

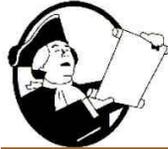


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Calling All Compatriots



Next meeting - Tuesday, April 22, 2012, 6:30 PM at Denny's Restaurant

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Born in Texas in 1955, **Keith Bigbee** moved to Orange County, where he lived until 1974, when he moved to Monterey. While living in Monterey, he married Cyndy Marshall in 1985, and in 1989 they moved from Monterey to the Sierra Nevada foothill community of Applegate.

Keith and Cyndy have one son, Kile Marshall Bigbee, who will graduate from U.C.S.C. in June 2012, with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in American Literature. Kile earned his Eagle Scout rank several years ago.

Keith has had various careers in his life, many involving the building industry. He was a General Contractor for several years before taking his current position in 2002 as a Building Inspector for the City of Roseville. Along with history and genealogy, Keith enjoys woodworking, and tinkering with his cars, when he can.

Keith joined the Gold Country Chapter, SAR, in November 2001, and immediately became an active member at parades and community events. He served five years as President of the Gold Country Chapter, and three years as its Secretary. He served as the CASSAR Knight Essay Chairman from 2006-2009.

Keith was elected CASSAR Vice-President North in April of 2009, and CASSAR President in April 2012. He will share his plans for the coming year with the Mother Lode Chapter members.



Keith Bigbee, CASSAR President



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

The next meeting of the Mother Lode Chapter will be held on Tuesday, May 22, 2012, at 6:30 PM, at Denny's Restaurant in Cameron Park.

The President's Corner by Bob Conover

Mother Lode Chapter Officers for 2012	
President	Bob Conover
1st Vice President	Open
2nd Vice President	Tom Adams
Secretary	Tom Douglas
Treasurer	Tom Douglas
Registrar	Jim Young
Chaplain	Gene Myers
Dispatch Editor	Vacant
Historian	John Krahn
Webmaster	Vacant
Committee Chairmen	
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

Last month's monthly meeting was a little short on attendance by the Chapter's members. We had some things that needed to be addressed. But first, our May 22, 2012, meeting will be the time when we recognize the Chapter's Brochure and Poster Contest winners. As stated at the April meeting, our Chapter's entries won 1st Place in the state for the Brochure Contest, and 3rd in the state for the Poster Contest.

At the May meeting, we will have Keith Bigbee, CASSAR President, as our guest speaker. He will bring us up to date on what is new for this year. Also, I hope to have him assist in the presentation of the awards. As stated earlier, we need to find a member who would be willing to take over the editing the monthly newsletter, "The Dispatch", and the Web Site, as Tom Douglas has stepped down from those positions. At present, Tom Chilton is acting as a temporary publisher of our newsletter, but with his position as President of the Sacramento Chapter he cannot continue to fill in on this position. So, I'm hoping that a member will step up to the plate and take over. If we don't find someone to do the newsletter, it will not continue in its present form. If any of you are interested, please call me or contact me at our meeting so we can discuss the duties of the position. I want to thank Tom Chilton for filling in and producing the Dispatch. We also are going to have Marilyn speak about the CASSAR Ladies Auxiliary. We would lo like to invite all ladies to be auxiliary members.



Bob Conover
Mother Lode President

In Patriotic Service

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Notes From the 137th CASSAR Annual Meeting April 12-14, 2012, Sacramento

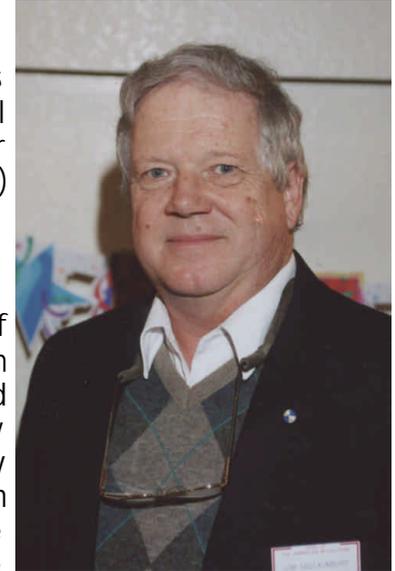
By Jim W. Faulkinbury, CG

Thursday, April 12th

This was a travel day for most out-of-town attendees. The evening was highlighted by a casual dinner at the original Frank Fats restaurant with several members including the Treasurer General, Joe Dooley (VASSAR), and Registrar General, Lindsey Brock (FLSSAR and Sacramento Chapter Dual member) attending.

Friday April 13th

Following the Posting of the Colors for the morning meeting, the roll of CASSAR Officers and Chapter representatives was called and a quorum declared present. National Officers, Treasurer General, Joe Dooley, and Registrar General, Lindsey Brock, gave brief comments. This was followed by reports from the CASSAR officers and then the Chapters present. The Monterey Chapter announced that they would host the Fall Board of Managers Meeting in November in Seaside. The morning session broke for the Community Service Awards Luncheon and resumed following the luncheon for continuation of the Chapter and Committee reports. Following the end of the 2nd session, the Hospitality Room was opened and at 6:00pm, those who signed up for the Officer's Dinner at the Firehouse Restaurant, adjointed for dinner.



Jim Faulkinbury
CASSAR VP-North

Saturday, April 14th

The only business left was the report of the Nominating Committee for the proposed slate of 2012 CASSAR officers and the call for any other nominations from the floor. There being none, the slate of officers presented by the Nominating Committee was elected unanimously. They are: President – Keith Bigbee, Executive VP – Steven Hurst, VP North – Jim Faulkinbury, VP South – Kent Gregory, Secretary – Ron Barker, Treasurer – Michael Howard, Registrar – Owen Stiles, Genealogist – Terry Briggs, Chancellor – Jeff Goodwin Esq., Chaplain – Rt. Rev Lou Carlson, Historian - Jim Blauer, and Surgeon, Capt. Ernest Latham M.D. There being no further business, the CASSAR Annual Meeting was adjourned followed by brief meetings of the Board of Manager's and the Western District SAR. The Youth Awards Luncheon followed where the Sacramento Chapter's Outstanding JROTC Cadet Contest winner, Jeremiah Taylor, received the CASSAR's Outstanding JROTC Silver Medallion. His entry will represent the California Society in the NSSAR competition. The Youth Awards Luncheon was followed by the annual CASSAR Memorial Service recognizing those members of CASSAR who passed during the last year. The evening concluded with the Banquet where the new 2012 CASSAR and the Ladies Auxilliary officers were sworn in. Steve Renouf was presented with the SAR Distinguished Service Medal and a couple members of the CASSAR Color Guard were presented with Silver and Gold Von Steuben Medals for their service in the CASSAR Color Guard.



Sacramento and Hiram C. Meek C.A.R. Societies Hold Joint Meeting

By Leslie Young

Members of the Sacramento Society and the Hiram C. Meek Society, C.S.S.C.A.R. met on April 29, 2012, for their first joint meeting. Raeven Barrett, President of the Sacramento Society Children of the American Revolution, called the meeting to order at 2:00 PM. Everyone met at the El Dorado Rod and Gun Club, located in El Dorado County, CA. The El Dorado Rod and Gun Club is the oldest Rod and Gun club in California. The two groups were introduced to their hosts, President Tom Chilton of the Sacramento Chapter SAR, and President Bob Conover and Secretary Tom Douglas of the Mother Lode Chapter SAR.

Tom Chilton and Bob Conover explained how the flintlock rifles work, and how to load them properly. Members of both Societies had the opportunity to ask questions about the rifle and what other types of rifles have evolved since the American Revolution.

We all left with a better understanding of our patriot ancestors sacrifices, and their importance in our nation's history.



Leslie Young holds the SAR certificate recognizing her as the winner of the Sacramento Chapter's Brochure Contest.



Note that the boy in the green shirt is holding his ears. While the guns are not too loud, it is better to protect one's ears.



Most of the children wore ear plugs when the guns were fired. Note the girl in the peach top is wearing blue ear protection.



Mother Lode and Sacramento SAR Chapters Give Musket Firing Demo for two Local C.A.R. Societies

By Tom Adams

On Sunday April 22nd at the El Dorado Rod & Gun Club Range Tom Chilton, Sacramento Chapter SAR President, and Bob Conover, Mother Lode Chapter President, put on a Musket Fire Demonstration for two Local C.A.R. Societies – the Sacramento C.A.R. Society based in El Dorado County, and the Hiram C. Meek C.A.R. Society based in Amador County. Over 30 people attended, including 20 children.



C.A.R. Senior Officers attending were: Jeannette Barrett, President Sacramento C.A.R. Society/DAR, and Laura Clark, Hiram C. Meeks C.A.R. Society/DAR.. Other C.A.R./DAR guests were: Ruth Johnson, Sierra Amador Chapter DAR, and Sabine Hall, El Dorado Chapter DAR. Besides Chilton, Conover, and Douglas, other SAR members attending were: Jim Young, Jim Malinovsky, Tom Adams & Matt Adams.

In addition to the black powder firing of muskets from the Revolutionary War period, Tom Douglas of the Mother Lode Chapter, and Tom Chilton of the Sacramento Chapter, gave enlightened presentations to the young people on the military uniforms of time. Both men were dressed in period uniforms.

Mother Lode and Sacramento SAR Chapters Give Musket Firing Demo for two Local C.A.R. Societies

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Tom Chilton, in a Massachusetts 4th Regiment uniform, explains in detail the items a Continental Soldier might have in his possession.



Tom Douglas, as a Captain from Virginia, talks to the young people about his journey in the service of his new country.

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After Tom Douglas' talk, Tom Chilton reappears as an 'Over the Mountain' man from Kentucky. In this presentation, Tom, after explaining the purpose and use of all the items he was carrying, eased into a discussion on the fundamentals of musket firing.

Once the basics were presented to the young people, the musket firing commenced!

Here is Bob Conover is firing, with Tom Chilton waiting to take his next shot.



In the end, the event was heralded as a great success by the C.A.R. children, their attending parents, and of course, the musket firing Compatriots!

More Photos from the Musket Firing Demo

Photos by Leslie Young



Tom Adams kicks off the program



Tom Douglas describes his uniform.



Bob Conover created a lot of smoke from his gun!!



Tom Chilton taking powder from his powder horn.

More Photos from the Musket Firing Demo

Photos by Leslie Young



DAR members Ruth Johnson and Jeannette Barrett



Tom Douglas retrieves the targets. Bob hit the target every time. Don't ask Tom how he did!!



The Gadsten Flag held by Tom Douglas.



Rifle balls ready for firing.

Minutes from the meeting held on April 24, 2012

By Tom Douglas

The meeting was called to order by President Bob Conover at 6:40 PM at the Denny's restaurant in Cameron Park, California. The Invocation was given by Chaplain Gene Myers, the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Tom Adams, and the SAR Pledge was led by Tom Chilton. Guests included Marilyn Chilton, Sacramento Chapter DAR, Joy Krahn, LAUX, and dual Member Tom Chilton.

The last meeting was the chapter's annual Community Service Awards Banquet and there were no minutes taken as there was no business or reports.

Reports: **Secretary** Tom Douglas deferred to registrar Jim Young who reported the chapter was awarded the Col. Richard F. Locke, Jr. Membership Award in the Medium-Small Category during the 2012 CASSAR Spring Meeting banquet held on April 14th. This award comes with a \$250 check that will be mailed to the chapter secretary. The award is for the most new members and for maintaining the existing membership in our group.

Treasurer Tom Douglas reported a balance of \$2784.60 in the checking account after paying the Cold Springs CC \$750 for the Community Service Awards Dinner. The chapter received \$600 from members and guests. The chapter paid for the two awardees and the speaker for the event.

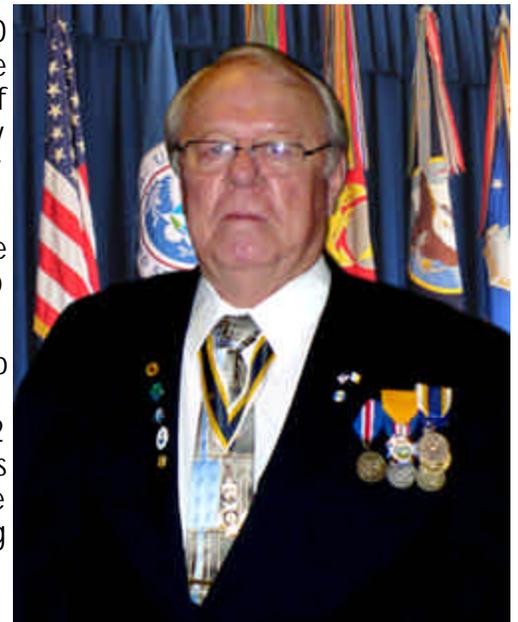
Registrar Jim Young expanded on the Membership Award and reported he has sent in the application papers for Doug Keefauver.

Historian John Krahn again reported he has not received any of the history items from the past historian. Secretary Douglas said he would do his best to acquire the items.

Youth Activities Coordinator Tom Adams reported on the C.A.R. event at the El Dorado Rod and Gun Club's firing range. All who attended agreed it was a great event and thanks go out to President Bob Conover for his ability to acquire the range at no cost and with no one else there. President Conover and Tom Chilton fired their black powder weapons and Compatriots Chilton and Douglas gave a presentation on their period uniforms. Additional youth report and information on separate pages.

President Conover presented historian, John Krahn, with the award certificates that the Mother Lode Chapter received at the 2012 CASSAR Spring Meeting. In the Best Chapter Contest, the Mother Lode Chapter received awards for participating in the Most CASSAR Programs, having the Most Publicity, having the Most Publications, having the Most Chapter Meetings, and received the 2nd place award for the Best Website. The Mother Lode Chapter is in the Small Chapter division.

The Benediction was given by Chaplain Gene Myers, the SAR Recessional was led by Jim Young. After singing "God Bless America" the meeting was adjourned at 8:08PM by President Conover.



Tom Douglas
Secretary and Past President

Respectfully submitted,
Tom Douglas, Secretary

Mother Lode Chapter SAR Youth Activities Report

By Tom Adams and Tom Douglas

A. State Poster Contest Winners:

1 st Gold Country:	\$250 Gold Country	Molly Bradshaw
2 nd Orange:	\$150 Orange County	Jonathan King
3 rd Mother Lode:	\$100 Mother Lode	Max Bonini
Honorable Mention: Redlands:		

B. State Brochure Contest Winners:

1 st Mother Lode:	\$300 Mother Lode	Caileen Yu
2 nd Orange:	\$200 Orange County	Lizette M. De Guzman

C. El Dorado County Schools Participating in the Mother Lode Poster Contest:

Jackson:	25 entries (<i>Chapter 3rd place winner</i>)
Holy Trinity:	32 entries (<i>State 3rd place winner and Chapter 2nd place winner</i>)
Gold Oak:	14 entries
Buckeye:	<u>2</u> entries
TOTAL	<u>73</u>

D. Brochure Contest Awards in Schools:

Rolling Hills:	11 entries (<i>State 1st place winner</i>)	(2 classes)
Camerado Spr:	6 entries	
Holy Trinity:	34 entries (<i>Chapter 2nd & 3rd place winners</i>)	
C.A.R.:	<u>1</u>	
TOTAL	<u>52</u>	

E. Pages for the Spring CASSAR Meeting from El Dorado County:

Raeven Barrett and Donecia Barrett, daughters of Jeannette Barrett of Placerville, acted as pages at the CASSAR Spring Meeting in Sacramento. They both are students at El Dorado High School, and members of the Sacramento Society C.A.R. [Editor's note: See their photo in the April edition of the Dispatch.]

F. Support C.A.R.: We (the C.A.R. leadership) are looking for presenters for a Flag Protocol Presentation, and a Declaration of Independence Presentation for the next C.A.R. meeting at the Veteran's Hall in Placerville. Tom Adams is hoping to get the American Legion to do the presentation. Tom Adams acquired enough "History and Etiquette" of the American Flag booklets from "The Center for Advancing America's Heritage" (at no cost) for the C.A.R. presentation.

G. Interest: Would the Mother Lode and Sacramento Chapters be interested in sponsoring the Sacramento C.A.R. Society? At the April Mother Lode meeting, Tom Adams gave a presentation on the C.A.R.. He described how some C.A.R. chapters have sponsors, and asked if the Mother Lode Chapter had an interest in sponsoring a C.A.R. chapter. He then made a motion that "the Mother Lode Chapter explore the possibility of sponsoring the Sacramento Chapter of the C.A.R." The motion was seconded and passed with no objection.

Mother Lode Chapter's 2012 Calendar of Events

May 22 - Regular Meeting at Denny's
CASSAR President Keith Bigbee will be the speaker.

June 26 - Regular Meeting at Denny's

July - No meeting

August - No meeting

September 25 - Regular Meeting at Denny's

October 23 - Regular Meeting at Denny's

November 2 & 3 - CASSAR Fall Manager's Meeting
Monterey Bay, CA

November 27 - Regular Meeting at Denny's

December 15 - Wreaths Across America
Sacramento Valley National Cemetery in Dixon

December - Regular Meeting at Denny's
Date to be determined

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