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# Mother Lode Dispatch



Calling All Compatriots



Community Awards Banquet - Oct. 22, 2013  
6:30 PM at the Cold Springs Country Club

Guest Speaker - Jim Faulkinbury

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**Jim Faulkinbury** is the current Executive Vice President and Vice Color Guard Commander of the California Society and a member of the Sacramento Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution. He joined the SAR in 2001 based on the service of Pvt. Samuel Hoard, a member of the 4th Reg., Albany Co., NY who served at the battles of Saratoga. He also has four supplemental patriot ancestors. He is a retired Information Technology executive, having worked for the State of California for 31 years, and is also a professional genealogist having been first accredited as a Certified Genealogist by the Board for Certification of Genealogists in 1980. He is now a working member of the Board having served on the Board's Planning Committee since 2002 and as a Trustee from 2006-2009.



In addition to his responsibilities in the California Society SAR, he is a member of several National SAR committees including the IT Committee, C.A.R. Liaison Committee, and the Genealogy Committee. He is also a Registrar for the Sacramento Society and a new organizing society of the Children of the American Revolution. Jim is also a member of several other lineage societies including the Founders and Patriots of America, the Mayflower Society, the General Society of the War of 1812, and the Society of Colonial Wars.



The next meeting of the Mother Lode Chapter will be held on Tuesday, October 22, 2013, at 6:30 PM, at Cold Springs Country Club in Placerville. Wives, guests and visiting compatriots are always welcome. Reservations are required for this meeting. The cost of this meal is \$30 all inclusive. Come socialize with us at 6:15PM. The meeting will start promptly at 6:30 PM.

## From the Newsletter Editor's Desk

By Tom Chilton

### Mother Lode Chapter Officers for 2013

**President**

Bob Conover

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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

Compatriots and friends,

We have our annual awards dinner coming up shortly and we will be honoring seven outstanding individuals. I hope you all plan to attend as this will be a great time to introduce the SAR to those that may not know about the organization and its many patriotic programs. We will have more guests and awardees this year than we have had in the past. Therefore I hope all active chapter members will attend. If you plan to attend please send your RSVP and check to Tom Douglas no later than October 16, so we can submit a count of guests and members to the country club in time for them to make all necessary arraignments. The goal is to have at least one SAR member seated at each table along with the awardees and guests. I want to thank those who helped me in setting up the agenda and program for the awards dinner. Without your help my job would have been very difficult.

The next regular meeting will be held on November 26th. We will nominate our officers for the next year at that time. I hope that those who would like to become an officer will stand up and be heard.

Yours in patriotic service.

Bob Conover



**Bob Conover  
President**

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## Wreaths Across America

### Saturday, December 14, 2013, at 9:00 AM



The Worcester Wreath Co. and its involvement with the Arlington project was inspired when at the early age of 12 years old as a Bangor Daily News paperboy, Monill Worcester won a trip to the Nation's Capital. It was a trip he would never forget, and Arlington National Cemetery made an indelible impression. In later life, he recognized that his success as a businessman was in large part due to the values of this nation and the veterans who made the ultimate sacrifice for their country.

In 1992, Worcester Wreath Company of Harrington, Maine, found themselves with an excess of wreaths nearing the end of the holiday season. Seeing an opportunity to make a boyhood dream a reality, efforts to do something special with those wreaths began in earnest. With the help of Maine Senator Olympia Snowe and the Maine State Society of DC, arrangements were made for the wreaths to be placed at Arlington. Again an impression was made and he vowed to bring the wreaths every year.

In 2006, in response to thousands of e-mails and letters, Worcester Wreath expanded its wreath donations nationwide. With the help of the Civil Air Patrol and many others, ceremonies were held simultaneously at 230 locations. From the snow banks of Alaska to the sands of Iraq, our nation's heroes were honored. From here, Wreaths Across America was born.

Members from various local SAR Color Guards will participate in the Wreaths Across America ceremony held at the Sacramento Valley National Cemetery in Dixon. CASSAR Executive Vice President Jim Faulkinbury will read the message from NSSAR President-General Joe Dooley. This event will be held on Saturday, December 14, 2013, at 9:00 AM. Mark your calendar now, and plan to attend this inspiring event. Wear warm clothing as it is sometimes very cold.

# Community Service Award Recipients

## **War Service Medal**

Presented to Douglas Keefauver  
Recommended by Thomas Douglas

## **Fire Safety Commendation Medal**

Presented to Captain Joel Warman  
Rescue Fire Department  
Recommended by Rescue Fire Chief Thomas M. Keating

## **Fire Safety Commendation Medal**

Presented to Engineer Matt Belleci  
El Dorado Hills Fire Department  
Recommended by El Dorado Hills Fire Chief Dave Roberts

## **EMS Service Commendation Medal**

Presented to Engineer Ben Cowles  
El Dorado Hills Fire Department  
Recommended by El Dorado Hills Fire Chief Dave Roberts

## **Law Enforcement Commendation Medal**

Presented to Sergeant Bryan Brown  
El Dorado County Sheriff's Department  
Recommended by Sheriff John D'Agostini

## **Law Enforcement Commendation Medal**

Presented to Deputy Shane Humbird  
El Dorado County Sheriff's Department  
Recommended by Sheriff John D'Agostini

## **Medal for Heroism**

Presented to Mark Divittorio  
Recommended by SAR President Bob Conover

# Minutes of the September 24, 2013 Meeting

By Tom Douglas

President Conover opened the meeting at 6:45. After the Invocation, Pledge of Allegiance, and SAR Pledge, President Conover introduced the visitors for the evening, Joy Krahn (LAUX), Marilyn Chilton (Sacramento DAR) and Mary Lou Bell. Dual member Tom Chilton was also in attendance. There were eight members in attendance.

There were no reports requested and none given.

The meeting was used primarily to discuss the agenda for the upcoming Community Service Awards Dinner on October 22, 2013. There was also some discussion regarding the advertising of the event and how we could better make it a community event rather than appearing to limit it to an SAR dinner.

There are seven awardees this year compared to the three we have had the past two years. This is the first year we are presenting the Hero's Medal, the Fire Safety, the EMS Medal, and the War Service Medal. These, along with the Law Enforcement Medals, combine to make the seven awardees.

The Awardees are: War Service Medal, Doug Keefauver, Fire Safety Commendation Medal, Captain Joel Warman, Rescue Fire District, EMS Service Commendation Medal, Engineer Ben Cowles, El Dorado Hills Fire Department, Fire Safety Commendation Medal, Engineer Matt Belleci, El Dorado Hills Fire Department, Law Enforcement Commendation Medal, Sargent Bryan Brown and Deputy Shane Humbird, El Dorado County Sheriff's Dept., and Hero Medal, Mark Divittorio.

The Benediction was given and the SAR Recessional recited. After singing God Bless America, President Conover adjourned the meeting at approximately eight PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tom Douglas, Secretary



**Tom Douglas**  
**Secretary and Past President**



# Mother Lode Chapter's 2013 Calendar

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

April 10-13, 2014 - Annual CASSAR Membership Meeting at  
the Embassy Suites in Sacramento. Samuel Adams (aka Rex  
Ruth) will be the featured speaker. Jim Faulkinbury will be  
installed CASSAR President. All members are welcome. Mark  
your calendars now!



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