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Mother Lode Dispatch



Calling All Compatriots



Next meeting - November 27, 2012
6:30 PM at Denny's Restaurant

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Mary Cory has been Museum Administrator for the El Dorado County Historical Museum since 1999. Having earned a Masters degree in Museums Studies from the George Washington University in Washington, DC, Mary worked for several years in museums in Washington DC, and Annapolis, Maryland, before being lured to El Dorado County.

Mary supervises over 100 volunteers who offer their time and talents as Museum Docents, Historical Researchers, and working with the El Dorado Western Railroad maintenance and operation. She lives in Camino and spends her free time visiting other museums!

Her presentation, "Seen through the El Dorado County Historical Museum" is a slide show of historical photographs, pictures of artifacts from El Dorado County's past, and exhibits at the County Museum. The County Museum, located next to the County Fairgrounds in Placerville, contains extensive historical collections devoted to the history of El Dorado County. Exhibits include Native American baskets, gold mining equipment and tools, logging and railroad artifacts and much more. In addition, the County Museum's Research Room has a large genealogy collection, historical mining information, archived county records, historical maps and over 24,000 digitized historical photographs and images. The county's fascinating and complex history can be seen through these photographs and images.



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

The next meeting of the Mother Lode Chapter will be held on Tuesday, November 27, 2012, at 6:30 PM, at Denny's Restaurant in Cameron Park.

Notes from the CASSAR Board of Managers Meeting, Seaside, CA November 2-3, 2012

By Jim Faulkinbury, CASSAR VP-North

The 137th CASSAR Board of Managers Meeting was held at the Embassy Suites Hotel in Seaside. Most attendees arrived on November 1st and many enjoyed the hospitality suite that was setup by the hosting Monterey County Chapter that evening. The meeting was attended by several National officers, including PG Stephen Leishman (DESAR), Secretary General Joseph Dooley (VASSAR), Treasurer General Lindsey Brock (FLSSAR), Registrar General J. Michael Tomme (GASSAR), Librarian General Michael Wells (ALSSAR), and VPG Western District Gene Butler (NVSSAR).

Friday the 2nd began with a calling to order by CASSAR President Keith Bigbee and Presentation of the Colors by members of the CASSAR Color Guard. Following the pledges to the Flag and the SAR, CASSAR Secretary Ronald Barker called the roll confirming that a quorum was present to conduct business. Introductions of distinguished guests and past CASSAR Presidents were followed by reports by the State Officers, National Officers, Committee and Program Reports, and finally the Chapter Reports.

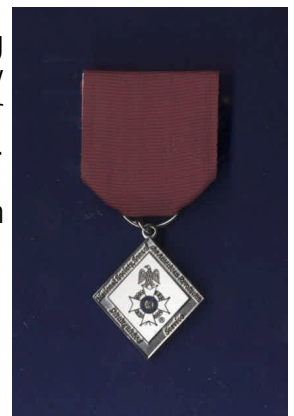
The first session ended with the reports after which the membership and their guests attended a Public Service Luncheon where SAR Law Enforcement and Fire Safety Medals were given to members of the local community. Following the luncheon, the business session was resumed while the ladies went to the Monterey Fisherman's Wharf and the historic section of Monterey. The minutes of the 2012 Annual CASSAR Meeting were approved, a proposal to create a CASSAR Life Membership for Dual Members who already have National Life Memberships was presented and approved, the continuing ever increasing cost of the California Compatriot was again brought up and a decision was made to print one last issue this year announcing that future issues would be delivered online and those compatriots that wanted to receive a hard copy in the mail could subscribe for a fee (\$10 per year was suggested). Once these issues were addressed and the cost of printing the last hard copy of the California Compatriot determined, the 2013 budget was presented and approved.

The final session of the BOM Meeting heard presentations by those present or their representatives who are running for General Officers for 2013 who are seeking the endorsement of the California Society. Following their presentations, the following candidates were endorsed: for President General, Joseph Dooley; for Secretary General, Lindsey Brock; for Treasurer General, Thomas Lawrence; for Chancellor General, John Dodd; for Genealogist General, Larry Cornwell; for Registrar General, J. Michael Tomme; for Historian General, Robert Bowen; for Librarian General, Michael Wells, for Chaplain General, Louis Carlson; and for the Foundation Board, Stephen Leishman and Randy Ellis.

The business session was followed by a luncheon in which compatriot Curtis Porter made an excellent presentation about the Continental Marines. Following the luncheon, the hospitality room reopened until the Banquet that evening where awards were then presented, with Tom Chilton receiving the State Distinguished Service Medal. With the retirement of the Colors, the 137th Board of Mangers Meeting ended.



Jim Faulkinbury
CASSAR VP-North



**Distinguished
Service medal**

Mother Lode members attending the Fall Manager's meeting in Monterey



Anne and Tom Adams



Tom and Marilyn Chilton

CASSAR and NSSAR Officers attending the Fall Manager's Meeting



President-General
Stephen Leishman



CASSAR President Keith Bigbee
and his wife, Cyndy



Secretary-General
Joe Dooley



Treasurer-General Lindsey Brock,
and his wife, Billie.



CASSAR VP-North Jim Faulkinbury,
and his wife, Karen.

Announcement

Special Joint Meeting

The Sacramento and Mother Lode Chapters will be hosting a special joint meeting to be held at 12:00 noon, on Saturday, December 22, 2012, at the Cattlemen's Restaurant, located at 12409 Folsom Blvd. in Rancho Cordova. The restaurant is located just east of Hazel Avenue. Call Tom Chilton (916-933-6576) if you need directions.

This is an opportunity to meet and greet SAR members from another chapter, in a spirit of fellowship and the holiday season. The Sacramento Chapter has arranged for an a cappella group from Vista del Lago High School to provide Christmas music after the meal.

This event will be a fixed price menu. The selections will include: a 10 oz. sirloin steak, grilled salmon, teriyaki chicken, pesto spinach/cheese ravioli, or a chicken salad. The price for each of these selections is \$24, all-inclusive (includes salad/soup, entrée, beverage, desert, tax, and tip). The calling committee will call you the week of December 22nd to take your meal selection(s). See page 4 for more details about the restaurant.

After the program, the Mother Lode Chapter will hold a raffle, conducted by Joy Krahn. Joy was instrumental in arranging for the Thomas Kinkade Gallery in Placerville to donate a framed Thomas Kinkade print for this raffle. Joy tells us that in addition to the framed print, other donations are needed. Together we can make this a very successful event. Suggestions for donation include:

1. A gift certificate from your favorite store
2. Baked goods
3. Hand crafted items.
4. Wine
5. Anything you think would be appropriate

These are only suggestions. Please help to make this raffle a success. All the proceeds from the raffle will go into the general fund for the Mother Lode Chapter. Thank you in advance for you participation.

I hope all of the Mother Lode Chapter members will avail themselves of this opportunity to meet the Sacramento members, and join in an afternoon of good fellowship.



Thomas Kinkade print of the Yosemite Valley, donated by the Thomas Kinkade Gallery in Placerville.

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Cattlemens Restaurant

You can trust us 'cause here in the West, a cattleman is only as good as his word.

Cattlemens is a casual, western-themed steakhouse chain. Founded in 1968 by a father-son team with decades of experience in the cattle business, eight locations now serve California. Still family-owned and operated, each location follows the "Cattlemens Code," offering the feel and flavor of the old west, aged and hand-cut beef, the finest ingredients, and old-fashioned Western hospitality. Serving generous portions and all-natural Harris Ranch beef, Cattlemens is always in good taste.

Directions

Westbound Highway 50: Westbound on 50 to the **Hazel Avenue** exit. Turn left onto Hazel Avenue and continue over the highway overpass. Turn left onto **Folsom Boulevard** and take the first or second entrance into the **Nimbus Winery Complex**. Follow the signs to the restaurant.

Eastbound Highway 50: Follow eastbound Highway 50 to Hazel Avenue exit. Turn right onto Hazel Avenue and take an immediate left onto Folsom Boulevard. Take a left into the Nimbus Winery complex and follow the signs to the restaurant.

Parking

Cattlemens has a well-lighted lot that accommodates 95 automobiles and is handicap accessible.



NSSAR Recognizes Mother Lode Couple

At the CASSAR Fall Banquet, President Keith Bigbee, on behalf of the National Society, recognized Tom and Anne Adams of the Mother Lode Chapter. President Bigbee read a letter from NSSAR Executive Director Don Shaw recognizing the couple's financial gift toward the endowment of a National Middle School Brochure Contest. President Bigbee then presented Tom with a framed award from the NSSAR officers for his contribution in developing the Brochure Contest.

The award is signed by National Society President, Larry Magerkurth, and J. Michael Tomme, Sr., Americanism Chairman, and reads: *"Certificate of Distinguished Service for his dedicated service to the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution in the development of the Sgt Moses Adams Memorial Middle School Brochure Contest."*

Tom explained afterwards that when he was appointed CASSAR Youth Activities Director by then President Lou Carlson, Lou gave him the charge to come up with a middle school contest. Tom contacted local teachers in El Dorado County for ideas and was fortunate to meet Rolling Hills Middle School history teacher Kevin Tierney. One of the ideas Kevin had was the brochure contest. Kevin and Tom put together a proposal and submitted it to the CASSAR Executive Committee who liked it immediately. Wayne Griswold, then CASSAR Executive VP, took the California proposal back to Louisville and presented it to the Americanism Committee who very soon also adopted it as the National Middle School Contest program.

Tom began to attend meetings in Louisville and to work with Americanism Committee Chairman Mike Tomme on developing the concept into a working program. Tom became the Brochure Contest Chairman and has led the very successful pilot of the contest here in California – we are entering our third year. Mike Tomme attended the CASSAR Spring Meeting in April 2012 and observed the complete structured brochure judging process. He was very pleased. Tomme is optimistic, and believes that if contributions to the endowment continue as they have, and the financial markets hold, the Americanism Committee, who now manages the Elementary School Poster Contest, will be able to soon launch a National Middle School Brochure Contest.

It was during the time that Tom was working with Mike Tomme that he learned that National contests, unlike our State contests, are not funded from the general fund, but from the interest earned from endowments. Tom and Anne are strong believers in teaching our young people about their American Heritage. They approached the National Society with a sizable donation, and were granted the great privilege of naming the contest after the family's patriot, Sgt. Moses Adams of the 13 Massachusetts Regiment. Sgt Adams died at Valley Forge. As Tom describes it, "Sgt Moses Adams did not do anything historically significant – other than to give his life for his country." Tom and Anne see Moses' life and death as representative of the nearly 25,000 men who sacrificed their lives so that we can enjoy the promise of our great democratic republic.



**CASSAR President Keith Bigbee,
with Tom and Anne Adams**

Mother Lode Recognizes C.A.R. Brochure Contest Winner - Ciara Barrett

In the 2011-12 School Year the Sacramento Society of the C.A.R. gave the CASSAR five Brochure Entries. It is very unlikely this will ever occur again! ... (See Dispatch February 2012 issue).

Two of those 8th graders, Kaity Malinovsky and Mason Hall, entered the contest through their participating school, Holy Trinity Elementary; the customary means of entering a SAR Contest – through the child's school.

Two other 8th graders (Leslie Young and Hannah Bailey) got the idea and instructions for creating a brochure from CASSAR by attending a C.A.R. meeting.

Leslie attended 8th grade at Country Day School in Sacramento, so she was able to enter the CASSAR contest through the Sacramento SAR Chapter and her school.

Hannah attended 8th grade at St. Rose in Roseville, so she was able to enter the CASSAR contest through the Gold Country SAR Chapter and her school.

That left 8th grader, Ciara Barrett who attended 8th grade at Markham Middle School in Placerville. The Mother Lode Chapter was unable to arrange for Ciara to submit her brochure through her school, unlike the other C.A.R. members had. The inability to accomplish this was the fault of the Mother Lode Chapter – not the school. Our folks were just too screeched to work out the arrangements. However, all was not lost. Ciara was able to enter the SAR Brochure Contest through the C.A.R. One-Room Schoolhouse option pioneered by a C.A.R. member (Marissa Mancebo) the year before. The option simply states that if child can not enter the contest through their school, they can enter the contest through their C.A.R. Society.

So finally, at the recent Sacramento Society C.A.R. Meeting in Placerville, Ciara received her best in class Medallion from Mother Lode Youth Activities Chairman Tom Adams. Ciara is presently a freshman at El Dorado High School. She is the daughter of Jeannette Barrett.



Tom Adams and Ciara Barrett

CAAH's booklet "*The American Flag: History and Etiquette*" Finds Wide Audience

Members of the Sacramento Society C.A.R. in Placerville, California, received a thorough and impressive presentation on the proper care of the American flag by the Color Guard of the Civilian Air Parole Cadet Squadron 85, also based out of Placerville. (The squadron is over 80 members strong.)

The presentation began with a slide projection on the history and tradition of the flag, which included a lively Q & A session to engage the fifteen attending young people.

Source for the presentation was: "The American Flag: History and Etiquette" – a 22 page booklet published by the SAR's The Center for Advancing America's Heritage (CAAH).



Each C.A.R. member received a copy of the CAAH booklet. The booklets were acquired from CAAH Director, Colleen Wilson, by the local Mother Lode SAR Chapter and provided to the Civilian Air Parole Cadets. (The publication of the booklet was originally funded by a grant from the George Washington Endowment Fund).



The young attendees then had a close up view of how to properly fold, how to present and how to carry the flag. Throughout the presentation, the cadets made reference to the CAAH booklet, such as: "*The proper folding of the flag is shown on page 17 of your booklet.*"

At the conclusion of the presentation, at the request of Sacramento Society C.A.R. Senior President Jeannette Barrett, four members of the C.A.R. Society were selected for one-on-one instruction on the proper procedure for "Posting the Colors" by the Cadets' Color Guard. Mrs. Barrett explained that the C.A.R. Society may be invited to provide this service at local functions.

Photos from the October Mother Lode Chapter Meeting



President Bob Conover presents CASSAR Executive-VP Steven Hurst with the SAR Certificate of Appreciation.



Jim Young and Tom Adams



Bob Leach and Marilyn Chilton



Joy and John Krahn

More Photos from the October Meeting



Tom Douglas and Merv Purdy



Doug and Lisa Keefauver



CASSAR EX-VP Steven Hurst and President Bob Conover



Dennis Simmons

Minutes of the Meeting held on October 23, 2012

By Tom Douglas

The meeting was called to order by President Conover at 6:35, at the Denny's Restaurant in Cameron Park.

In the absence of Chaplin Myers, Secretary Douglas gave the Invocation, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance, led by Compatriot Adams and the SAR Pledge led by Compatriot Young.

The following guests for the evening were introduced; Joy Krahn, LAUX, Dual Member Tom Chilton and his wife, Marilyn Chilton, DAR, and Lisa Keefauver. There were eight members in attendance.

The minutes of the September meeting were approved.

Reports:

Secretary: no report

Treasurer: Compatriot Douglas reported a balance of \$2,530.00 in the checking account.

Registrar: Compatriot Young is working on two applications.

Historian: no report

Youth Activities: Compatriot Adams reminded the chapter of the upcoming brochure and poster contests throughout the area that Mother Lode participates in. Judging for the Brochures is in February, the poster presentation will start in February, and judging for the posters will be in April. Three schools usually participate in the brochure contests and five schools in the poster contest.

Dispatch Editor: we need someone to step up and take on the editor's position.

President Conover asked for nominations for chapter officers for the 2013 year. The following nominations were received from the floor. Those nominated accepted the position and will be installed at the January meeting.

President: Bob Conover

1st Vice President: open

2nd Vice President: Tom Adams

Secretary/Treasurer: Tom Douglas

Registrar: Jim Young

Historian: John Krahn

Youth Activities: Tom Adams

Dispatch Editor: Acting editor, Tom Chilton. We need someone from the chapter to step up and accept the responsibility to do this important task.

*[*Secretary's note: you can see the same people are accepting chapter responsibilities. There needs to be a rotating base of folks that are willing to be responsible for the chapter officer positions. We will start to lose some of the momentum we have made in the last two years if we cannot get new people in the process.]*

Compatriot Tom Chilton presented two flags from the Sacramento Chapter's collection. The Bennington and the Bedford flags were displayed while Compatriot Chilton talked about the history of each flag.

Guest speaker J. Stephen Hurst, California Society Executive Vice President, talked about George Washington and Dale Carnegie.

The Benediction was given by Compatriot Douglas; the SAR Recessional was led by Compatriot Simmons. After the singing of "God Bless America" the meeting was adjourned by President Conover at eight PM.



Tom Douglas
Secretary and Past President

Respectfully submitted;
Tom Douglas, Secretary

Mother Lode Chapter's 2012-2013 Calendar of Events

- November 27 - Regular Meeting at Denny's.
Election of Officers for 2013
- December 15 - Wreaths Across America
Sacramento Valley National Cemetery in Dixon
- December 22 - 12:00 noon
A joint meeting with the Sacramento Chapter will be held at the Cattlemens Restaurant on Folsom Blvd. near Hazel Avenue. See pages 3 and 4.
- January 28 - Regular meeting at Denny's
Program to be announced



El Dorado County Historical Museum, located next to the El Dorado County Fair Grounds in Placerville.

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