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# Mother Lode Dispatch



Calling All Compatriots



Next meeting - May 28, 2013  
6:30 PM at the Denny's Restaurant

**Winners, we've got winners!!**

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The posters shown above, while not this year's winners, are typical of the posters we receive each year during our Chapter's Americanism Poster Contest. It is now time to award the winners their prizes for their entries in Mother Lode Chapter's poster and brochure contests. Please join us in welcoming the 2013 winners and their parents at our May meeting.



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

The next meeting of the Mother Lode Chapter will be held on Tuesday, May, 28, 2013, at 6:30 PM, at Denny's Restaurant in Cameron Part. 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

<b>Mother Lode Chapter Officers for 2013</b>	
<b>President</b>	Bob Conover
<b>1st Vice President</b>	Open
<b>2nd Vice President</b>	Tom Adams
<b>Secretary</b>	Tom Douglas
<b>Treasurer</b>	Tom Douglas
<b>Registrar</b>	Jim Young
<b>Chaplain</b>	Gene Myers
<b>Dispatch Editor</b>	Vacant
<b>Historian</b>	John Krahn
<b>Webmaster</b>	Vacant
<b>Committee Chairmen</b>	
<b>Eagle Scout Program</b>	Vacant
<b>ROTC Program</b>	Vacant
<b>Knight Essay Contest</b>	Vacant
<b>Valley Forge Program</b>	Vacant
<b>Law Enforcement Program</b>	John Krahn
<b>Flag Certificate Program</b>	Doug Stone
<b>Americanism Poster Contest</b>	Tom Adams

We will not have a speaker for our May meeting, but I hope everyone can come and support the school contest winners. We will have Jim Young and Tom Adams present the winners of this year's poster and brochure contests. I want to thank all of the members who made the effort to go to the schools and invite the children to get involved in the contests.

In addition to the First Responders Awards we normally present at our Public Service Awards Dinner, we will also present the SAR Hero Medal. I have gathered more information on Mark DiVittorio, and I want to nominate him for that award. Mr. DiVittorio saved the lives of 5 automobile accident victims whose vehicle had plunged into the American River. The County has also named him for an awarded as listed in the Mountain Democrat. This year the Public Service Awards dinner will be held on Tuesday, October 22, 2013, at the Cold Springs Country Club.

The last three weeks have been a handful for the Conover family. Both Marcia and I have had surgeries, and I have not had the time to do what I should have done for the Chapter. That will improve for the June meeting. Again we need to find a member who would like to take over the monthly newsletter "The Dispatch" and the Web Site. I'm hoping again that a member will stand up to the plate and take over. If we don't find someone to do the newsletter, it will not continue. If any of you are interested, please call Tom Chilton or me or contact us at our meeting so we can discuss the duties of the position.

In Patriotic Service

Bob Conover



President Bob Conover

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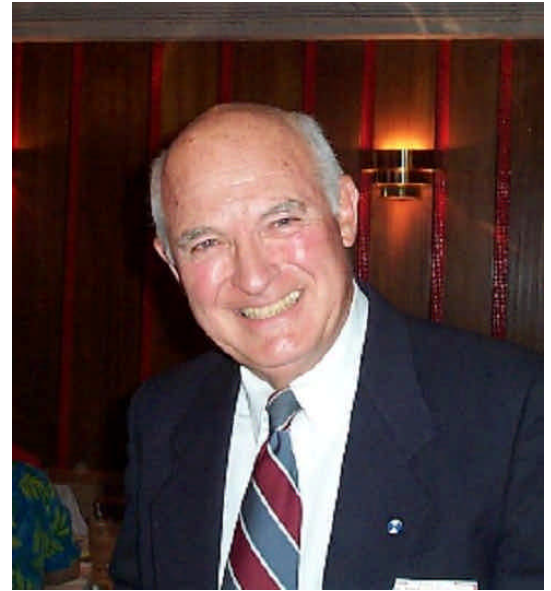
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# Results From Last Month's Questionnaire

By Tom Chilton

As you may remember, I included a Chapter Questionnaire in last month's edition of the Dispatch. I was disappointed that no one bothered to return their thoughts to me. I passed out the questionnaire at the meeting, and seven members returned it with their thoughts about the future of our chapter. The results were surprising, but one must remember that these members attend almost all of our meetings, so their thoughts may or may not represent the rest of the membership.

When I prepared the questionnaire I had hoped that you, our members who do not attend regularly, would tell your officers why you do not attend more meetings, what you want from your chapter, and how you would be willing to help to make these desires a reality. Unfortunately, all we have are the thoughts from those members who attend most of the meetings, and do most of the work of the chapter. I encourage you, especially those who live in the immediate area, to tell us what it is you expect from your chapter, and how you can help its officers. Note that most of the responses were "No opinion". Without more thoughtful responses, we will have failed to identify the causes for your lack of attendance.



The results follow:

- 1. I would attend more meetings if we had a speaker at every meeting.**  
Strongly disagree (1)    Disagree (2)    No opinion (2)    Agree (2)    Strongly agree (0)
- 2. I would attend more meetings if we met at a different restaurant.**  
Strongly disagree (0)    Disagree (2)    No opinion (5)    Agree (0)    Strongly agree (0)
- 3. I would attend more meetings if we met at a different time.**  
Strongly disagree (0)    Disagree (3)    No opinion (4)    Agree (0)    Strongly agree (0)
- 4. I would attend more meetings if we met on a different day.**  
Strongly disagree (0)    Disagree (3)    No opinion (4)    Agree (0)    Strongly agree (0)
- 5. I would attend more meetings if there were more opportunity to socialize with our members.**  
Strongly disagree (0)    Disagree (2)    No opinion (4)    Agree (1)    Strongly agree (0)
- 6. I am not interested in attending SAR meetings.**  
Strongly disagree (4)    Disagree (2)    No opinion (1)    Agree (0)    Strongly agree (0)
- 7. I would be willing to promote SAR membership to my friends and neighbors.**  
Strongly disagree (0)    Disagree (1)    No opinion (0)    Agree (4)    Strongly agree (2)
- 8. I would be willing to serve as an officer in our Chapter.**  
Strongly disagree (0)    Disagree (0)    No opinion (3)    Agree (4)    Strongly agree (0)
- 9. I would be willing to serve as a Committee Chairman for our Chapter**  
Strongly disagree (0)    Disagree (0)    No opinion (3)    Agree (4)    Strongly agree (0)
- 10. I will continue my membership in the SAR even if the Mother Lode Chapter does return its charter.**  
Strongly disagree (0)    Disagree (1)    No opinion (0)    Agree (3)    Strongly agree (3)



Please remember  
our Veterans  
on Memorial Day



# Mother Lode Chapter Medallion: A Closer Look

by Tom Adams



The Mother Lode Chapter Winner's Medallion is a relatively unique award. We know of no other Chapter in the state that has created its own award. The most common Chapter Youth Contests awards (beside cash) are ribbons and certificates. We are hopeful that other Chapters will consider switching over to medallions. We would like to see the State adopt the neck ribbon medallion as an award for the State Poster Contest and the State Brochure Contest. Currently the State award is a high quality 18" Red-White-Blue Ribbon for the Poster and the Brochure Contests. (The State Oration Contest already awards medallions.)

Besides being appealing to the young winners, medallions are surprisingly less expensive than ribbons. What we have found is that young people immediately put the medallion on around their neck. A ribbon at best will end up on a bedroom wall. The medallion is like an Olympic medal. People want to wear it.



A special feature of the medallion is that they can be engraved. (Take a look at the picture) The temptation to shop around for a low bid on purchasing a volume number of medallions is appealing. But because we (Mother Lode) purchased our medallions through a local supplier (Arnold's for Awards in Shingle Springs) the cost for engraving is minimal.

The medallions are the same for every award. The difference in the award is indicated by the neck ribbon color.

In the Mother Lode Chapter we award 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> place for school (Blue, Red, White respectively); and 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> place for Chapter; (Gold, Green, Green/Gold strip respectively). We also award a 1<sup>st</sup> in Class for a school with more than one classroom, (Red/White/Blue strip ribbon). And also an Honorable Mention ribbon on occasion to recognize a special entry (also the Red/White/Blue strip ribbon) such as from a local C.A.R. Society.



In the image shown we see a young person who won 1<sup>st</sup> in School, and also 1<sup>st</sup> in Chapter. When multiple awards are made, the ribbons are awarded in series of lesser to greater, so that, as in the case of the example shown, the greater Chapter Winner (Gold) award ribbon rests over the School Winner (Blue) award ribbon.

# Mother Lode Chapter Poster & Brochure Winners for 2012-13

By Tom Adams



Tom Douglas, America, and her teacher, Jeremy Roderick

This has never happened before - both our Poster Contest Winner and our Brochure Contest Winner come from the same school – **Holy Trinity School** in El Dorado Hills.

Our **Poster Contest Winner** is **America Santana** from Mr. Jeremy Roderick's 5<sup>th</sup> grade class. ... Some of us wanted to award America a medallion just for her name! ... Her poster was selected as the best of all posters entered in the contest – out of **123 posters!** America



Past President Jim Young displays America's poster at the recent CASSAR meeting.

won **\$25** for Best in her School (Holy Trinity) and another **\$25** for Best in Chapter.

After America won our local contest, we entered her poster in the state level competition where she earned an **Honorable**

**Mention.** At our meeting on May 28<sup>th</sup>, we want to present America with the **State 18" Honorable Mention Red, White & Blue Ribbon.**



Our **Brochure Contest Winner** is **Kylee Glenesk** from Mrs. Teresa Hilts 8<sup>th</sup> grade class at Holy Trinity. Her brochure was selected as the best of all brochure entered in the contest – out of **43 brochures!** Kylee won **\$50** for best in her school (Holy Trinity) and another **\$50** for best in our Chapter.

After Kylee won our local contest, we entered her brochure in the state level competition where she earned **3<sup>rd</sup> Place in State.** At the May dinner meeting we would like to present **Kylee** with the **State 18" 3<sup>rd</sup> Place Red, White & Blue Ribbon** and a **Cash Prize** for **\$100.**

Here is a picture of Kylee with her mother, Petra Glenesk (left), and her teacher Mrs. Teresa Hilts (right). Mrs. Hilts has been with us since the brochure contest began three years ago. Mrs. Hilt's class has entered more brochures than any another school. (Thank you, Mrs. Hilts!)



# Minutes of the April 23, 2013 Meeting

By Tom Douglas

The meeting was called to order by President Bob Conover at 6:35 PM at Denny's Restaurant in Cameron Park, CA. After the Invocation, Pledge of Allegiance and SAR Pledge, the guests for the evening were introduced: Joy Krahn, wife of member John Krahn, and CASSAR Ladies Auxiliary Member (LAUX), Dual Member Tom Chilton, Marilyn Chilton, Sacramento DAR member and CASSAR LAUX member, Lisa Keefauver, wife of member Doug Keefauver, Charles Smith, prospective member, Jackie Purdie, wife of member Merv Purdy, and El Dorado DAR member, Jeanie Myers wife of member Gene Myers and El Dorado DAR member. Other members present were: Wayne Griswold Sr., Sam Bradley, Tom Adams, Jim Young, Bob Conover, and Tom Douglas.



**Tom Douglas**  
Secretary and Past President

The minutes of the March meeting were approved.

Reports;

**Secretary** Tom Douglas, no report

**Treasurer** Tom Douglas reported a balance in the checking account of \$3,058.03 and a balance of \$500.04 in the savings account.

**Registrar** Jim Young reported that Chuck and Rob Smith's applications were waiting on approval.

**Youth Activities** Chairman Tom Adams reported that we are in the process of scheduling dates to give the awards for chapter winners for the poster and brochures contests to fifth and eighth graders in their respective schools. Our chapter winner's poster was taken to the CASSAR state meeting where it received an Honorable Mention ribbon. The Chapter's winning brochure was awarded third place at the CASSAR meeting. The poster winner will receive an 18" ribbon, and the brochure winner will receive a ribbon and a \$100 check from the state at our May meeting.

**Dispatch Editor** Tom Chilton, our temporary editor for the Dispatch, would like to receive articles of interest, especially those about members ancestors.

**Public Service Awards committee:** The awards dinner will be at the Cold Springs Country Club in October in lieu of our regular meeting. The PSA committee asked that we organize the calendar earlier in the year so the committees can better plan their programs. Better organization will help us in sending invitations to other chapters, and in planning the youth contests and dinners each year. The executive committee should meet before the next chapter meeting to organize the calendar.

There was a motion by Sam Bradley to accept the contract from the Cold Springs CC for the pricing on the dinners for the awards banquet. Seconded and passed. Tom Chilton will send Tom Douglas a copy of the invitations that the Sacramento Chapter uses for their awards dinner. Tom Douglas will edit the invitation to fit the needs of the Mother Lode Chapter. There was discussion, but no conclusion, on how many dinners for family and sponsors the chapter should pay for.

After the Benediction, SAR Recessional and the singing of "God Bless America" the meeting was adjourned at 8:15PM

Respectfully submitted,  
Tom Douglas, Mother Lode Secretary

# Mother Lode Chapter's 2013 Calendar

- June 25, 2013 - Regular meeting at Denny's  
Program to be announced
- 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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