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# Mother Lode Dispatch



Calling All Compatriots



Next meeting - October 23, 2012  
6:30 PM at Denny's Restaurant

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**J Stephen Hurst** is currently the CASSAR Executive Vice-President. He is a native of Florida (where his father was stationed), and spent his childhood in Norfolk, VA, and Pensacola, FL. He graduated from California State University at San Diego with a B. S. Degree in Chemistry, and later from the University of Missouri with a MBA. Steve served as a Captain in the U. S. Air Force where he was munitions officer, missile launch officer, and an equal opportunity officer, serving in Okinawa, two tours in Thailand, North Dakota, Missouri, and Vandenberg AFB. He is retired after spending more than thirty years as a financial advisor at a major investment firm.

Steve joined the General George Patton Chapter, SAR, in 2002, and served as its President for several years. He is a CASSAR Life member, and served as the CASSAR Registrar in 2006. He has received the SAR Meritorious Medal, Silver Good Citizenship Award, Outstanding Citizenship Award, and the Bronze Color Guard Award.

Steve is a member of the NRA, American Sailing Associate, Bareboat Charter Diplomat, the Roseleaf Ragtime Club, life member of the Society for Sedimentary Geology Pacific section, and a subscriber to the New West Symphony Church.

In addition to the SAR, Steve belongs several other lineage societies, including the California Society of the War of 1812 (Past Secretary), Order of the First Family of Maryland (Past Governor General), Society of Colonial Wars, and Life Member Society of Indiana Pioneers.

Steve had three children, stepdaughter Stephanie, foster son Thuan Huynh, and deceased son Eric, who was a recipient of Carnegie Hero Award. Eric lost his life in 2002 while trying to save the life of another boy on a canoeing expedition in Minnesota. Grandson Nathan Huynh is a Youth Registrant of the SAR.

"Call me Steve", he asks. "From my efforts as [CASSAR] Registrar, I know how congenial our society can be. It is a pleasure to associate with men interested in our country's patriotic heritage. I want to help us to continue to grow by welcoming new, younger members."

Steve will speak on "George Washington and Dale Carnegie."



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

The next meeting of the Mother Lode Chapter will be held on Tuesday, October 23, 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

I would like to welcome all our compatriots and families to the Mother Lode Chapter of the SAR. At this meeting we will be nominating the officers for the 2013 year. This is a change because of the Christmas joint meeting with the Sacramento Chapter in December. I hope we get all members to participate in nominating the officers for next year. Because the December meeting is a joint meeting, elections will be in November this year. I hope this modification of the normal procedure will be acceptable to all.

The guest speaker for our October meeting will be Steve Hurst, CASSAR Executive Vice-President. Steve will bring us information on the State activities and what is new. So if anyone has any questions, bring them to the meeting.

The next few months are going to be busy with the Poster and Brochure Contests coming up along with Community Service Awards Banquet.

Next year's preliminary calendar has the judging of the posters at our February meeting with Brochure judging in March. This time line will allow the judging to be completed prior to the CASSAR Spring Membership Meeting in April. The Community Service Awards presentation dinner will be in April instead of February because of the time to get all entries judged and ready and to attend the CASSAR prior to the April meeting.

Again, let me remind everyone about the December joint meeting with the Sacramento Chapter. This meeting will be a Christmas meeting held at Cattleman's Restaurant on December 22, 2012. If you have any questions, please contact Tom Chilton at the next meeting.

Again we need to find a member who would 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 me or Tom Chilton, or contact us at our meeting so we can discuss the duties of the position.

Remember this meeting is to nominate officers for 2013. The election would be held in November.

In Patriotic Service

Bob Conover



**Bob Conover**  
Mother Lode Chapter President

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# 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.

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.

After the program, both chapters will hold raffles. Of particular interest is the raffle to be held by the Mother Lode Chapter. Joy Krahn was instrumental in arranging for the Thomas Kincade Gallery in Placerville to donate a framed Kincade print for this raffle. All of the funds from this raffle will go to the Mother Lode Chapter. The Sacramento Chapter will also hold a raffle with the funds from their raffle going to the Sacramento Chapter.

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

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 fellowship.







## 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.



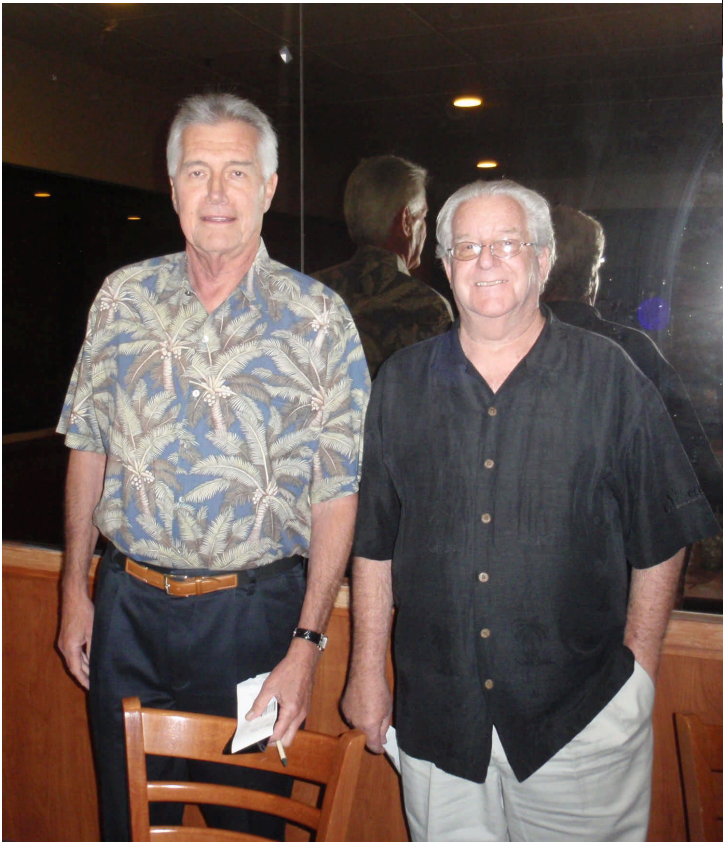
# Photos from the September Meeting



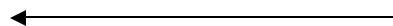
President Conover presents Chris Kinsey with the SAR Certificate of Appreciation.



Joy and John Krahn.



Chuck Smith and Dennis Simmons.





## More Photos from the September Meeting



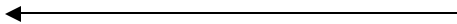
**Sam Bradley and Gene Myers**



**Registrar Jim Young and President Bob Conover.**



**Guest speaker Chris Kinsey and Marilyn Chilton.**



# Minutes of the Meeting held on September 25, 2012

By Bob Conover & Tom Chilton

President Bob Conover called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM at Denny's Restaurant in Cameron Park. Chaplain Gene Myer gave the Invocation, Jim Young led the Pledge to our Flag, and John Krahn let the Pledge to the SAR. President Conover introduced the guests: Marilyn Chilton, CASSAR Ladies Auxilliary and Sacramento DAR, Joyce Krahn, CASSAR Ladies Auxilliary. Jim Young introduced Chuck Smith, a prospective member, and Bob Conover introduced his cousin, Dennis Simmons, who will be transferring his SAR membership to the Mother Lode Chapter.

There were no minutes presented at this meeting. A motion was made by Jim Young, and seconded by John Krahn, to accept the June minutes as published in the September Dispatch. The motion passed.

## Reports:

Secretary Tom Douglas – no report, as Tom was ill, and did not attend the meeting.

Treasurer – Tom Douglas – President Conover reported a balance of about \$2000.00.

Registrar Jim Young – Reported that Chuck Smith, and his son are working their applications.

Historian John Krahn – no report

Youth Activities Coordinator Tom Adams – absent

Acting Newsletter Editor Tom Chilton – nothing to report

Tom Chilton then described the two flags he brought to the meeting: the French Alliance Flag, and the Procter's Battalion Flag.

Tom Chilton introduced the guest speaker, Chris Kinney. Chris is a Project Engineer for the Bureau of Reclamation's Office at Folsom, and oversees the modifications and upgrades to the Folsom Dam and the Mormon Island dike. Sacramento is said to be the largest metropolitan city in the United States to be so close to a large reservoir, and would sustain catastrophic damage in case the dam or dike were to fail. He gave a very interesting explanation and slide presentation of the various changes and modifications that are being made. Work was started in 2007, and is expected to be completed by 2017. President Bob Conover presented Chris with the SAR Certificate of Appreciation for his presentation.

Chaplain Gene Myer gave the Benediction, and Sam Bradley led the SAR Recessional. After the singing of "God Bless America", President Conover adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Bob Conover & Tom Chilton

# Mother Lode Chapter's 2012 Calendar of Events

October 23 - Regular Meeting at Denny's.  
CASSAR Executive Vice President Stephen Hurst will visit our Chapter. His presentation is titled "George Washington and Dale Carnegie".  
Nomination of Officers for 2013

November 2 & 3 - CASSAR Fall Manager's Meeting to be held in Monterey, CA.

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 Cattlemen's Restaurant on Folsom Blvd. near Hazel Avenue. See pages 3 and 4.

January 28 - Regular meeting at Denny's  
Program to be announced

February 25 - Regular meeting at Denny's  
Program to be announced

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