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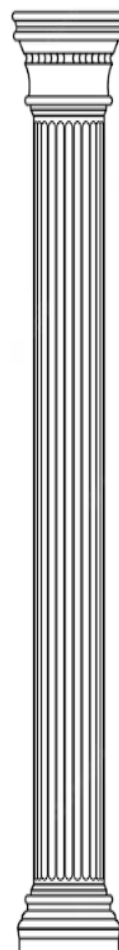
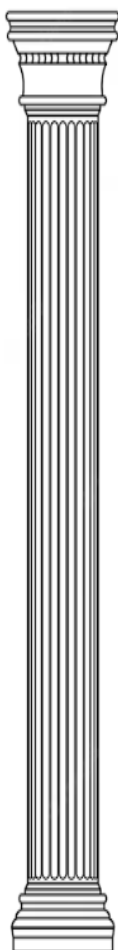
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Mother Lode Dispatch



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Compatriot Stephen Almy shaking hands
with Lafayette on the stair landing at the
Rhode Island State House August 25th,



The Breakroom Restaurant

4131 South Shingle Road #7,
Shingle Springs, CA
4th Tuesday - 6:30 PM



**Compatriot Stephen Almy
standing next to his patriot's grave
Capt. Stephen Olney of Rhode Island.**

It's the 200 year anniversary of Lafayette's return to the newly formed United States of America in 1824. Recently French diplomats, Lafayette's direct descendants, and an actor playing Lafayette are retracing, Lafayette triumphant return to the United States, where he received with a hero's welcome when he arrived at Staten Island NY on August 15th 1824. From there Lafayette visited not only all of the original 13 colonies, but all 24 states that existed at that time, ending his tour on September 7th, 1825. Why do I mention this? Well, Lafayette was a young man when he first arrived to assist the Continental Army in June 1777. And being young and new to the colonies he naturally found friendship in another young man who also made a name for himself during and after the Revolutionary War. His name was Captain Stephen Olney of Rhode Island. The exploits of Stephen Olney are re-

nowned with over 5,000 different scholarly articles written about him – including several about him being bayoneted in the stomach, and surviving, at the Battle of Yorktown 1781. One of Captain Olney's most famous and emotional moments in his life occurred in the summer of 1824 when General Lafayette visited Providence RI during his return. And I quote....

“As Lafayette walked up the State House steps, they strewed his path with flower petals. At the top of the stair landing, he was greeted with affection by Captain Stephen Olney. Olney had served in the Second Rhode Island Regiment of Continentals at the Battle of Rhode Island and as commander of the Rhode Island Regiment under the command of Lafayette at the Siege of Yorktown in 1781. He met Captain Olney, his old comrade in arms, and each embraced the other with such warmth and affection that, according to one observer, “among the many hundreds who witnessed this honest and patriotic effusion of tenderness, scarcely a dry eye was to be seen.”

Welcome Mother Lode new member Matt Anderson



CASSAR President Don Littlefield,
Hilary Anderson, Matt Anderson,
and Mother Lode President Steve Belden

Matt is a firefighter with Sacramento and lives in Placerville with his wife Hilary and his 4 children. He is a 3rd generation resident of the area. His Revolutionary War ancestor is Colonel James Hunter of Topsham Massachusetts Bay Colony (Maine). Colonel Hunter's father served in the French and Indian Wars. Matt and his family were able to visit the family farm in June this year and were greeted by his Hunter family cousins which he met for the first time. The kitchen in the house is as it was in the 1700's and Matt and his family were able to visit his ancestral graves.

Color Guard



DAR Honor Guard: November 2nd - Granite Bay Golf Club



BOM Meeting Bakersfield CA October 26th, 2024

Flag Certificate Presentation American Legion - El Dorado Post 119



CASSAR President Don Littlefield, Mother Lode Chancellor Doug Drake, Mother Lode President Steve Belden present the SAR Flag Certificate to Post Commander Lauralee Flannery August 7th 2024

The chapter flag committees and chapter members can present flag certificates to individuals, corporations, businesses, fire departments, police departments, schools, libraries, etc. that properly display the American Flag.

Mother Lode's 2024 Law Enforcement Award Recipients



Mike Potts -Volunteer of the Year



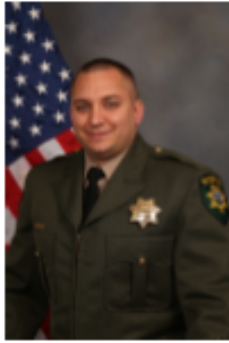
Steve McCallum –Sheriff's Technician



Sheriff's Sargeant Nicholas Milbank

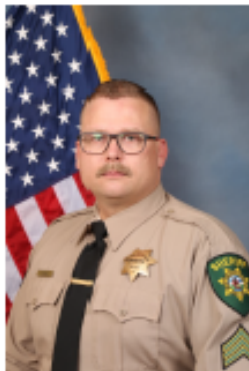


**Placerville Detective Michael Pullman
Corporal Eric Tutuwan
and Sheriff 's Dispatcher Alexandra Santini
Sheriff's Deputy Scott Bate (not pictured)**



Deputy Scott Bare: Sworn Staff Member of the Year. Deputy Scott Bare, with over a decade of law enforcement experience, eight of which have been with the El Dorado County Sheriff's Office, is an exemplary leader in his role as Office of Emergency Services (OES) Coordinator. His dedication to community safety is evident through his active violence survival training for schools, county staff, and places

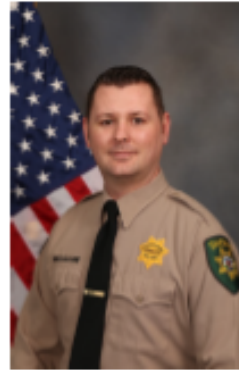
of worship, as well as specialized training for local fire agencies. He secured a significant grant to update the county's Local Hazard Mitigation Plan (LHMP), achieving approval from Cal OES and FEMA with no suggested changes, a remarkable feat. As the primary Plans Officer during Emergency Operations Center activations, Deputy Bare's expertise ensures coordinated disaster responses. Deputy Bare also enhanced safety at local events like the El Dorado County Fair by developing comprehensive Emergency Action Plans. He improved the Search and Rescue (SAR) program by implementing the D4H management system, streamlining volunteer tracking and efficiency. His leadership, initiative, and commitment to public safety make Deputy Scott Bare a deserving recipient for the Sworn Staff Member of the Year award. For these remarkable contributions and dedication to safeguarding the community, Deputy Scott Bare is receiving the 2024 Sons of the American Revolution Law Enforcement Medal.



Correctional Sergeant Nicholas Milbank: Correctional Staff Member of the Year. Sergeant Nicholas Milbank is an exemplary leader within the Placerville jail, known for his dedication to facility improvement projects that enhance safety and ensure humane treatment for the incarcerated population. His commitment to the Sheriff's Mission extends beyond his

professional duties, as he actively participates in community service initiatives such as the Toys from the Bearcat event, Thanksgiving turkey deliveries, and National Night Out. Sergeant Milbank also invests in youth, speaking at career fairs, mentoring local students, and contributing to leadership workshops. His off-duty efforts to boost staff morale further demonstrate his care for the well-being of his colleagues. His leadership and dedication embody the Sheriff's Office Vision of total care and total professionalism, which makes Correctional Sergeant Nicholas Milbank a deserving recipient for the Correctional Staff Member of the Year award.

For these remarkable contributions and dedication to safeguarding the community, Sergeant Milbank is receiving the 2024 Sons of the American Revolution Law Enforcement Medal.



Sheriff's Technician Steve McCallum: Professional Staff Member of the Year. Since joining the Sheriff's Office in 2007, Steve McCallum has become an integral part of the agency, currently serving as the Fleet Coordinator in the Operations Division. In this role, Steve oversees the maintenance and operation of over 150 vehicles, ensuring that patrol cars, detective vehicles, and specialty units are always safe and operational.

He coordinates repairs, handles accident reports, and manages vehicle replacements, requiring strong communication and attention to detail. Beyond fleet management, Steve takes on additional responsibilities, including coordinating Ride-Alongs, managing supplies, and overseeing incident reports from the online reporting system. His dedication and behind-the-scenes work ensure that deputies can perform their duties efficiently and safely every day. Steve's tenacity, professionalism, and commitment to excellence make him a deserving recipient of the Employee of the Year award.

For these remarkable contributions and dedication to safeguarding the community, Sheriff's Technician McCallum is receiving the 2024 Sons of the American Revolution Law Enforcement Medal.



Officer Eric Tutuwan was born and raised in Cameroon, in West Africa. He moved to the United States in 2010, where he attended high school and college. After college, he completed medical school and became a certified nursing assistant. He then decided to pursue law enforcement and enrolled in

a police academy. After graduating from the academy he was hired by the Shingle Springs Band of Miwok Tribal Police. He worked for the Tribal Police for 2 years and later moved to the Placerville Police Department, where he has been employed for 6 years. During his career, he has become a Corporal, a Field Training Officer, a Drug Recognition Expert, and he is determined to become the department's next Sergeant. In 2023, he was recognized as the department's Officer of the Year and has been recognized twice by Mothers Against Drunk Drivers for his efforts in combating impaired drivers.

For these remarkable contributions and dedication to safeguarding the community Officer Tutuwan is receiving the 2024 Sons of the American Revolution Law Enforcement Medal.



Detective Michael Pullmann was born in Florence, South Carolina. He moved to El Dorado County in 2005 and attended Oakridge High School, where he developed his passion for Law Enforcement while taking ROP Law Enforcement. He graduated from the Yuba College Police Academy in May 2021 and was hired shortly after by the Placerville Police Department.

After completing field training, he worked as a solo patrol officer, later becoming a Field Training Officer. This year, in February, he was assigned to the department's Crime Reduction Team, where he focuses on community needs. In addition to his duties on the Crime Reduction Team, he investigates a variety of criminal cases, always keeping victims in mind as he seeks justice for them. Detective Pullmann married his wife, Cheyanne in 2020. They welcomed their first child, a daughter, Prescott in 2022.

For these remarkable contributions and dedication to safeguarding the community, Detective Pullmann is receiving the 2024 Sons of the American Revolution Law Enforcement Medal.



Mike Potts: Volunteer of the Year. Mike Potts, a life-long resident of El Dorado County, has spent over three decades as a dedicated Search and Rescue (SAR) volunteer and served 31 years with the El Dorado County Fire District, retiring as Division Chief. Since joining SAR in 1993, Mike has played pivotal roles across various specialized teams, including Ground, Technical Rope Rescue, and Helicopter Rescue Technician Teams, where he has participated in multiple life-saving operations. Mike's leadership, mentorship, and tireless dedication have made him an invaluable asset to the SAR community, contributing between 500-600 volunteer hours annually. He also supports local events, like National Night Out, and volunteers with the California Rescue Dog Association. For his lifelong commitment to the safety and well-being of El Dorado County, Mike Potts is a deserving recipient for the Volunteer of the Year award.

For these remarkable contributions and dedication to safeguarding the community, Volunteer Potts is receiving the 2024 Sons of the American Revolution Law Enforcement Medal.

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Dispatcher Alexandra Santini: Dispatcher of the Year. Since joining the Sheriff's Office in June 2023, Extra Help Dispatcher Alexandra Santini has demonstrated exceptional dedication and professionalism. While balancing her work in Dispatch with nursing school, she consistently offers to cover

staffing needs and assist with Patrol details. Alexandra's performance is outstanding, answering 99% of 911 calls within 10 seconds, well above national standards. In 2023 alone, she handled 4,308 phone calls, created 2,015 calls for service, and dispatched 1,113 calls. She remains calm and composed during critical incidents, like working the fire channel during the Crozier Fire, and is known for her reliability, professionalism, and friendly demeanor. Her positive attitude extends to team morale, as she actively participates in team events like pot-lucks and themed days. For her exceptional work ethic and contribution to the Sheriff's Office, Alex Santini is a deserving recipient of the Dispatcher of the Year Award.

For her dedication and commitment to public service, Dispatcher Santini is receiving the 2024 Sons of the American Revolution Law Enforcement Medal.



Guest Speaker
Joe Scheimer

Joe served for 24 years in the United States Air Force and retired as a Colonel. He has 1,005 combat hours directing air strikes in the Vietnam War and was a member of the Ravens, a select group of pilots who flew in the CIA's Secret War in Laos. After the Air Force, he worked as an

Investment Advisor for 20 years with LPL Financial, and flew the Intel Shuttle as a corporate pilot for several years. He joined Rotary in 1996 and was president of the Rotary Club of Rancho Cordova in 2012-13. He is now a member of the Rotary Club of Fair Oaks. Joe led a Group Study Exchange Team to Colombia in 2010. He participated in 2 wheelchair distributions to Peru, and led one to Costa Rica. He was the District Rotary Foundation Chair for 4 years, and is now the Grants Subcommittee Chair. Joe is married to Marie, a retired public elementary school teacher. They have two successful daughters, and two beautiful granddaughters, and finally a 6-month old grandson.. He enjoys fishing, cycling, reading history and autobiographies, Corvettes and traveling.

For his actions as a member of the Ravens and his commitment to public service, Colonel Joe Scheimer (Ret.) is receiving the Sons of the American Revolution Certificate of Appreciation.



Meeting Minutes – Sept. 24, 2024



The meeting was called to order at 6:35 pm

Attendance: Don Littlefield, Steve Belden, Bob Conover, Matt Anderson & guest Hilary Anderson, Vince Adam, Mike Metz, Jack & guest Joy Krahn, Tom Douglas *, Gene Bell*, Randy Keith*, and prospective member Derek Weller.

* On-Line

Invocation: led by Steve Belden

On this occasion, Almighty God, fill us with your grace and understanding as we conduct the business of our Society. Grant us words of wisdom, and direct our paths, as we fulfill our roles as guardians of our national heritage. Join with us as we endeavor to honor the dreams of our founders by holding aloft the light of liberty. In your holy Name we pray. Amen.

Pledge of Allegiance: led by Steve Belden

The SAR Pledge: led by Steve Belden

Mike Muetz motioned to approve the previous Meeting Minutes. Motions passed unanimously.

Old Business

Colonel Thomas Carpenter (Ret.) could not adjust his Schedule to be the guest speaker at the awards banquet October 30th.

Dr. Mathew Bowdish, who is an expert on George Washington's health, also could not commit to the 30th.



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Colonel Joseph Scheimer (Ret.) confirmed that he can be the guest speaker. Joseph was a pilot for the CIA's Ravens (Air America) during the Vietnam War (bombing of Laos). He is giving his presentation at the Folsom Rotary in a few weeks and invited me to attend (see the President's update below for more information.)

The Sheriff's Explorers indicated that volunteerism has been low lately and cannot commit to serving at the banquet. I will be asking for help from chapter members and the Air Patrol Cadets to assist with set-up, kitchen, serving, and take-down.

We will not be able to leverage Grilldorado (Sheriff's internal team) as there is not enough time left for them to prepare. Also, the Sheriff's Department will not be able to provide a Color Guard as that would cost overtime, and the Explorer's Color Guard is not available.

Quotes from our 2 other caterers:

Food Item	Texas Back 40 #2 58 Ppl.	Total	Serving	Hog Wild
Baby Back Ribs	3 Ribs per person	\$528.00	2 Ribs per person	"
Chicken	1 chicken per peson	\$101.50	.25 lbs per chicken	"
Pulled Pork	.15 lb per person	\$117.45	.15 lb per person	"
Vegetables	40 ppl	\$130.50	40 ppl	"
Cole Slaw	10 ppl	\$116.00	10 ppl	"
Beans	50 ppl	\$116.00	50 ppl	"
Corn Bread	50 ppl	\$87.00	50 ppl	"
Sauce and Butter	50 ppl	\$0.00	50 ppl	"
Food Total		\$1,196.45		\$1,597.50
Warming trays		Deposit		\$75.00
Production Charge		\$0.00		\$174.75
Tax		\$86.74		\$137.98
Event Total		\$1,283.19		\$1,847.25
Head Count	50	\$25.66		\$36.95



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It was motioned by Jack Krahn to go with Texas Back40 -3 ribs, 1 chicken, and pulled pork with. It passed unanimously.

Tom Douglas confirmed that Doug Drake has 12 table clothes.

Steve Belden has 11 table center pieces.

Mike Muetz will provide Steve Belden with contact for the Air Patrol to perform Color Guard and help with serving.

Ticketing / payment app - It was agreed that a RSVP Post Card will not be necessary.

Bob Conover confirmed that the Sheriffs Dept. will recommend four people to be recognized. Steve should have their bios by this Friday.

Bob Conover confirmed that the Police Dept. will recommend two people to be recognized. Steve should have their bios by this Friday.

CDCR will not be recommending anyone to be recognized due to requirements to support a virtual presentation from any place in the state. This presents both jurisdictional and technical issues. The Sheriff's Dept. may be able to recommend a CDCR person, however timing will probably prevent that from occurring.

There was no update on the participation of CHP.

Steve will prepare and donate the banquet program once the bios are received.



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Outstanding payments - payments

Insurance - completed.

Bar - Mike Muetz has the check and will deliver this week.

Hall Rental - Mike Muetz has the check and will deliver this week.

Keys - Mike Muetz will secure the keys.

Napkins - Steve Belden will provide.

Water bottles - Steve Belden will provide.

Legion Hall Rental	\$200.00
Bar License	\$115.00
Cap Air Patrol	\$200.00
Explorers	\$400.00

Bob Conover requested we consider using a paper ticket system to support entry control and post event reconciliation. Tom indicated that the list that was used last year worked fine. However, if we are forced to go buffet style then a paper ticket system may be warranted.

Don Littlefield suggest Steve look at using PayIt2 which is a no cost webpage. The link can be shared and posted with the Sheriffs and Police Dept. Then individuals with the link can purchase tickets. The service fee can be passed on to the purchaser.

Gene Bell agreed to perform Taps at the end of the banquet.

Randy Kaiser agreed to perform the Invocation and Benediction at the banquet.

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New Business:

Tom Douglas reminded everyone that chapter dues are due Nov 1st. Matt Anderson's application fee did not cover the 2025 dues.

Steve Belden will be attending the BOM Meeting: October 25 & 26 - Bakersfield CA. Don Littlefield stressed the importance of chapter participation for the state society to perform its business such as bylaw changes, etc.

War and Service medals for chapter members - tabled.

Honor Guard: October 15 - 1400 at the Sacramento Valley National Cemetery (brother of Neal Emory).

DAR Honor Guard: October 25th - Woodcreek Golf Club.

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Folsom Veteran Day Parade November 11th.

El Dorado County Veterans Day Ceremony - Nov 11th.

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Officer's Report:

President by Steve Belden:

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Steve Belden will talk to Tom Douglas about presenting Joseph with a Certificate of Appreciation.

Registrar by Tom Douglas:

No progress has been made on Tim Voss's application.

Secretary by Tom Douglas:

No update

Treasurer by Bob Conover:

Bob Conover noted that the current bank balance is \$4,372.90, excluding outstanding liabilities (bar, rental, Explorers, CA Air Patrol). Several dues are outstanding.

Youth Activities:

No update

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Induction of new member Matt Anderson:

Matt lives in Placerville and is married with 4 children. He is a 3rd generation resident of the area. His Revolutionary War ancestor is Colonel James Hunter of Topsham Massachusetts Bay Colony (Maine). His father served in the French and Indian Wars. Matt and his family were able to visit the family farm in June this year and were greeted by his Hunter family cousins which he met for the first time. The kitchen in the house is as it was in the 1700's and Matt and his family were able to visit his ancestral graves.

Benediction: led by Steve Belden

May the blessing of God Almighty rest upon us and upon all our work done in name of God. May God give us light to guide us, courage to support us, and love to unite us, now and evermore. Amen.

SAR Recessional: led by Steve Belden

God Bless America: led by Steve Belden

Meeting Adjourned 7:40pm

AMERICA 250 Minute:

Washington's Farewell Address is a letter written by President George Washington as a valedictory to "friends and fellow citizens" after 20 years of public service to the United States. He wrote it near the end of the second term of his presidency before retiring to his home at Mount Vernon in Virginia.

The letter was first published as **The Address of Gen. Washington to the People of America on His Declining the Presidency of the United States** in *Claypoole's American Daily Advertiser* on September 19, 1796, about ten weeks before the presidential electors cast their votes in the 1796 election. In it, he writes about the importance of national unity while warning Americans of the political dangers of regionalism, partisanship and foreign influence, which they must avoid to remain true to their values. It was almost immediately reprinted in newspapers around the country, and later in pamphlet form.

The first draft was originally prepared by James Madison in June 1792, as Washington contemplated retiring at the end of his first term in office. However, he set it aside and ran for a second term because of heated disputes between Secretary of the Treasury Alexander Hamilton and Secretary of State Thomas Jefferson which convinced Washington that the growing tensions would rip apart the country without his leadership. This included the state of foreign affairs, and divisions between the newly formed Federalist and Democratic-Republican parties.

As his second term came to a close four years later, Washington prepared a revision of the original letter with the help of Hamilton to write a new farewell address to announce his intention to decline a third term in office. He reflects on the emerging issues of the American political landscape in 1796, expresses his support for the government eight years after the adoption of the Constitution, defends his administration's record, and gives valedictory advice to the American people. The letter also attempted to reunite the country, which had partly turned against Washington following the controversial 1794 Jay Treaty.



Meeting Minutes – October 22, 2024



The meeting was called to order at 6:36 pm

Attendance: Steve Belden, Tom Douglas, Matt Anderson, Mike Metz, Don Littlefield*, , Randy Keith*, and prospective member Derek Weller.

* On-Line

Invocation: led by Steve Belden

Almighty God, we ask your blessing on this chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution. As our purpose is to promote sound learning and true patriotism and to further all that is good in our community, so we pray that you will strengthen our hands in all that we undertake, that we may serve our nation to your honor and glory. Amen.

Pledge of Allegiance: led by Steve Belden

The SAR Pledge: led by Steve Belden

Previous meeting minutes have not been published.

Old Business

Guest Speaker: Steve Belden confirmed that Colonel Joseph Scheimer (Ret.) is still committed to presenting at the awards banquet. Steve had a chance to see his presentation at a Folsom Rotary event. The topic and presentation were excellent, but a little long. Joseph agreed to cut it down by 5-10 minutes were possible. He bought Steve dinner, and so Steve will reciprocate for the SAR banquet. Joseph has 1,005 combat hours directing air strikes in the Vietnam War and was a member of the Ravens, a select group of pilots who flew in the CIA's Secret War in Laos.



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Explorers: Sergeant Schlag indicated that a full group of Explorer's are still uncommitted, but he hopes to have a show up to help. Matt Anderson suggested having the Boy Scouts help. Matt will work on getting a few members to help - Troop 117. Steve will work it into the banquet program.

Texas Back 40 has agreed to cater for the event on the 30th. We will need to have a bank check ready for them when they bring the food to the banquet. We will include an additional \$100 tip.

Steve Belden will confirm with Doug Drake that he will bring 12 tablecloths.

Steve Belden has the table center pieces.

Steve Belden has been in contact with the CA. Air Patrol cadet liaison Steve Anderly and he believes the cadets will be able to help out with service in addition to Color Guard.

The RSVP date is confirmed as October 23rd.

Steve Belden will work with Rebecca of Post 119 to secure the kitchen keys.

Steve Belden will provide water and napkins.

Tim Voss confirmed he will be providing home-made cookies for dessert.



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Outstanding payments - payments.

Bar - paid.

Rental - paid.

Explorers - not paid.

CA air patrol - no paid

Legion Hall Rental	\$200.00
Bar License	\$115.00
Cap Air Patrol	\$200.00
Explorers	\$400.00

Steve Belden investigated the on-line ticket app Payit2 and believes it will work just fine. Steve will work with Tom Douglas to connect the app to the chapter's bank account. We will still accept a bank checks up to the start of the event for anyone who RSVPs before the 23rd.

Steve Belden reviewed the logistics of entry control, point of sales payment, and on-line payments.

Doug Drake has agreed to give his "Farm Boy to Soldier" presentation during dinner at the banquet.

Gene Bell confirmed he will play Taps at the banquet.

Randy Kaiser confirmed he will provide the Invocation and Benediction at the banquet.

Steve Belden will be attending the BOM Meeting: October 25 & 26 - Bakersfield CA.

War and Service Medals will be awarded in the November 26th Meeting.



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Steve Belden reviewed the Paylt2 orders - sales to date: 50 ppl head count (paid and comped) is \$1,696, \$583 due at door or P.O. Box, \$954 transferred to bank.

Total revenue/expense is a \$337 loss.

Steve Belden confirmed that the Mountain Democrat will be there to take photos and will receive a complimentary meal.

Steve Belden reviewed the event timeline.

Tom Douglas noted that he wants the flags to stay put so that photos are taken at a preferred location.

Tom Douglas volunteered to meet and greet guests and to track entry and payments.

Mike Muetz and Matt Anderson volunteered to help coordinate kitchen activity to make sure meals are plated and served in a timely manner.

Steve Belden asked all chapter members to help with clean-up and take down.



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Honor Guard: October 15 - 1400 at the Sacramento Valley National Cemetery (brother of Neal Emory).

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Folsom Veteran Day Parade November 11th.

El Dorado County Veterans Day Ceremony - Nov 11th.

Wreaths Across America event at the Capitol Grounds - December 9, 2024.

DAR District II meeting at the Timber Creek Ballroom, in Roseville. DAR will gather around 9:00 a.m., with a meeting start time at 10:00 a.m. We should be there at about 9:15 a.m. to prepare. January 25, 2025.

Folsom Veteran Day Parade November 11th.

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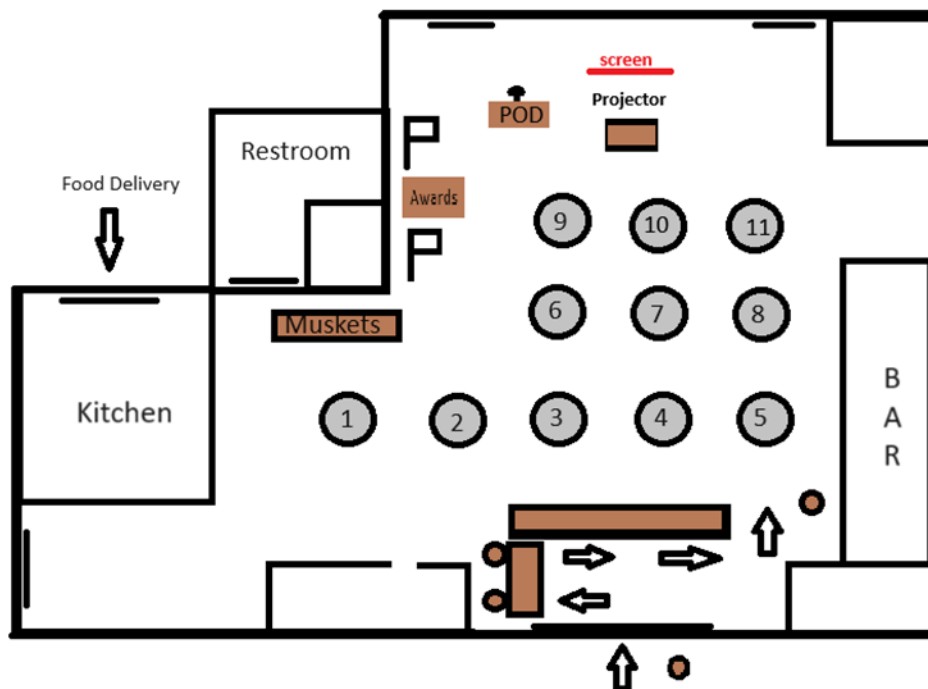


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Steve Belden reviewed proposed seating and project set-up.





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Table #	Attendees	Title	Table #
1	Tom Douglas	SAR	1
1	Eric Charch	Mountain Democrat	1
1	Steve Belden	SAR	1
2	Alexandra Santini	Sheriff Recipient	2
2	Austin Schneider	Sheriff Spouse	2
2	Mike Potts	Sheriff Recipient	2
2	Maureen Murphy (Potts)	Sheriff Recipient Spouse	2
2	Mary Anne Almy	SAR	2
2	Stephen Almy	SAR	2
3	Ginger Milbank	Sheriff Recipient Guest	3
3	Randy Milbank	Sheriff Recipient Guest	3
3	Nicholas Milbank	Sheriff Recipient	3
3	Jackie Milbank	Sheriff Recipient Spouse	3
3	Gaelyn Keith	SAR	3
3	Randy Keith	SAR	3
4	Mike Aguilar	Sheriff Guest	4
4	Luke Gadow	?	4
4	Kelsey Hartsorn	Sheriff Guest (Dispatcher)	4
4	Lisa Magnuson	IP	4
4	Mary Lou Bell	SAR	4
4	Gene Bell	SAR	4
5	Troy Morton	Sheriffs	5
5	Bryan Golowitz	EDC Under Sheriff	5
5	Sergeant Anthony Quinn	Sheriffs	5
5	Captain Taisha Thompson	Sheriffs	5
5	Lieutenant Eric Palmberg	Sheriffs	5
5	Lieutenant Jon Eslick	Sheriffs	5
6	Aaron Pratt	City of Placerville	6
6	Addison Randall	Sheriff Guest	6
6	Eric Tutwiler	Placerville PD Recipient	6
6	Dan Maciel	Placerville PD Commander	6
6	Brian Stephens	SAR	6
6	Diane Stephens	SAR	6
7	Steve McCallum	Sheriff Recipient	7
7	Jenelle McCallum	Sheriff Recipient Spouse	7
7	Brian Sonner	SAR	7
7	Jane Sonner	SAR	7
7	Cindy Anderson	SAR	7
7	Matt Anderson	SAR	7
8	Diane Ellis	SAR	8
8	Doug Drake	SAR	8
8	Debbie Orzall	Drake Guest	8
8	Randy Orzall	Drake Guest	8
8	Nancy Voss	SAR	8

8	Tim Voss	SAR	8
9	Jeff Lakoff	EDC Sheriff	9
9	Scott Bare	Sheriff Recipient	9
9	Trinity Bare	Sheriff Spouse	9
9	Joseph Schelmer	Speaker	9
9	Don Littlefield	SAR	9
9	Mary Littlefield	SAR	9
10	Danny Collins	Sheriff Recipient Guest	10
10	Mackenzie Collins	Sheriff Recipient Guest	10
10	Robin Collins	Sheriff Recipient Guest	10
10	Bryan Payne	Sheriff Guest	10
10	Judy Muetz	SAR	10
10	Mike Muetz	SAR	10
11	Michael Pulmann	Placerville PD Recipient	11
11	Cheryanne Pulmann	Placerville PD Recipient Spouse	11
11	Michael Pulmann In law	Placerville PD Recipient Guest	11
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Steve Belden reviewed the draft banquet program.

Sons of the American Revolution

The 11th Annual Mother Lode Chapter Community Awards Banquet



Thursday, October 30, 2024

6:00 PM

El Dorado Post 119

American Legion

4562 Greenstone Road

Placerville, CA 95667

On behalf of the Mother Lode Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution, we would like to welcome you to our 11th Annual Community Awards Banquet.

Our purpose is to honor distinguished law enforcement officers, other staff, and citizens who have performed outstanding service for our community. The individuals who are being honored tonight are recognized for having gone beyond the call of duty as a civil servant and neighbor. They have exceeded expectations through saving lives, keeping our neighborhoods safe, and performing extraordinary acts of service in the face of danger. We are here tonight to honor these, our distinguished guests, and thank them for all that they have done for the community.



Steve Belden
Mother Lode President

2024 Mother Lode Chapter Officers

President—Steve Belden
Exec. Vice President—Sam Bradley
Secretary—Tom Douglas
Treasurer—Bob Conover
Youth Programs—Kevin Tierney
Color Guard Commander—Russ Kaiser

Tomorrow's Young Leaders!

E.L. Carnahan Cadet Squadron 85

(Tonight's Color Guard)

The Civil Air Patrol (CAP) is a Civilian Auxiliary of the U.S. Air Force. For more than 70 years, CAP has aggressively performed the missions congress mandated in 1946: Aerospace Education, Cadet Programs and Emergency Services. Cadet Squadron 85 is located in Placerville. The mission of Squadron 85 is to produce leaders who have positive standards, are self-disciplined, self-motivated, morally sound, with a life-long commitment to serving their community. For more information See: www.cap85.org

Sheriff's Explorer Post 457

(Tonight's Guest Service)

The El Dorado County Sheriff's Office offers a Law Enforcement Explorer Post to youths in the community. The Explorer program is part of Learning for Life's career education program for young men and women who are 15 through 21 years old. The purpose is to provide experiences that help people mature and to prepare them to become responsible and caring adults. See Facebook: el dorado county sheriff explorer post #457

Single Springs BSA Troop 117

(Tonight's Guest Service)

Troop 117 serves the Shingle Springs and Latrobe area in northern California. The Chartered Organization for Troop 117 is the Elks Lodge of Placerville, CA. We provide a great program for boys ages 11 through 17. Boy Scouts is all about developing leadership and citizenship in the great outdoors through camping, hiking and other activities. <https://www.troopwebhost.org/Troop117ShingleSprings>

The SAR Law Enforcement Medal

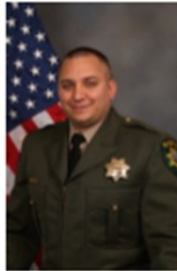
The Law Enforcement Medal is presented to those who have served with distinction and devotion in the field of law enforcement. The medal is intended to recognize exceptional service or accomplishment in the field of law enforcement. Eligibility is not limited to peace



officers but extends to the entire range of persons who make and enforce the law to include but not limited to peace officers, attorneys, judges, prosecutors and legislators who have performed an exceptional act or service beyond that normally expected. The medal may be presented only once. It is a lifetime award.

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Deputy Scott Bare: Sworn Staff Member of the Year. Deputy Scott Bare, with over a decade of law enforcement experience, eight of which have been with the El Dorado County Sheriff's Office, is an exemplary leader in his role as Office of Emergency Services (OES) Coordinator. His dedication to community safety is evident through his active violence survival training for schools, county staff, and places

of worship, as well as specialized training for local fire agencies. He secured a significant grant to update the county's Local Hazard Mitigation Plan (LHMP), achieving approval from Cal OES and FEMA with no suggested changes, a remarkable feat. As the primary Plans Officer during Emergency Operations Center activations, Deputy Bare's expertise ensures coordinated disaster responses. Deputy Bare also enhanced safety at local events like the El Dorado County Fair by developing comprehensive Emergency Action Plans. He improved the Search and Rescue (SAR) program by implementing the D4H management system, streamlining volunteer tracking and efficiency. His leadership, initiative, and commitment to public safety make Deputy Scott Bare a deserving recipient for the Sworn Staff Member of the Year award. For these remarkable contributions and dedication to safeguarding the community, Deputy Scott Bare is receiving the 2024 Sons of the American Revolution Law Enforcement Medal.



Sheriff's Technician Steve McCallum: Professional Staff Member of the Year. Since joining the Sheriff's Office in 2007, Steve McCallum has become an integral part of the agency, currently serving as the Fleet Coordinator in the Operations Division. In this role, Steve oversees the maintenance and operation of over 150 vehicles, ensuring that patrol cars, detective vehicles, and specialty units are always safe and operational. He coordinates repairs, handles accident reports, and manages vehicle replacements, requiring strong communication and attention to detail. Beyond fleet management, Steve takes on additional responsibilities, including coordinating Ride-Alongs, managing supplies, and overseeing incident reports from the online reporting system. His dedication and behind-the-scenes work ensure that deputies can perform their duties efficiently and safely every day. Steve's tenacity, professionalism, and commitment to excellence make him a deserving recipient of the Employee of the Year award.

For these remarkable contributions and dedication to safeguarding the community, Sheriff's Technician McCallum is receiving the 2024 Sons of the American Revolution Law Enforcement Medal.



Correctional Sergeant Nicholas Milbank: Correctional Staff Member of the Year. Sergeant Nicholas Milbank is an exemplary leader within the Placerville jail, known for his dedication to facility improvement projects that enhance safety and ensure humane treatment for the incarcerated population. His commitment to the Sheriff's Mission extends beyond his

professional duties, as he actively participates in community service initiatives such as the Toys from the Bearcat event, Thanksgiving turkey deliveries, and National Night Out. Sergeant Milbank also invests in youth, speaking at career fairs, mentoring local students, and contributing to leadership workshops. His off-duty efforts to boost staff morale further demonstrate his care for the well-being of his colleagues. His leadership and dedication embody the Sheriff's Office Vision of total care and total professionalism, which makes Correctional Sergeant Nicholas Milbank a deserving recipient for the Correctional Staff Member of the Year award.

For these remarkable contributions and dedication to safeguarding the community, Sergeant Milbank is receiving the 2024 Sons of the American Revolution Law Enforcement Medal.



Officer Eric Tutuwan was born and raised in Cameroon, in West Africa. He moved to the United States in 2010, where he attended high school and college. After college, he completed medical school and became a certified nursing assistant. He then decided to pursue law enforcement and enrolled in

a police academy. After graduating from the academy he was hired by the Shingle Springs Band of Miwok Tribal Police. He worked for the Tribal Police for 2 years and later moved to the Placerville Police Department, where he has been employed for 6 years. During his career, he has become a Corporal, a Field Training Officer, a Drug Recognition Expert, and he is determined to become the department's next Sergeant. In 2023, he was recognized as the department's Officer of the Year and has been recognized twice by Mothers Against Drunk Drivers for his efforts in combating impaired drivers.

For these remarkable contributions and dedication to safeguarding the community Officer Tutuwan is receiving the 2024 Sons of the American Revolution Law Enforcement Medal.

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Detective Michael Pullmann was born in Florence, South Carolina. He moved to El Dorado County in 2005 and attended Oakridge High School, where he developed his passion for Law Enforcement while taking ROP Law Enforcement. He graduated from the Yuba College Police Academy in May 2021 and was hired shortly after by the Placerville Police Department.

After completing field training, he worked as a solo patrol officer, later becoming a Field Training Officer. This year, in February, he was assigned to the department's Crime Reduction Team, where he focuses on community needs. In addition to his duties on the Crime Reduction Team, he investigates a variety of criminal cases, always keeping victims in mind as he seeks justice for them. Detective Pullmann married his wife, Cheyanne in 2020. They welcomed their first child, a daughter, Prescott in 2022.

For these remarkable contributions and dedication to safeguarding the community, Detective Pullmann is receiving the 2024 Sons of the American Revolution Law Enforcement Medal.



Dispatcher Alexandra Santini: Dispatcher of the Year. Since joining the Sheriff's Office in June 2023, Extra Help Dispatcher Alexandra Santini has demonstrated exceptional dedication and professionalism. While balancing her work in Dispatch with nursing school, she consistently offers to cover

staffing needs and assist with Patrol details. Alexandra's performance is outstanding, answering 99% of 911 calls within 10 seconds, well above national standards. In 2023 alone, she handled 4,308 phone calls, created 2,015 calls for service, and dispatched 1,113 calls. She remains calm and composed during critical incidents, like working the fire channel during the Crozier Fire, and is known for her reliability, professionalism, and friendly demeanor. Her positive attitude extends to team morale, as she actively participates in team events like potlucks and themed days. For her exceptional work ethic and contribution to the Sheriff's Office, Alex Santini is a deserving recipient of the Dispatcher of the Year Award.

For her dedication and commitment to public service, Dispatcher Santini is receiving the 2024 Sons of the American Revolution Law Enforcement Medal.



Mike Potts: Volunteer of the Year. Mike Potts, a lifelong resident of El Dorado County, has spent over three decades as a dedicated Search and Rescue (SAR) volunteer and served 31 years with the El Dorado County Fire District, retiring as Division Chief. Since joining SAR in 1993, Mike has played pivotal roles across various specialized teams, including

Ground, Technical Rope Rescue, and Helicopter Rescue Technician Teams, where he has participated in multiple life-saving operations. Mike's leadership, mentorship, and tireless dedication have made him an invaluable asset to the SAR community, contributing between 500-600 volunteer hours annually. He also supports local events, like National Night Out, and volunteers with the California Rescue Dog Association. For his lifelong commitment to the safety and well-being of El Dorado County, Mike Potts is a deserving recipient for the Volunteer of the Year award.

For these remarkable contributions and dedication to safeguarding the community, Volunteer Potts is receiving the 2024 Sons of the American Revolution Law Enforcement Medal.



Guest Speaker
Joe Scheimer

Joe served for 24 years in the United States Air Force and retired as a Colonel. He has 1,005 combat hours directing air strikes in the Vietnam War and was a member of the Ravens, a select group of pilots who flew in the CIA's Secret War in Laos. After the Air Force, he worked as an

Investment Advisor for 20 years with LPL Financial, and flew the Intel Shuttle as a corporate pilot for several years. He joined Rotary in 1996 and was president of the Rotary Club of Rancho Cordova in 2012-13. He is now a member of the Rotary Club of Fair Oaks. Joe led a Group Study Exchange Team to Colombia in 2010. He participated in 2 wheelchair distributions to Peru, and led one to Costa Rica. He was the District Rotary Foundation Chair for 4 years, and is now the Grants Subcommittee Chair. Joe is married to Marie, a retired public elementary school teacher. They have two successful daughters, and two beautiful granddaughters, and finally a 6-month old grandson. He enjoys fishing, cycling, reading history and autobiographies, Corvettes and traveling.

For his actions as a member of the Ravens and his commitment to public service, Colonel Joe Scheimer (Ret.) is receiving the Sons of the American Revolution Certificate of Appreciation.



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Active Chapter Members

Matt Adams	Tom Douglas	Don Littlefield *
Vince Adams	Doug Drake	Mike Muetz
Steve Almy	Ken Gibson	Bob Schamber
Matt Anderson	Wayne Griswold	Brian Sonner
Steve Belden	Cade Guiders	James Sonner
Gene Bell	Brendan Harris	John Sonner
William Boggess	Russ Kaiser *	David Swineford
Sam Bradley	Randi Keith	Kevin Tierney
Bob Conover	John Krahn	Jim Young

* Dual Member of Mother Lode and Sacramento Chapters

Other Recognitions

Texas Back Forty BBQ - Shingle Springs
El Dorado Post 119 - American Legion



BACK FORTY
Texas BBQ



- 3rd place -
State Poster Contest
Oliver Robbins - Rolling Hills



The
Sons of the American Revolution
want you!



In the Mother Lode Chapter SAR:

We support excellence in teaching of
American history; We participate in
patriotic observances; and we recognize
those who share with us America's
Founding Principles and Values.

If that sounds like you, or someone you
know, please contact us and we'll take it
from there: Call: Steve Belden (916)337-7351

Program

Call Assembly to Order

President Steve Belden

Invocation / Benediction

Randall "Randy" Keith

Present the Colors / Present Arms

E.I. Caranhan Cadet Squadron 85

Pledge of Allegiance

Post the Colors

Pledge to the SAR

Steve Belden

Master of Ceremonies

Doug Drake

Presentation of Musket

Introduction of Guests

-- Dinner --

Served by El Dorado Sheriff Explorers Post 457

Awards Ceremony

SAR Recessional

Benediction

Gene Bell - "Taps"

Join in the singing of God Bless America!

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New Business:

No new business

Officer's Report:

President by Steve Belden:

No update

Registrar by Tom Douglas:

No update

Secretary by Tom Douglas:

No update

Treasurer by Bob Conover:

Tom Douglas noted that there is about \$5,300 with outstanding liabilities including due to CASSAR.

Youth Activities:

No update

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Benediction: led by Steve Belden

Go forth into the world in peace; be of good courage; hold fast that which is good; render to no one evil for evil; strengthen the fainthearted; support the weak; help the afflicted; honor all people. Love and serve the Lord. And may the blessings of God Almighty be upon you and remain with you forever. Amen.

SAR Recessional: led by Steve Belden

God Bless America: led by Steve Belden

Meeting Adjourned 7:28pm

AMERICA 250 Minute:

Hopelessly trapped at Yorktown, Virginia, British General Lord Cornwallis surrenders 8,000 British soldiers and seamen to a larger Franco-American force on October 19, 1781, effectively bringing an end to the American Revolution.

Lord Cornwallis was one of the most capable British generals of the American Revolution. In 1776, he drove General George Washington's Patriots forces out of New Jersey, and in 1780 he won a stunning victory over General Horatio Gates' Patriot army at Camden, South Carolina. Cornwallis' subsequent invasion of North Carolina was less successful, however, and in April 1781 he led his weary and battered troops toward the Virginia coast, where he could maintain seaborne lines of communication with the large British army of General Henry Clinton in New York City. After conducting a series of raids against towns and plantations in Virginia, Cornwallis settled in the tidewater town of Yorktown in August. The British immediately began fortifying the town and the adjacent promontory of Gloucester Point across the York River.

General George Washington instructed the Marquis de Lafayette, who was in Virginia with an American army of around 5,000 men, to block Cornwallis' escape from Yorktown by land. In the meantime, Washington's 2,500 troops in New York were joined by a French army of 4,000 men under the Count de Rochambeau. Washington and Rochambeau made plans to attack Cornwallis with the assistance of a large French fleet under the Count de Grasse, and on August 21 they crossed the Hudson River to march south to Yorktown. Covering 200 miles in 15 days, the allied force reached the head of Chesapeake Bay in early September.

Meanwhile, a British fleet under Admiral Thomas Graves failed to break French naval superiority at the Battle of Virginia Capes on September 5, denying Cornwallis his expected reinforcements. Beginning September 14, de Grasse transported Washington and Rochambeau's men down the Chesapeake to Virginia, where they joined Lafayette and completed the encirclement of Yorktown on September 28. De Grasse landed another 3,000 French troops carried by his fleet. During the first two weeks of October, the 14,000 Franco-American troops gradually overcame the fortified British positions with the aid of de Grasse's warships. A large British fleet carrying 7,000 men set out to rescue Cornwallis, but it was too late.

AMERICA 250 Minute:
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On October 19, General Cornwallis surrendered 7,087 officers and men, 900 seamen, 144 cannons, 15 galleys, a frigate, and 30 transport ships. Pleading illness, he did not attend the surrender ceremony, but his second-in-command, General Charles O'Hara, carried Cornwallis' sword to the American and French commanders. As the British and Hessian troops marched out to surrender, the British bands played the song "The World Turned Upside Down."

Although the war persisted on the high seas and in other theaters, the Patriot victory at Yorktown effectively ended fighting in the American colonies. Peace negotiations began in 1782, and on September 3, 1783, the Treaty of Paris was signed, formally recognizing the United States as a free and independent nation after eight years of war.