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# Mother Lode Dispatch



Calling All Compatriots



Next meeting - September 24, 2013  
6:30 PM at the Denny's Restaurant

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## Eagle Scout Court of Honor



Past President Tom Douglas, dressed in his Revolutionary War uniform, presented Eagle Scout Certificates to Zachary Pickett (L) and Hayden Cooksy at their Eagle Scout Court of Honor held last June.

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

The next meeting of the Mother Lode Chapter will be held on Tuesday, September 24, 2013, at 6:30 PM, at Denny's Restaurant in Cameron Park. Wives, guests and visiting compatriots are always welcome. 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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Tom Douglas

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Gene Myers

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#### Eagle Scout Program

Vacant

#### ROTC Program

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#### Knight Essay Contest

Vacant

#### Valley Forge Program

Vacant

#### Law Enforcement Program

John Krahn

#### Flag Certificate Program

Doug Stone

#### Americanism Poster Contest

Tom Adams

Dear Compatriots and Friends,

Summer is almost over, and fall is in the air. I hope that you have all had a wonderful summer.

It is now time to start thinking about the various chapter activities coming up in the next few months, the most immediate being our Community Awards Banquet. This is our opportunity to recognize those first responders and others, whose dedication contributes to the safety of our community. I must tell you that last year there were more awardees and guests than Mother Lode Chapter members, which was discouraging to say the least! I urge you to mark your calendars now for Tuesday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>.

President Conover has worked closely with the caterer to provide an excellent meal at an affordable price. Again, please support your chapter by attending this meeting. By starting at 6:30 we should be completed by 9:00. You will receive an invitation to this banquet in the next few days.

Chapter elections will be held soon. New blood is essential for the long-term health of the chapter. Looking at our list of officers to the left you will see a number of blanks, and a number of names of men that have held offices since the chapter was formed six years ago. While we applaud those men for their dedication to the chapter, we need other members willing to accept a leadership role. If you have any questions as to what is required of the various offices, please contact President Conover, Secretary Douglas, or myself.

Next spring we will again present the fifth grade Poster Contest, and the eighth grade Brochure Contest to the local schools. This is a fun time, going to the schools to explain the programs, collecting and judging the entries, and awarding the winners their prizes. Again, the same members continue to promote these programs. Let us know if you would be available to help.

You will see on page one that Tom Douglas presented Eagle Scout Certificates at an Eagle Scout Court of Honor held last June. We thank Tom for his service, but he is already Secretary/Treasurer and helps to promote the Poster Contest. Do we have a member whose was an Eagle Scout and who would like to make these presentations?

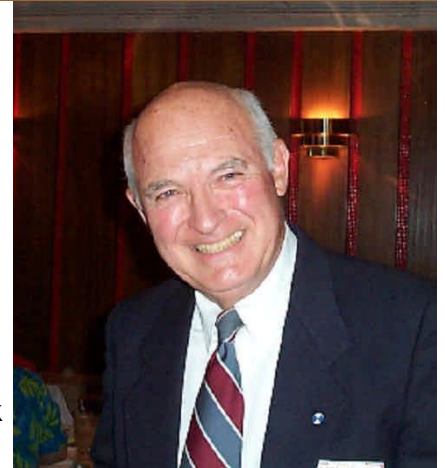
I hope to see you all next Tuesday (September 24<sup>th</sup>) at the regular meeting, and at the Awards Banquet on Tuesday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Yours in patriotic service.

Tom Chilton

Acting newsletter editor

Dual member of the Mother Lode Chapter



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## Compatriot Trevor McCarthy Commissioned 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant

At the commissioning ceremony held on June 14, 2013, at Southern Oregon University (SOU), Compatriot Trevor Thomas McCarthy was commissioned a 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant in the United States Army Infantry. The next day he was awarded a Bachelor of Science Degree in Spanish from SOU.

Trevor was born in Reno, NV, graduated from Douglas High School in Minden, NV, and attended the University of Nevada Reno before transferring to SOU. He is currently stationed at Fort Benning, GA.

Pictured with Trevor is his sister, Corporal Erin McCarthy McKee. Erin and her husband, Ryan McKee, joined the United States Army in February 2011, after graduating from Oregon State University in Corvallis, OR. Erin recently returned from Afghanistan where she had served for nine months as a Medic. She was born in Reno, and graduated from Wooster High School in Reno. She and her husband are stationed at Fort Lewis, WA.

Erin and Trevor are the children of Lou Ann Chilton McCarthy and the grandchildren of Marilyn and Tom Chilton. Trevor is a member of the Sacramento Chapter SAR, and a CASSAR Life Member.



## New Member - Charles Smith



Past President Jim Young pins the SAR Rosette on Chuck Smith's shirt as CASSAR Past President Wayne Griswold looks on.

At the June meeting of the Mother Lode Charles (Chuck) Arnold Smith was sworn in as a new member. Chuck is a descendant of John Mead, a Lieut. Col. of the 9th Reg., Col. and Brigadier General of the 4th Brigade in the Connecticut Militia, serving at the battles of Long Island, Brooklyn Heights, Gowanus Pass, and Manhattan. He served on the Committees Inspection & Safety. We welcome Chuck to the Mother Lode Chapter.





# Notes From the 123<sup>rd</sup> National Congress Kansas City, Missouri July 6 -10, 2013

by Jim W. Faulkinbury

For those arriving on July 5<sup>th</sup>, an optional tour of the Steamboat Arabia Museum was available. The Arabia sank in 1856 loaded rich with goods. It quickly sank into the mud as the current ate the mud away around it taking it ever deeper. A few years later the course of the Missouri River changed slightly leaving the Arabia 65 feet below the surface of land for the next 132 years when it was finally rediscovered and restored into a museum.

Saturday July 6<sup>th</sup> included another optional tour of Kansas City and, in the evening, the Host Society Reception held in the National World War I Museum. The Museum was open for viewing of the exhibits during the reception, and held many artifacts from the Great War.

Sunday began the official activities of the Congress. I attended the Color Guard Breakfast with over 110 members of the National Color Guard attending the Congress. That was followed by a meeting of the Mexico Society where I was elected Secretary/Treasurer of MXSSAR. After lunch, the Color Guard formed for an inspection by President General, Stephen Leishman, and then marched to the Grace Holy Trinity Cathedral for the annual Memorial Service. Following dinner on our own, the finals of the Orations Contest were held. It was a real treat to listen to the six finalists give their entries.



Grace Holy Trinity Cathedral

The real business of the Congress began on Monday. I attended the Council of State Presidents



Color Guard marches to the Cathedral.

Breakfast after which the Color

Guard once again formed for the Presentation of the Colors for the opening

session of the Congress. The morning session heard the reports by the General Officers and Committee Chairmen. This was followed by the Youth Awards Luncheon where the National Society winners of the Eagle Scout, Knight Essay, Orations, and JROTC contest winners were recognized and received their prizes. The winner of the National Americanism Poster Contest was also named. CASSAR's entry from the Gold Country Chapter came in 2<sup>nd</sup> place. After lunch, the business session resumed with more reports, and



California and Western District members who attended the 2013 National Congress held in Kansas City, Missouri

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then the debate and vote on proposed Bylaw changes. This year the delegates voted on 11 Bylaw changes. Most were for things like membership and responsibilities on standing committees, how future Bylaw proposals could be submitted, or notifications using email rather than snail mail. One was a change in the investment policy for the various NSSAR funds to allow more flexibility in dealing with market changes. All but one of the 11 changes passed. The one that failed would have increased the fees for Supplemental applications from \$40 to \$80. I suspect we haven't heard the last of this proposal but at least until next year, the supplemental fees, as well as all other fees and dues, will remain the same. Another significant item was a visual presentation, by a company specializing in museum design, depicting the vision for what the NSSAR Museum could look like. After the presentation, the delegates moved to fund the initial stages of that vision. The Museum is projected to be completed for the opening of the 2015 Congress in Louisville. If you look at the home page on the NSSAR website, you can see video updates of the progress as the structure is nearing completion. After another dinner on our own, the Recognition Night ceremony was held. The six members of the Minuteman class of 2013 were recognized and presented with the Minuteman Medal after which the various State and Chapter Awards were presented. CASSAR received nineteen (19) Partners in Patriotism certificates for CASSAR and eighteen (18) chapters, eighteen (18) Liberty Medals/oak leaf clusters & certificates for members who were 1<sup>st</sup> line signers on 10 new member applications in 2012, two (2) Robert E. Burt Boy Scout Volunteer Awards, the Sen. Robert A. Taft Award for the State Society with the largest number of new members in 2012-2013, the Syracuse Award for State Society with the most new chapters in 2012-2013, the Eugene C. McGuire Award to State Society enrolling largest number of sons, grandsons, and nephews of SARs and DARs, and the C.A.R. Activity Award and streamer to State Society which has documented their work with the C.A.R. during 2012-2013.

Tuesday the 2<sup>nd</sup> session of the Congress resuming with a few revisions to some of the Bylaw changes for which language had been modified, and the nominations for the 2013-2014 General Officers were made. There was only one contested race - for Librarian General. The uncontested officers were unanimously elected. After lunch, I attended the meeting of the Council of State Presidents. This council is comprised of the current State Presidents, the immediate past State Presidents, and the anticipated next State Presidents. The primary purpose of the Council is to elect 4 members to serve on the NSSAR Nominating Committee that recommends next year's General Officer nominees. That meeting was followed by the balloting for the one contested race for Librarian General. In the evening, the Color Guard once again formed for the Presentation of the Colors at the President General's Banquet. A highlight of this banquet was the National Color Guard Change in Command ceremony.

Wednesday was the final session of the Congress. The declaration of election of the 2013-2014 General Officers was made followed by the election of the National Trustees. The Congress was adjourned and two optional tours were available for the attendees, a tour of the art museums of Kansas City or a tour to Independence, Missouri, to see the Truman Library, and the National Frontier Trails Museum at the trail head of the Santa Fe, Oregon, Mormon and California Trails. I chose the Independence tour. That evening, the Installation Banquet was held where the newly elected General Officers were sworn-in followed by remarks by President General Joseph W. Dooley. The Color Guard retired the Colors and the Congress was adjourned.



**CASSAR members of the Color Guard**



**Jim Faulkinbury met Forrest Bond Chilton, Tom Chilton's 3<sup>rd</sup> cousin. Forrest was KY SAR President several years ago.**



# Photos from the June Meeting

Photos by Tom Douglas



Past President Jin Young presents Vince Gantt with the SAR Certificate of Appreciation.



Vince Gantt displays one of the many period rifles and muskets he brought to the meeting.



Joy Krahn finds out just how heavy a musket can be.



Vince brought a lot of guns!!



Vince displays another pf his guns.



Mary Lou Bell also finds how heavy the musket can be.

# Minutes of the June 25, 2013 Meeting

By Tom Douglas

The meeting was called to order by Registrar Jim Young filling in for President Bob Conover. Doug Keefauver gave the Invocation, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Ray Chant and the SAR Pledge led by Gene Bell.

The following guests were introduced; Marilyn Chilton, Sacramento DAR, Joy Krahn, Ladies Aux and Mary Lou Bell. Vince Gantt of the Sacramento Chapter was introduced as the guest speaker for the evening.

Reports: Secretary Tom Douglas had no report as secretary but as treasurer he reported a balance of \$2,286.67 in the checking account. There were deposits of \$236.00 and debits of \$1016.14. The largest withdrawals were for medallions and ribbons for the coming years youth programs.

Registrar Jim Young reported one new member, Chuck Smith, was approved by the National Society.

Youth coordinator, Tom Adams asked the membership for more help with school presentations and that we were probably going to stay with the four schools we have been working with the past years. The brochure contest is to go national this year and Compatriot Adams is attending leadership meetings in the coming year to help other states get up to speed on the Moses Adams Brochure Contest.

New member Chuck Smith received his membership certificate from Wayne Griswold and Jim Young presented him with the SAR Lapel Pin.

Vince Gantt gave a presentation on his large collection of Revolutionary War period rifles and muskets.

Doug Keefauver gave the benediction, and after the singing of "God Bless America" the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,  
Tom Douglas, Secretary



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



# Mother Lode Chapter's 2013 Calendar

October 22, 2013 - Community Awards Banquet  
Cold Springs Country Club. Mark your 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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