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Calling All Compatriots



December Program

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INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS FOR 2014



(L) Gene Myers, Chaplain
(R) Sam Bradley, President



Chuck Smith, Recording Secretary



(L) John Krahn,
Historian w/ Joy Krahn,
LAUX and Main Helper



(R) Tom Douglas,
Secretary/Treasurer



The next Mother Lode Chapter meeting will be at Denny's, on December 17, 2013

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

Mother Lode Chapter Officers for 2013

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

Tom Douglas

Historian

John Krahn

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

The President's Corner by Bob Conover

We had our annual awards dinner in October honoring seven outstanding individuals. The turnout was greater than last year's dinner and I believe the whole event was a great success. Without your help the Community Service Awards Banquet could not have been such a success and I again thank you. We plan on the 2014 event to be even better. The date for the 2014 Banquet and awards presentation is set for October 28th, our normal meeting date. Mark your calendars for that date and plan to get involved with this event. We had some great interaction between the SAR chapter members and the guests. The dinner was used to introduce the SAR to those that may not know about the organization and what it stands for.

The November meeting was primarily used to nominate the officers for next year. We still have some vacant positions, First and Second Vice President and Registrar are the offices still vacant. I hope someone will stand up and agree to help the Chapter by filling the vacant spots.

This will be my last President's Message to the members. It has been a very rewarding and learning experience for me. I am very proud to have been the Chapter's President over the last two years. I know that Sam Bradley will be even better with all his experience.

At the next regular meeting, December 17th, I hope we can get nominations to fill the open offices along with a number of committee chairmen positions that need to be filled. I am hoping that those who would like to become an officer and/or committee chairman will stand up and be heard.

In Patriotic Service

Bob Conover



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WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA



Photo courtesy of Department of Defense, Terri Moon Cronk, photographer

Wreaths Across America — 9:00 AM, Saturday, December 14 — Sacramento Valley National Cemetery

Please join CASSAR Executive Vice President Jim Faulkinbury and the Sacramento Chapter Honor Guard in the Wreaths Across America ceremony at the Sacramento Valley National Cemetery on Saturday, December 14, 2013 beginning at 9:00 a.m. sharp. Jim Faulkinbury will read the NSSAR President General's Proclamation. We encourage members to join us in this event in laying wreaths on the graves of American veterans buried there. Sacramento Valley National Cemetery is located at 5810 Midway Road, Dixon, CA 95620. A distance of approximately 30 miles west of the California State Capitol Building. Plan to arrive at the Cemetery by 8:00 AM. Dress in layers for freezing temperatures, wear gloves, hats, ear muffs, boots or waterproof footwear.

Wreaths Across America picture and article from the "Courier", Sacramento Chapter's, Newsletter



MERRY CHRISTMAS

By Henry Holcomb Bennett

THE FLAG IS PASSING BY

Along the street there comes
A blare of bugles, a ruffle of drums,
A flash of color beneath the sky
Hats off!!
The flag is passing by!

Blue and red and white it shines,
Over the steel-tipped ordered lines.
Hats Off!!
The colors before us fly.

But more than the flag is passing by:
Sea-fights and land-fights, grim and great,
Fought to make and to save our State:
Weary marches and sinking ships;
Cheers of victory on dying lips;
Days of plenty and years of peace;
March of a strong land's swift increase;
Equal justice, right and law,
Stately honor and revered awe;
Sign of a nation great and strong
To ward her people from foreign wrong;
Pride and glory and honor – all
Live in the colors to stand or fall.

Along the street there comes
A blare of bugles, a ruffle of drums;
And loyal hearts are beating high:
Hats off!!
The flag is passing by!!
Gentlemen, Hats Off!!



The meeting was called to order by President Conover at 6:50 Pm Tuesday, November 26, 2013. The Invocation was given by Chaplin Gene Myers, the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Sam Bradley and the SAR pledge was led by Chuck Smith. There were six members who attended the meeting. The only guest at the meeting was LAUX member Joy Krahn.

The minutes as they appeared in the November Dispatch were approved by the members in attendance.

Reports;

Secretary Tom Douglas's report consisted of a review of the October meeting held at the Cold Springs Country Club and our third annual Community Service Awards Program. There was some discussion but the overall feelings were the program was a complete success. During the discussion Secretary Douglas commented on the two members of the Gold Country Chapter members who came to the meeting to help with the Color Guard. It was approved that the Secretary would send Dale Ross and Gordon Clark of the Gold Country Chapter and Tom Chilton of the Sacramento Chapter certificates of appreciation for their participation in the program. There was some discussion on the date of the CSA. The members in attendance voted on a motion by Sam Bradley and seconded by Chuck Smith that we keep the program in the month of October. Therefore the date of the program in 2014 will be October 28, 2014. John Krahn made a motion to change the December meeting from December 24th (Christmas Eve) to December 17th. That motion was seconded and passed. Tom Douglas brought up the subject of adding a Recording Secretary to the list of officers for the chapter. The addition of a Recording Secretary would help spread the work load to more members of the chapter. The addition was thought to be a good idea but could not be voted on until the December meeting. Secretary Douglas was to email the by-law changes to the membership for a December vote. Secretary Douglas agreed to find a good scheduling calendar so the chapter could better schedule our annual events so as not to conflict with one another. Secretary Douglas was asked to send to the Historian, John Krahn a copy of the CSP program for the history file. Secretary Douglas agreed to put the chapter meeting dates in "The Clipper" a local advertising magazine and try to get the Mountain Democrat to print a picture and short article of the Community Service Dinner in a near future issue.

Treasurer Tom Douglas reported a checking account balance of \$2,337.

Registrar, Historian and Youth Activities Coordinator did not have reports.

Tom Douglas agreed to be the Dispatch Editor. He is taking over before year end because Tom Chilton who has been publishing the newsletter is having surgery in November. It was noted that Compatriot Chilton has done much for the chapter, including editing the Dispatch.

The next order of business was the nominating and election of officers for the 2014 calendar year. The following members were nominated and because there was only one member nominated for each office, upon their acceptance of the nomination, the membership elected each to the particular office.

Chuck Smith Recording Secretary (assuming the position is approved at the December meeting)

Tom Douglas Secretary/Treasurer

John Krahn Historian

Gene Myers Chaplain

Sam Bradley President

The offices of Registrar and 1st and 2nd Vice President were not filled at this meeting.

After the Benediction and SAR Recessional, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Tom Douglas, Secretary



Mother Lode Chapter's 2013 Upcoming Events

December 12 —Wreaths Across America

December 17— Regular Meeting; Nominations and Election
Installation of officers

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