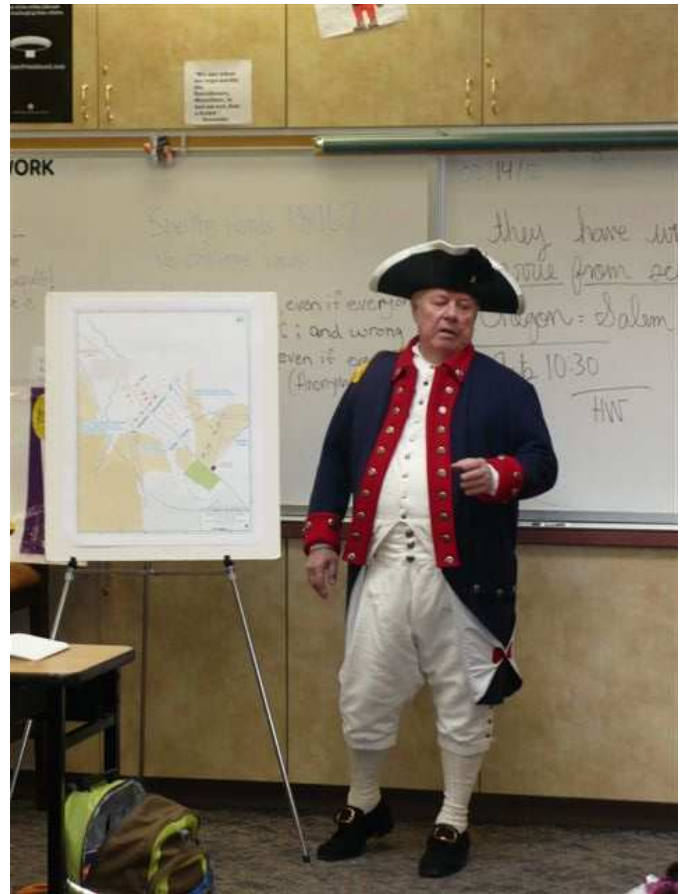
Mountain Man Tom (below) talks about his involvement at the Battle of Gilford Courthouse with a map of the battle site.



Photos of Poster Contest Presentation by Mother Lode Chapter at Holy Trinity School in El Dorado Hills, CA



Captain James Curry (aka Tom Douglas) points out the battle site of the Gilford Courthouse



Capt. Curry talks about Virginia's 4th regiment at the battle of Gilford Courthouse (above). The 4th was Capt Curry's unit.



Captain Curry (left)

Mountain Man Tom (below) describes the Gilford Courthouse flag.

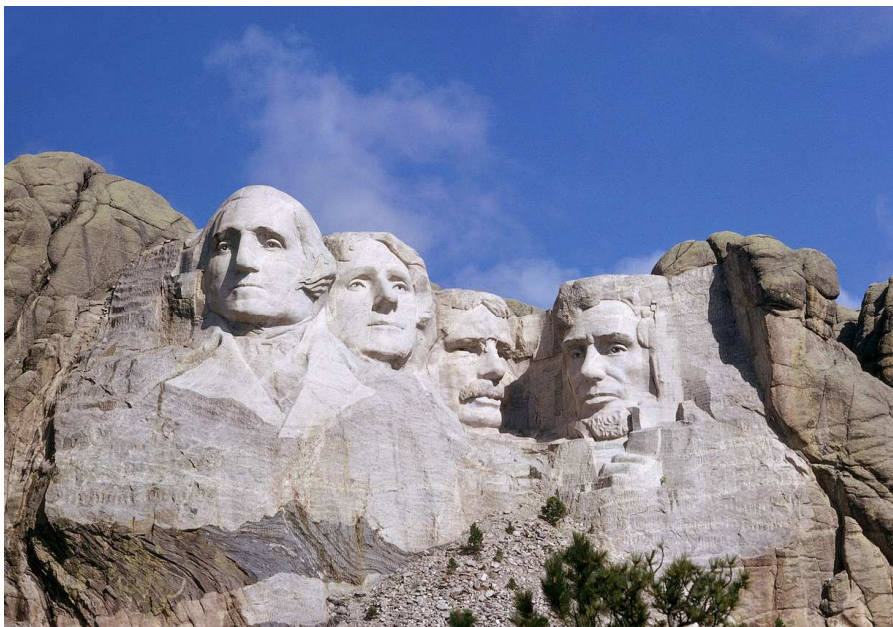




## HAPPY BIRTHDAY GENERAL WASHINGTON

George Washington was born in Virginia on February 11, 1731, according to the then-used Julian calendar. In 1752, however, Britain and all its colonies adopted the Gregorian calendar, which placed Washington's birth on February 22, 1732.

(From The Center for Legislative Archives)



## Meeting Minutes

### Mother Lode Chapter

January 31, 2012

The meeting was called to order by President Bob Conover at 6:30 PM.

The Invocation was given by Chaplain Gene Myers.

Following the invocation, the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Sam Bradley and the SAR Pledge led by Merv Purdy.

The Guests for the evening were introduced by President Conover; beginning with his wife Marcia, Jackie Purdy El Dorado DAR, Jeanie Myers, El Dorado DAR, Marilyn Chilton, Sacramento DAR, Joy Krahn, LAUX and Tom Chilton Sacramento Chapter Member and Mother Lode Dual Member.

This is Bob Conover's first meeting as the Mother Lode Chapter President and he said he was looking forward to working with all of the compatriots in the Mother Lode Chapter in making 2012 a successful year for the SAR In Patriotic Service

Secretary/Treasurer Tom Douglas was unable to attend.

Registrar Jim Young said there is one application at National to be approved.

There was no Historian report

Old Business: Bob Conover reported we are going to have the awards dinner at the Cold Springs

Country Club on March 27, 2012. He said this is going to great settings for us to recognize this year's Public Safety Award winners.

Tom Adams pointed out that our March Meeting is traditionally the where meeting we hold our Poster Contest Judging. Bob replied we will need to find another time & place and he would take it into consideration.

Tom Adams gave the Youth Activities Report stating we would be selecting the Chapter's winning brochure tonight. Further, he said we are beginning the Poster Contest presentations and that our two main schools, Jackson Elementary and Holy Trinity, have already indicated they will participate again. Tom said he not actively marketing other schools because we do not have the man-power to take on more schools. Sam Bradley offered to help with the program this year, as did prior year stalwarts Tom Clinton, Jim Young and Wayne Griswold. Tommy Douglas who initiated the Chapter's youth program was not in attendance, but Tom Adams reported that Tommy had told him he planned to participate again this year as well.

#### New Business:

Tom Chilton gave a short presentation on his thoughts about the Mother Lode Chapter. Tom stated that with few exceptions the people in the room were the same ones that signed the Chapter Charter almost five ago. We need to encourage more members, and our new members to attend our meetings!

He stated that when he joined the Sacramento Chapter in 1993 one of his first positions was that of a member of the Calling Committee. He recalled that sometimes members attended chapter meetings, and other times they did not attend. One day he asked one of those not attending why he was not planning to attend. The member stated that he was "*not interested in the speaker*". **Not interested in the speaker!!** Tom then pointed out that the Mother Lode Chapter often *does not have speakers*. Could that be why many of our members do not attend our meetings? Tom recommended that we have an interesting speaker every meeting.

**Meeting Minutes****Mother Lode Chapter****January 31, 2012****(Continued)**

Tom then emphasized the importance of communicating with our members. Currently the only means of communication is via our newsletter. Unfortunately the newsletter often is distributed only a day or two before the meeting, which does not allow ample time for our members to plan to attend that month's meeting.

Tom then pointed out that we have no two-way communication with our members. Unless the member is active, he could die and we would not know it. Tom recommended that the Mother Lode Chapter establish a Calling Committee, responsible for calling every member each month." Tom Chilton and Tom Adams agreed to initiate the Calling Committee.

The meal was served and there was plenty of conversation among the members and guests

The main event of the evening was the Judging of Brochures submitted by 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Students.

Before the voting, Tom Adams informed us that we had received in total 52 brochures from Rolling Hills Middle School in El Dorado Hills, Camerado Springs Middle School in Cameron Park, Holy Trinity Elementary and one brochure from the Sacramento Society of the C.A.R. from a student whose middle school in Placerville did not participate in the contest. After screening for disqualified and non-competitive entries with respect to the contest rules, the Chapter voted on 26 brochures. Eleven attendees, Chapter members and guests, selected 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place for each school and 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place overall for the Chapter. All balloting was done by a unique letter-number id. The three Chapter Winners were shown to the attendees but the Winner's names were not divulged at the time. The 1<sup>st</sup> place Chapter Winner will be entered in the State-level Competition. The Chapter Winner's identify will be announced before the State Competition.

The Benediction was given by Chaplain Gene Myers, the SAR Recessional was led by Jim Young.

After the singing of "God Bless America" the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Tom Adams, acting on behalf of Tom Douglas, Secretary





*Mark Your Calendar Now!*

**For the 137<sup>th</sup> Spring Meeting of the Membership**

*of the*

**California Society  
Sons of the American Revolution**

**April 13-15, 2012**

**Embassy Suites Hotel – Riverfront Promenade  
*Historic Old Sacramento***

Hosted by the Gold Country Chapter

Registration is \$135 and includes Friday Luncheon, Saturday Luncheon and Saturday Banquet

Our special SAR Room Rate of \$126 includes FREE daily breakfast  
and hosted Managers cocktail reception

The Embassy Suites is located immediately adjacent to the Old Sacramento Historic District.  
Interesting sites within walking distance include the world famous California Railroad  
Museum, Delta King Riverboat, Crocker Art Museum, California Auto Museum,  
as well as the State Capitol Building.

Please Look for Your Registration form On-Line at  
[www.CaliforniaSAR.org](http://www.CaliforniaSAR.org) or in your Fall Meeting packets.

# Mother Lode Chapter's 2012 Calendar of Events

January 27- Regular Meeting

Brochure Voting

February 28—Chapter Meeting

March 27– Chapter Meeting & Community Service Awards

April - CASSAR Spring Membership Meeting, Irving, CA

April 24– Regular Meeting

May 22– Chapter Meeting & Youth Awards

June 26– Chapter Meeting

July– No Meeting

August– No Meeting

September 25– Regular Meeting

October 23– Regular Meeting

November-Date TBD

December—Wreaths Across America

December – Date TBD -Regular Meeting

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