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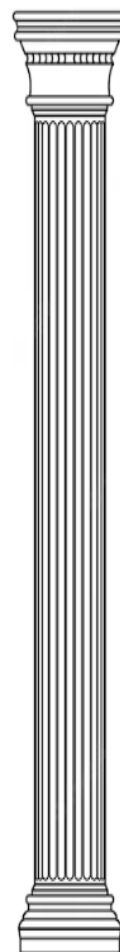
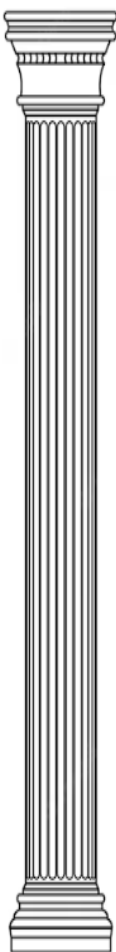
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Mother Lode Dispatch



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**President General John Dodd
performs the Installation of California Society
President Don Littlefield**



The Breakroom Restaurant

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

The 149th Annual Meeting of the California Society Burlingame CA



**NSSAR President John Dodd and
Mother Lode President Steve Belden**



**Thomas Jefferson
(Steve Edenbo)**



**Rob Moore, VP General
Western District swearing
in the rest of the new CAS-
SAR Officers..**



I thought whole event went off without a hitch. The Hyatt's food did not disappoint, and the people were awesome!

I had the pleasure of dinning with CASSAR Genealogist David Morrow (see picture prior page). David descends from several African American Patriots and was so open about his family and history. Respect!



The view from my room

Folsom 2024 Hometown Parade

Saturday June 29th—Sutter Street



Don Littlefield and Doug Drake

The 2024 Folsom Hometown Parade got started a little late and once we marched out the pavement below our feet grew steadily warmer, not to mention the wool coats.

CASSAR President Don Littlefield , Mother Lode Chapter President Steve Belden and Sacramento's David Beach were in position 57 of about 70 entries . We were 4th last year.

Doug Drake was able to join us just as we entered the spectator area. Doug carried the

Grand Union Flag the entire time.

We were joined by three DAR ladies: Stephanie Ratzburg, Dayna Palmer, and Cynthia Gibbs.

This event was the largest turnout I've ever seen. The Sac. Bee said "hundreds" of people were in attendance. No way

It was at least a thousand people. You can watch the entire parade on YouTube.



Steve Belden



https://www.youtube.com/live/zcTYCRt9i_w

Copy the above address into your browser

Folsom 2024 Hometown Parade



Doug, David, and Steve



Each Memorial Day (last Monday in May) at 1100 hrs, ceremonies are held at the El Dorado County Veterans Monument in Placerville (360 Fair Lane). The ceremonies honor those who died in the service of their country and include a fly over by WWII Warbirds, color guard ceremony, parade of flags by veterans organizations and youth groups, speeches by public officials, patriotic music, presentation of Veterans Monument Scholarships to children of veterans, wreath presentation, a three-volley rifle salute, taps and a piper playing Amazing Grace.

2024 Memorial Day Service Monday May 27, 2024



CASSAR President Don Littlefield, Mother Lode President Steve Belden and Philip Noble of Sacramento helped present the colors at the 2024 Memorial Day Service.

Mike and Judy Muetz, and Sam Bradley were there to help and support the event.

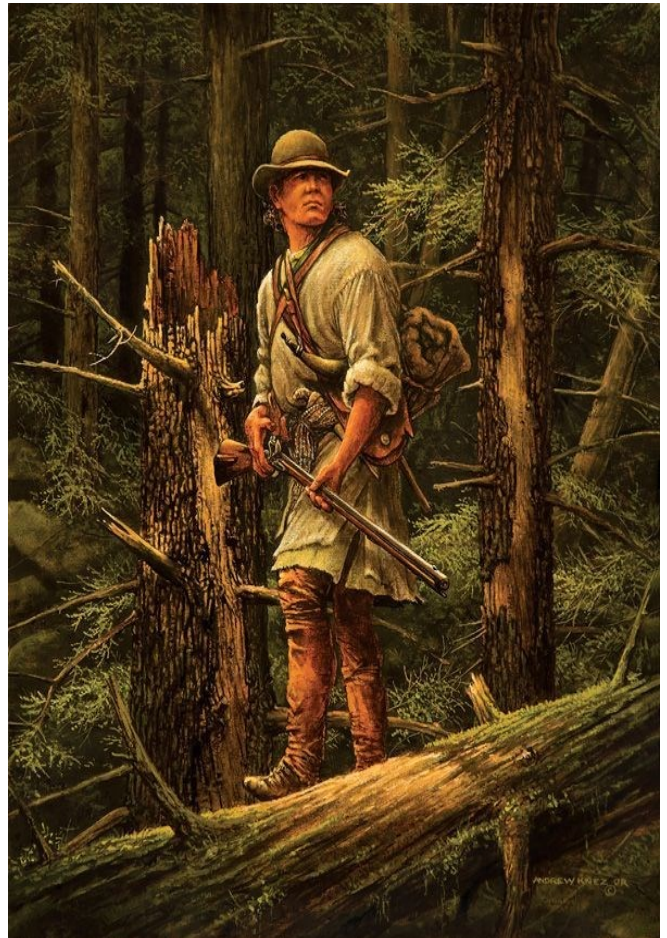




Induction of David Swineford

David joined the SAR under his patriot ancestor Albright Schweinfurt, who arrived in Philadelphia harbor on October 22nd 1754. Albright married Margaret Schneider, who's father became the 3rd Governor of Pennsylvania (Simon Snyder), and moved into the frontier. When the war broke out, Albright and most of the men from the village, known today as Middleburg PA., found themselves battling with the local Native Americans who had sided with the English. * Middleburg was originally named Swinefordstown.

During the Revolutionary War Albright and his sons John and George (David descends from George) marched back to Philadelphia to enlist into the Continental Army and were immediately sent back into the frontier to fight the Native Americans who were scheming with the British to eradicate the local settlers. Albright had two sons, John and George. George was 13 at the time and was a drummer boy. When George turned 18 he became a member of Lt. Jacob Bard, Northumberland County Frontier Rangers. They can best be described as “Minutemen” of the frontier because of their expertise in quick action responses. They carried a knife, hatchet and PA long rifle and were considered experts in stealth and surprise attacks—modern day “Black Ops”!





Meeting Minutes – June May 24, 2024



The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm
Steve Belden led the Invocation, Pledge of Allegiance, and the SAR Pledge

Attendance: Steve Belden, Tom Douglas, Mike Metz, Jack & guest Joy Krahn, prospective member Tim Voss.

Officer's Reports:

President by Steve Belden:

Reviewed Old Business

Secretary by Tom Douglas:

None

Treasurer by Bob Conover:

\$3,944.66 (AL Bar and Rental could still be outstanding.)

Registrar by Tom Douglas:

Matt Anderson's application appears to be with National. Sent in April 22 at national (SAR working on March)

Brandon Harris's membership reinstatement is in progress. Membership approved. Invite him to Sept. Meeting

Tim Voss – no progress. Tom and Tim will get together to find documentation for marriage connection.

Youth Activities by Kevin Tierney:

None

Old Business:

Donations: American Online Giving Foundation / Benevity & the Intel Foundation gave the Chapter a grant in the amount of \$1,045 as a result of Don Littlefield's volunteer hours to the Mother Lode Chapter in 2023.

Flag Certificate: American Legion Post 119 Placerville - Steve has spoken with Mike Muetz who indicated he is ready to present the certificate. Steve left a message for Laura Lee Flannery to set a new date to present the certificate.



Meeting Minutes – June 24, 2024

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Liability Coverage for Sexual Conduct and Abuse: We review the insurance documents regarding liability coverage for sexual conduct and abuse. Mike Muetz suggested we wait until the CASSAR decides on what to do. The motion to table the event was approved by all attending members.

* Please note that Steve Belden spoke with Don Littlefield after the meeting about this issue. Don supports updating the chapter website to include information about the SAR's policy on Youth Protection. The Mother Lode chapter's website will be updated to include information about SAR's Youth Programs page (public) including links to SAR site. A link to the SAR training certificate program will be for members only. All SAR members who attend and participate in chapter events with children are required to complete the training and provide a copy of the certificate to the chapter before participating in any youth events. Volunteers and guests will not be required to complete the training. Don also noted that we should do our best to adopt the Boy Scouts "two-deep leadership" approach to complement the SAR's "buddy program".

Lifetime Member: Tom sent the information to myself and the Krahn. The Krahns confirmed they received the email.

CDCR Awardee Opportunities: Steve is in contact with David Maldonado to follow up on any opportunities to honor the CDCR. David Maldonado, Deputy Chief - Strategic Comms. and External Affairs. CA. Dept. of Corrections and Rehabilitation.

El Dorado County Sheriff and Placerville PD: Bob Conover is actively working with the agencies to identify awardees. The chapter discussed the pros and cons of limiting the number of awardees. Bob noted that Sheriff Jeff Leikauf is hoping to id 4 awardees. The issue is still open for discussion.

CHP Awardee Opportunities: Tim Voss is working with Ms. Capt. Jaime Kenyon. She is working to identify potential awardees.

Proposed Meeting Location: Steve Belden, Tom Douglas, Doug Drake and Mike Muetz met at The Breakroom to test the food and Audio-Visual quality. Everyone thought the food was good and priced right. The Zoom meeting test went fine. Steve updated the Web Site and notified Scott Whitman of the CASSAR of the change in meeting place starting September 2024.

<https://www.breakroomeatery.com/>

4131 South Shingle Road #7, Shingle Springs, CA 95682



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Hog Wild: Steve will work with Hog Wild to set up a tasting session to decide if we want to consider them for the awards banquet. Tom, David, and Doug and hopefully others are interested in sampling the food. Update: Steve has requested the sampler pricing from Hog Wild.

<https://www.hogwildbarbque.com/>

38 Main St, Placerville, CA 95667

Wednesday	11:30 AM - 6 PM
Thursday	11:30 AM - 6 PM
Friday	11:30 AM - 6 PM
Saturday	11:30 AM - 6 PM
Sunday	11:30 AM - 6 PM
Monday	Closed
Tuesday	Closed

Insurance and rider for A.L. Post 119: – Tom Douglas provided Mike Muetz with a copy of a substantial paperwork packet to deliver to the A.L.

Youth Accounting: Kevin to provide Tom with a summary of the prize and award expenses. Tom Douglas has not received any communication from Kevin Tierney. Steve sent Kevin a follow up email.

Musket Presentation: Drake. Doug has not received an invitation to present his story (Farm Boy to Soldier). Steve will give it some thought on how to revive this opportunity.

Chapter Speaker Series:

Milt Bandera, N. Korean POW agreed to present at the Chapter. Steve is trying to contact Milt.

Matthew Stiles Bowdish – MD and expert on GW's health. Still of interest.

Carolyn Zachry - English as a second language and GED. IT was decided we will not be inviting Carolyn to speak due to the scope of topic.



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Community Awards Banquet Speaker:

Col. Thomas Eden Carpenter, U.S. Airforce Ret. Steve spoke with Thomas, and he was willing to speak at the awards banquet. Steve will continue to work with Thomas to develop a speaking plan.

Medals not awarded to date: Steve Belden will determine who will receive a medal to be presented at a chapter meeting. Cost in large frame is \$30. Tom noted that the local Office Max went out of business. Staples in Folsom is open, and Office Max Sacramento has an on-line store.

Stephen Almy (Army)

Gene Bell (Navy - Air)

Bob Conover (Airforce)

Doug Drake (Army)

Brian Sonner (Coast Guard)

Jack Krahn (Army)

Steve needs details and dates from each person to determine medal eligibility.

Mother Lode Archives - this is in progress, but Steve won't make substantial progress until the winter months.

Dispatch and Website update: Current as of June 30, 2024.

Upcoming Events:

Folsom Hometown Parade – June 29th

Burial Honor Guard at Sacramento Valley – October 15th. Burial of veteran brother of SAR member Emory D. Neal. Contact Russ Kaiser for more information.

New Business:

El Dorado County Fair - opportunity for recruitment. Sam Bradley was on the board

Awards Banquet Flyer - Chapter agreed to follow same format.

Awards Banquet Brochure - Chapter agreed to follow same format.

Steve Belen led the SAR Recessional, Benediction, and singing of God Bless America
The meeting was **adjourned at 7:35 pm.**

AMERICA 250 Minute:

Here are some interesting facts you may or may not know.

The declaration was written almost exclusively by Jefferson, who wrote it between June 11 and June 28, 1776, in a three-story residence at 700 Market Street in Philadelphia.

1. Is Independence Day really July 2?

Officially, the Continental Congress declared its freedom from Britain on July 2, 1776, when it approved a resolution and delegates from New York were permitted to make it a unanimous vote. John Adams thought July 2 would be marked as a national holiday for generations to come.

2. July 4 is when the Declaration was adopted

After voting on independence, the Continental Congress needed to finalize a document explaining the move to the public. It had been proposed in draft form by the Committee of Five (John Adams, Roger Sherman, Robert R. Livingston, Benjamin Franklin, and Thomas Jefferson) and it took two days for the Congress to agree on the edits.

3. Six people signed the Declaration and also the Constitution

Franklin was among a handful of people who signed both historical documents. The others were George Read, Roger Sherman, Robert Morris, George Clymer and James Wilson.

4. But they didn't sign the Declaration on July 4th!

Once the Congress approved the actual Declaration of Independence document on July 4, it ordered that it be sent to a printer named John Dunlap. About 200 copies of the Dunlap Broadside were printed, with John Hancock's name printed at the bottom. Today, 26 copies remain.

5. So what if I stumble upon a lost version of the Dunlap Broadside at a flea market?

That's what happened in 1989 in Adamstown, Pa. It was tucked behind an old picture in a frame and it cost the buyer \$4. That version of the Declaration was eventually acquired by TV producer Norman Lear for \$8.1 million.

AMERICA 250 Minute:

6. OK – when was the Declaration actually signed?

Most of the members of the Continental Congress signed a version of the Declaration in early August 1776 in Philadelphia. The names of the signers were released publicly in early 1777. So that famous painting showing the signing of the Declaration on July 4, 1776, is a bit of an exaggeration.

7. The Declaration's association with Independence Day came from a lapse of memory

Historian Pauline Maier said in her 1997 book about the Declaration that no member of Congress recalled in early July 1777 that it was almost a year since they declared their freedom from the British. They finally remembered on July 3rd, and July 4th became the day that seemed to make sense for celebrating independence.

8. The Declaration suffered from a lack of early respect

Maier also said that the Declaration (and celebrating its signing) was stuck in a feud between the Federalists (of John Adams) and the Republicans (of Thomas Jefferson). The Declaration and its anniversary day weren't widely celebrated until the Federalists faded away from the political scene after 1812.

9. The Declaration and Constitution were hidden away during World War II

Both documents were packed up about two weeks after Pearl Harbor. They were given a military escort to Fort Knox in Kentucky, where they remained until late 1944.

10. There really is a message written on the back of the Declaration of Independence

In the movie National Treasure, a secret message written on the back of the Declaration is a key plot device. In reality, there is a visible message on the back that reads, "Original Declaration of Independence dated 4th July 1776." It's not as dramatic as the movie and experts believe it was a label added at some point when the Declaration was in storage.

11. Nine of the men who signed the Declaration of Independence died before the American Revolution ended in 1783. Declaration of Independence.

12. The Declaration of Independence was signed by Thomas Lynch, Jr. and Edward Rutledge when they were only 26 years of age.

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Meeting Minutes – May 28, 2024



The meeting was called to order at 6:33 pm
Steve Belden led the Invocation *, Pledge of Allegiance, and the SAR Pledge

Attendance: Steve Belden, Tom Douglas, Mike Metz, and Don Littlefield

Officer's Reports:

- President Report:

\$500 matching donation from Doug Drake is in progress; Steve noted that the Folsom PD is available for a flag certificate. Chapter website and Facebook have been updated.

- Treasurer's Report: Provided by Secretary Tom Douglas

Bank balance \$2,847.66

- Secretaries Report:

Secretaries Report - Filings are in good state, several applications in progress, State Secretary, State site - Officers

- Youth Programs:

Poster Contest

No brochures - Due March.

- Old Business:

Officer inductions: Steve Belden and Tom Douglas were sworn in as President and Secretary, respectively, by Don Littlefield.

2023 Audit— Mike Muetz agreed to conduct the 2023 audit.

2024 Community Awards Banquet Planning: Guest Speaker

A current SAR Officer can be a speaker.

Larry Brasher Sacramento chapter - Youth Education, Freedoms Forward.

Sue Frost - Country Supervisor — Speakers on the Constitution

Col. Thomas Eden Carpenter - US Airforce Ret

Col. Joseph Scheimer - US Airforce Ret

Milt Bandera, N. Korean POW (chapter meeting speaker)



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New Business:

- Member Participation

Don Littlefield noted the low participation by chapter members and reminded everyone present that there is a minimum expectation of chapters members to participate in meetings and related activities. Steve Belden and Tom Douglas agreed to address the situation with chapter members.

- Annual Meeting

Mother Lode members approved to donate \$500 to Sacramento to help with the cost of hosting the annual meeting.

- Youth Genealogy:

Mother Lode members reviewed a request from a individual wanting the Mother Lode chapter to post a web-link in its chapter website to a commercial play ground retailer site that hosted a hidden page with youth genealogical resources and additional links. The senders email registration could not be verified. The item was not put to a vote, and the link will not be shared.

Announcements:

- Annual Meeting

On April 26 and 27, 2024, Northern California will host the California Society SAR Annual Meeting at the Hyatt Regency Burlingame. Meeting Registration is now available.

- Daughter of the American Revolution (DAR)

Steve Belden shared an invitation from Sally Long Johns for the SAR to attend an event on Wednesday March 13th 11 am to 1 pm at the Family History Center (known to most of us as the LDS Center on Cedar Ravine) 3275 Cedar Ravine Placerville, CA. 5th or 6th Graders from Teacher Brenda's (sorry, I don't know her last name) class at Herbert Green School will demonstrate/practice what they have learned in their studies. SAR's role was not clearly defined.



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Announcements:

CA Society Of Pioneers - The society reached out to SAR President to share news about its launch of its brand-new California Pioneer Certificate Program. which honors California's history and early pioneers. This program offers both lineage certification and an extensive database dedicated to eligible pioneers. Eligible pioneers must meet one or more of the following requirements: Lived in California prior to Statehood in 1850; Lived in an historic Gold Rush county between 1848 and 1860; Resided in San Francisco County during the 1906 Earthquake; Were recorded in a California Mission document before 1850.

Steve Belen led the SAR Recessional, Benediction *, and singing of God Bless America
The meeting was **adjourned at 7:26 pm.**



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* Note:

Invocation—This prayer is read aloud each day at Mount Vernon's public wreath laying ceremony.

I now make it my earnest prayer, that God would have the United States in his holy protection, that he would incline the hearts of the Citizens to cultivate a spirit of subordination and obedience to Government, to entertain a brotherly affection and love for one another, for their fellow citizens of the United States at large, and particularly for their brethren who have served in the Field, and finally, that he would most graciously be pleased to dispose us all, to do Justice, to love mercy, and to demean ourselves with that Charity, humility and pacific temper of mind, which were the Characteristics of the Devine Author of our blessed Religion, and without an humble imitation of whose example in these things, we can never hope to be a happy Nation. Amen

Benediction - A PRAYER BY GEORGE WASHINGTON

At the close of the Revolutionary War in 1783, George Washington wrote to the thirteen governors to disband the army and send his troops home. He included a prayer that God would “dispose us all to do justice, to love mercy” and love one another. This foundational prayer by our nation’s first leader for his soldiers and his people is worth remembering as we honor their costly sacrifices for the independence of our country.

Here is the full version of his letter to the Governors requesting that his troops be sent home:

Circular Letter Addressed to the Governors of all the States on the Disbanding of the Army, June 14, 1783

"I have thus freely declared what I wished to make known, before I surrendered up my public trust to those who committed it to me. The task is now accomplished. I now bid adieu to your Excellency, as the chief magistrate of your State, at the same time I bid a last farewell to the cares of office and all the employments of public life.

It remains, then, to be my final and only request that your Excellency will communicate these sentiments to your legislature at their next meeting, and that they may be considered the legacy of one, who has ardently wished, on all occasions, to be useful to his country, and who, even in the shade of retirement, will not fail to implore the divine benediction on it. I now make it my earnest prayer that God would have you, and the State over which you preside, in his holy protection; that he would incline the hearts of the citizens to cultivate a spirit of subordination and obedience to government, to entertain a brotherly affection and love for one another, for their fellow-citizens of the United States at large, and particularly for brethren who have served in the field; and finally that he would most graciously be pleased to dispose us all to do justice, to love mercy, and to demean ourselves with that charity, humility, and pacific temper of mind, which were the characteristics of the Divine Author of our blessed religion, and without an humble imitation of whose example in these things, we can never hope to be a happy nation." Amen -- General George Washington