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Calling All Compatriots



Next meeting - June 25, 2013
6:30 PM at the Denny's Restaurant

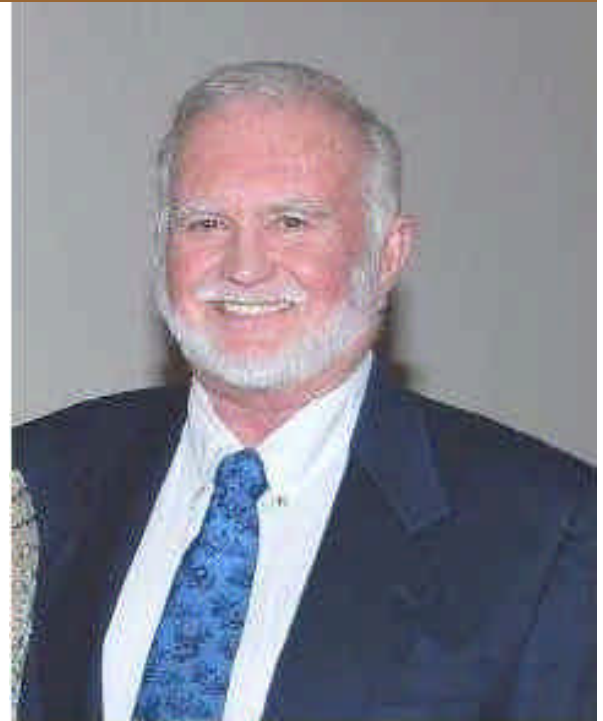
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Anyone who is a member of the SAR or DAR has an interest in the weapons that were used during our Revolutionary War. Without weapons, there could not have been a revolution!!

Vince Gantt has an extensive collection of muzzle loading firearms used prior to, during, and after the Revolutionary War. He plans to bring part of his collection of these guns to our June meeting, and will discuss their operation, and where they were made. The British, French, and American soldiers, who fought during the Revolution, used these muzzle-loading firearms.

Vince was born in West Virginia amid a rich family history dating back 250 years on American soil. As a young man, he grew up among many of the firearms he is going to share with us.



Denny's

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

The next meeting of the Mother Lode Chapter will be held on Tuesday, June 25, 2013, at 6:30 PM, at Denny's Restaurant in Cameron Park. Wives, guests and visiting compatriots are always welcome.

Come socialize with us at 6:15PM. The meeting will start promptly at 6:30 PM.

The President's Corner by Bob Conover

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Vacant

Valley Forge Program

Vacant

Law Enforcement Program

John Krahn

Flag Certificate Program

Doug Stone

Americanism Poster Contest

Tom Adams

A committee consisting of Tom Chilton, John Krahn, Jim Young, Sam Bradley, and I met last Tuesday to plan the Mother Lode Chapter Awards Banquet scheduled for October 22nd at the Cold Springs Country Club. We will discuss the results of that meeting at our June Chapter meeting. We plan to have another Committee meeting the week before the September meeting to work out the final details. At the banquet we will have assigned seating so every table will have an SAR member with our guests. We will be mailing out invitations to the officers of the Sacramento Chapter and Gold Country chapters, and other guests, in mid September. As a rough estimate, we expect to have at least 50 members and guests for dinner.

The June meeting will be our last meeting until September. The September meeting will be the last meeting before the Awards Banquet.

I will not be at the June meeting because of very important family date. Jim Young will be acting for me. I hope you will all plan to attend this meeting as Vince Gantt is a very interesting speaker, and has an impressive collection of mussel loading guns dating to before the Revolutionary War.

In Patriotic Service,
Bob Conover



President Bob Conover

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The Battle of Monmouth Courthouse

From the U.S. ARMY CENTER OF MILITARY HISTORY Web Site

Monmouth, 28 June 1778. After conclusion of the Franco-American Alliance (6 February 1778) British forces in America had to give consideration to the new threat created by the powerful French fleet. General Clinton, who relieved Howe as British commander in America on 8 May 1778, decided to shift the main body of his troops from Philadelphia to a point nearer the coast where it would be easier to maintain close communications with the British Fleet. Consequently, he ordered evacuation of the 10,000-man garrison in Philadelphia on 18 June. As these troops set out through New Jersey toward New York, Washington broke camp at his winter headquarters in Valley Forge, and began pursuit of Clinton with an army of about 13,500 men. Advance elements under Mad Gen. Charles Lee launched the initial attack on the British column as it marched out of Monmouth Courthouse (now Freehold), N. J., on 28 June, an extremely hot day. For reasons not entirely clear Lee did not follow up early advantages gained, and when British reinforcements arrived on the scene he ordered a retreat. This encouraged Clinton to attack with his main force. Washington relieved Lee and assumed personal direction of the battle, which continued until dark without either side retiring from the field. But, during the night, the British slipped away to Sandy Hook, N. J., from where their fleet took them to New York City. The British reported losses of 65 killed, 155 wounded, and 64 missing; the Americans listed 69 killed, 161 wounded, and 130 missing. General Lee was subsequently court-martialed and suspended from service for disobedience and misbehavior. Washington's army moved northward, crossed the Hudson, and occupied positions at White Plains, N. Y.



Washington Rallying the Troops at Monmouth
by Emanuel Gottlieb Leutze



The legend of Molly Pitcher is closely associated with the battle

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Photos from the May meeting

Photos by Tom Douglas



America Santana (L) holds the Philadelphia Light Horse Troop flag with her brother, Jose-Miguel (behind the flag). Ricardo Santana is holding the Culpeper flag while Nicky Adams (far left) looks on.

Philadelphia Light Horse Troop

This is the flag of the Philadelphia Light Horse Troop. This troop was formed by a group of Philadelphia gentlemen in November 1774. They were businessmen and merchants who supplied their own uniforms, military equipment and horses. The thirteen stripes represent the thirteen united colonies. It was this troop that escorted General Washington from Philadelphia to take command of the Continental Army, assembled at Cambridge outside of Boston in June, 1775, and for this reason this is also called the first Army flag. The Light Horse Troop later this flag in the Battles of Brandywine, Germantown, Princeton and Trenton.

Culpeper flag

This is the Culpeper flag. It represented a group of about one hundred minutemen from Culpeper Co., Virginia. The group formed part of Colonel Patrick Henry's First Virginia Regiment in 1775. That year three hundred of these minutemen assembled at Culpeper Court House and marched for Williamsburg. Their unusual dress alarmed the people as they marched through the country. The words "LIBERTY OR DEATH" were in large white letters on the breast of their hunting shirts. They had bucks' tails in their hats and in their belts, tomahawks and scalping knives.



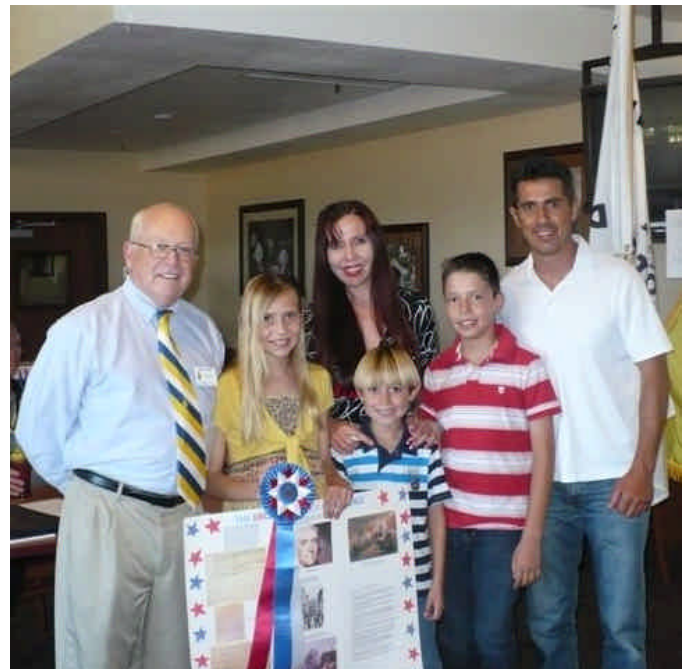
Ricardo Santana (L) holds the Culpeper flag pole while Jose-Miguel Santana displays the flag. Their father, Jose-Miguel Santana is far left.

More photos from the May Meeting

Photos by Tom Douglas



Tom Adams presents America Santana with her CASSAR ribbon as Past President Tom Douglas looks on.



Tom Adams, America Santana with her winning poster, her brothers Ricardo and Jose-Miguel, and her parents, Maria and Jose-Miguel Santana.



Tom Adams presents Gary Glensk, Kylee's father, with her CASSAR ribbon and a CASSAR check for \$100.00.



L-R: Tom Adams, Nicky Adams, and Past-President Tom Douglas.

Minutes of the May 28, 2013 Meeting

By Tom Douglas

The meeting was called to order by President Conover at 6:40 PM at the Denny's Restaurant in Cameron Park CA. The Invocation, Pledge of Allegiance and SAR Pledge, were followed by the introduction of guests for the evening. This was the annual youth recognition dinner and there were a number of family members of the poster and brochure chapter winners in attendance. Along with America Santana, our chapter poster winner and state honorable mention ribbon winner, were her mother, Maria, father, Jose-Miguel, and brothers Miguel and Ricardo. C.A.R. member Nicky Adams was the recipient of our Honorable Mention Medallion for his poster entry. Nicky was accompanied by his grandfather, Tom Adams. Chapter brochure winner Kylee Glenesk was unable to attend the meeting, but was represented by her father, Gary Glenesk. Other guests were Joy Krahn, LAUX, Tom Chilton, dual member, and Marilyn Chilton, Sacramento DAR. There were ten Mother Lode Chapter members in attendance.

Tom Adams called Gary Glenesk forward to receive his daughter's brochure awards. He was given her 18" red, white, and blue ribbon along with a check for \$100 from the CASSAR for her third place in the state competition. Next Compatriot Adams called America Santana to receive her 18" Honorable Mention ribbon from the State Society along with congratulations from the chapter for her winning poster. She received her chapter medallion at a school presentation in front of her classmates. Our last award winning guest was Nicky Adams, who received a Chapter Honorable Mention Medallion for his poster entered through the C.A.R. from his Grandfather and Mother Lode member, Tom Adams.

Doug Keefauver agreed to help with the upkeep of the chapter's web site. Compatriot Douglas who has been trying to keep up the site agreed to help Compatriot Keefauver get started with the web site.

The minutes of the April meeting as posted in the May Dispatch were approved.

Treasurer Tom Douglas reported a check book balance of \$2,595.85. The largest withdrawal was for engraving on the medallions given for youth awards and purchase of 100 medallions for the next three years of awards.

Registrar Jim Young reported Chuck and Rob Smith's applications were approved by the National Society. President Conover suggested we present a heroism medal to Mark DiVittorio, the kayaker who helped rescue 5 people whose vehicle plunged into the American River. Compatriot Douglas nominated Mr. DiVittorio for the award. His motion was seconded and the vote was in favor of the presentation.

Dual Member Tom Chilton presented three flags from the Sacramento Chapter's collection. With the help of the youth attendees, Compatriot Chilton present the Bennington flag, the Philadelphia Light Horse flag, and the Culpeper flag.

A committee of 6 was appointed to meet on June 18th to finalize the appearance of the invitations and a list of invitees for the Community Service Awards dinner at the Cold Springs Country Club. Secretary Tom Douglas agreed to email John Krahn, Sam Bradley, Bob Conover, Jim Young, and Tom Chilton to remind them of the meeting on Tuesday June 18, 2013 at 9:00 AM.

After the Benediction, SAR Recessional, and singing of God Bless America, the meeting was adjourned a 7:50 PM.



Tom Douglas
Secretary and Past President

Respectfully submitted,
Tom Douglas, Secretary

Mother Lode Chapter's 2013 Calendar

September 24, 2013 - Regular meeting at Denny's
Program to be announced

October 22, 2013 - Community Awards Banquet
Cold Springs Country Club

November 1-2, 2013 - CASSAR Fall Meeting
Hacienda Hotel, Los Angeles, CA

November 26, 2013 - Regular meeting at Denny's
Program to be announced

December 14, 2013 - Wreathes Across America
Sacramento Valley National Cemetery Dixon



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