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Calling All Compatriots



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William C. Teie - Featured Speaker

Bill retired from the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CDF) after a successful 34 year career. He worked up through the ranks from seasonal firefighter to Deputy Director for Fire Protection. In this position, he was responsible for all of the fire protection programs within CDF.

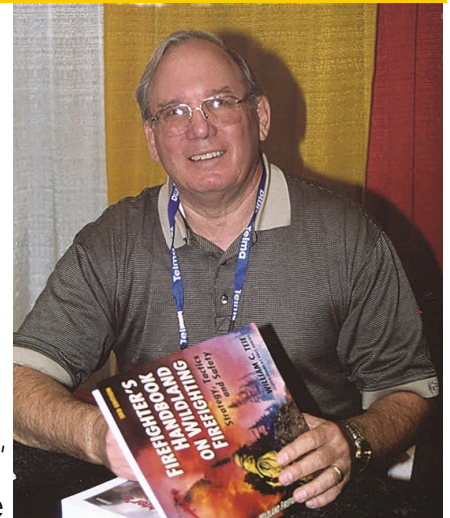
Chief Teie was very active in the California fire service. He was on the Board of Directors of the California Fire Chiefs Association, and was President in 1986-87. He is also a charter member of the USA branch of the Institute of Fire Engineers, a worldwide organization.

He is the author of the *Firefighter's Handbook on Wildland Firefighting*, *Fire Officer's Handbook on Wildland Firefighting*, *Wildland Firefighting Fundamentals*, the series of *Fire in the West* reports, various study guides, and has developed several training and operational aids for the firefighter. In 2010, he published *Leadership for the Wildland Fire Officer*.

Bill also authored and published three trail guides for the four-wheel drive community: *4 Wheeler's Guide to the Rubicon Trail*, *4 Wheeler's Guide Trails of the San Bernardino Mountains*, and *4 Wheeler's Guide Trails of the Tahoe National Forest*.

In 2004, two of his firefighting books were rewritten and published in South Africa: the *Fire Manager's Handbook on Veld and Forest Fires*, and the *Veld and Forest Firefighting Fundamentals*.

In 2011, he authored and published the *History of a Place Called Rescue*. This 388 page book (with over 400 pictures and maps) is the history of the area in which he lives. Bill will speak on the history of Rescue.



The next meeting of the Mother Lode Chapter will be held on Tuesday, February 24, 2015, at 6:30 PM, at Denny's Restaurant in Cameron Part. Wives, guests and visiting compatriots are always welcome.

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

Come socialize with us at 6:15PM. The meeting will start promptly at 6:30 PM.

From the Mother Lode President

Mother Lode Chapter Officers for 2014

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Open

ROTC Program

Open

Knight Essay Contest

Open

Valley Forge Program

Open

Law Enforcement Program

John Krahn

Flag Certificate Program

Doug Stone

Americanism Poster Contest

Tom Adams

Greetings Mother Lode members and friends,

We begin 2015 following a very successful Community Awards Banquet. We need to thank all of those who made the 2014 banquet a success – which is just about everyone in the Chapter except me. I admittedly just came to see the awardees and eat. I try to contribute to the Chapter by being involved in our youth education programs. We all cannot do every task the Chapter needs done, but each one of us needs to find a way to contribute. As your newly elected Chapter President I am hoping everyone will step forward in some way.

As I write this message, I cannot think of anyone who has not stepped up, and many of you have offered to help in a number of ways. Here is a unique contribution: two of our Compatriots. Bob Conover and Sam Bradley stepped up into the role of fund raisers and together raised \$1,500 last year! Faithful Gene Myers has consented to be our Chaplain for yet another year; Marilyn is there beside Tom to help out, and we can always count on John and Joy to be here to help in any way they can – just ask, they say yes. Even Bob Leach, who we don't see as much as we would like, is willing to be our grant writer – what an offer! Here is another example – three of our Compatriots (who I refer to as our "Founders"): Tom Chilton, Wayne Griswold and Jim Young, have offered to be responsible to see that we have a speaker at every Chapter Meeting!

Our fourth "Founder", Tommy D, wants to step down from the roles he has been filling since our Chapter's beginning eight (8) years ago. It has taken four of us to start to do what this one Compatriot has been doing for us all these years. Chuck Smith will serve as Recording Secretary. Besides being the Chapter President, I will officially replace Tommy as our Chapter Secretary – with help from others – plus, I will also learn how to be our webmaster. Wayne will become our Treasurer, and Tom Chilton will become the Dispatch Editor and Publisher.

A State Officer once admirably described the Mother Lode Chapter as "a bunch of overachievers" I like that. I think that is who we are because everyone contributes; everyone adds something; everyone has a share in our success. - Tom



**Tom Adams
President**

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Minutes of the January 27, 2015 Meeting

By Chuck Smith

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM by President Sam Bradley. The invocation was given by Chaplin Gene Myers. Registrar Jim Young led the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by President Bradley leading the SAR Pledge.

There were 10 Mother Lode Chapter members and 6 guests attending. This included our guest speaker Bill Center. Meeting minutes were approved from the joint meeting with the Sacramento Chapter on December 20, 2014.

Reports:

Secretary – No report

Treasurer – Tom Douglas reported that the chapter has about \$2,300 in our checking account and \$500 in the savings account.

Registrar – Jim Young indicated that we had one prospective member present at the meeting.

Historian – No report

Youth Activities – Tom Adams reported that the brochure contest judging was completed on January 23, with the winners selected. The poster contest will be held at 2 elementary schools, Holy Trinity and Jackson. Tom Douglass, Tom Chilton, Sam Bradley and Tom Adams will handle the presentations.

The election of 2015 chapter officers was then held by acclamation as follows:

President – Tom Adams, Secretary – Tom Adams will handle most of the duties, Treasurer – Wayne Griswold, Registrar – Jim Young, Historian – John Krahn, Chaplin – Gene Myers, Recording Secretary – Chuck Smith

Presentation:
Our evening's guest speaker was Bill Center. Previously, Bill was involved in local politics, water politics and was a member of the El Dorado County Board of Supervisors. He began his presentation on how the geology of El Dorado County was formed. This included earth plate migration, volcanic activity and glacial activity among other activities. Due to low oceans, human migration from Siberia and parts of Asia occurred. The next group of migration was Spanish coming from Mexico and geographic points south. Bill then reviewed the European migration and how the new human and animal arrivals effected the existing population. He then spoke of how Sutter and Marshall began to develop California. Bill then went on to how the discovery of gold in 1849 led to California becoming a state, leap-frogging a large number of future states. He then described how Crocker, Stanford, Huntington and others further developed the state's economy. From this period until the start of World War II the California economy was resource based. Bill then described how the economy changed and how SMUD had an effect on population change. He then talked about how certain dam projects on the American River affected El Dorado County and how the local economy evolved into what it is today.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 PM after the benediction given by Chaplin Myers and the SAR Recessional led by Tom Chilton. The entire gathering ended with the singing of 'God Bless America'.



Chuck Smith
Recording Secretary

Respectfully Submitted,
C. Smith, Recording Secretary

Photos from the January 24th meeting.



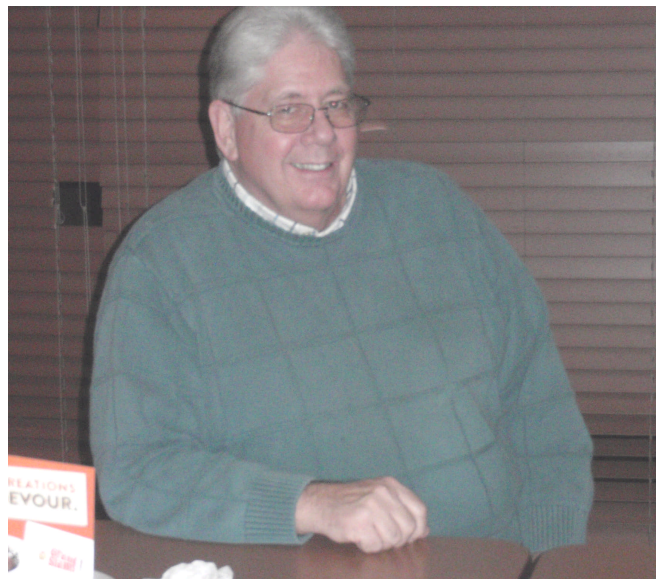
L-R: President Sam Bradley and Bill Center



L-R: Mike Muetz and Gene Myers



Bob Leach and Ray Chant



Past CASSAR President Wayne Griswold



Photos from the January 27th Meeting



L-R: Tom Douglas and Marilyn Chilton



L-R: Joy and John Krahn

Mother Lode Chapter's 2015 Calendar

March 24, 2015 - Regular meeting at Denny's Program to be announced

April 17 and 18, 2015 - The annual CASSAR Spring Membership will be held in Irvine, CA, this year. Details to follow. Kent Gregory (Orange County) will be installed as the new CASSAR President.

April 28, 2015 - Regular meeting at Denny's Program to be announced

May 22, 2015 Regular meeting at Denny's Program to be announced

June 23, 2015 Regular meeting at Denny's Program to be announced



Mother Lode Past-President Tom Douglas and Tom Chilton



Support NSSAR President-General Lindsey Brock's Goal

I would like to call everyone's attention to one of NSSAR President-General Lindsey Brock's goals: SAR Patriot Ancestors' Biographies. We, as members of the SAR, are united with a common bond; we each have ancestors who aided the cause of American freedom either by force of arms or by material support to the revolutionary cause. We must share and preserve their stories so that others may learn and understand the true cost of the freedoms that we enjoy today

All SAR members are encouraged to submit biographies of their patriot ancestors so that their stories will be preserved in the NSSAR database. This will provide us with a better understanding of their sacrifices as well as provide our society with another tool for recruiting new members. Details on how to submit these biographies are discussed below.

There is no special format for these submissions. The NSSAR asks that information be limited to approximately 500 words and be sent in a Microsoft Word compatible format. There is no need for the documentation of references. As noted on the database, it is the sole responsibility of the author to research the facts and data contained in the article. Citing sources is not required. The article cannot be used for proof of lineage. It can, however, serve as a guide for the continuation of research. Patriot biographies may be submitted to this email address: patriotbios@sar.org. Please reference page 16 of Fall 2014 issue of *The SAR Magazine* for additional information and examples. We ask those who submit biographies to the NSSAR to also share them with the Mother Lode Chapter by sending them to Tom Chilton at: marilyntom482@comcast.net.

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