

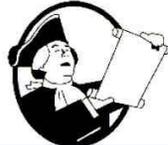


A MONTHLY PUBLICATION BY THE
MOTHER LODE CHAPTER OF THE
SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

March 2016

Volume 9, Issue 3

Mother Lode Dispatch



Calling All Compatriots

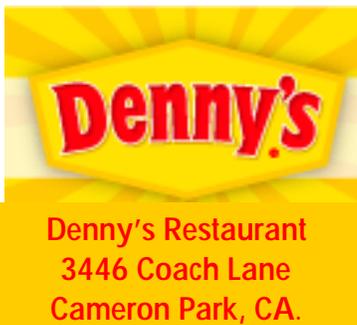


March 22, 2016 Featured Speaker - Gene Myers

Gene Wright Myers was born in South Gate, California, and spent his childhood in Grass Valley, graduating from Grass Valley High in 1949. He spent a short time at the University of California, Berkeley, before enlisting in the U.S. Navy in January, 1951. He met his wife, Irma Jean Wilson, while stationed at Treasure Island, where she was a civil service worker. They moved to southern California, where he earned B.A. and M.A. Degrees at University of California, Long Beach. Gene and Jeanie have been married for over 62 years. They have two adult children, Sharon Myers Clarke, and Mark Gene Myers.

Gene retired from Paramount Unified School District where he taught high school for 31 years. After retiring, he spent ten years in Colorado pursuing his hobbies of fishing and hunting. Other hobbies have included amateur radio, koi husbandry, boat racing, raising red-factored canaries, raising elkhounds, and touring on a motorcycle for 40 years. Gene and Jeanie have five grandchildren, and eight great-grandchildren.

Gene's application to join the Sons of the American Revolution was approved on December 28, 2005. His patriot ancestor, William King, was a private in the Third New Hampshire Colonist Regiment. He will speak on his experiences as a gold miner.



The next meeting of the Mother Lode Chapter will be held at 6:30 PM on Tuesday, March 22, 2016, at Denny's Restaurant in Cameron Park. The meeting starts promptly at 6:30. Come early to socialize with your friends.

**Mother Lode Chapter
Officers for 2016**

- President**
Tom Adams
- Exec. Vice President**
Jeff Doyle
- 2nd Vice President**
Open
- Secretary**
Tom Douglas
- Recording Secretary**
Tom Adams
- Treasurer**
Wayne Griswold
- Registrar**
Jim Young
- Chaplain**
Gene Myers
- Sergeant at Arms**
Mike Muetz
- Dispatch Editor**
Tom Chilton
- Webmaster**
Tom Adams
- Historian**
John Krahn

Committee Chairmen

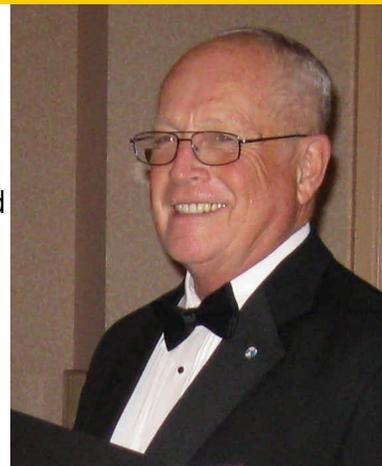
- Eagle Scout Program**
Sam Bradley
- ROTC Program**
Open
- Knight Essay Contest**
Open
- Valley Forge Program**
Open
- Community Awards Banquet**
Tom Chilton
- Law Enforcement Program**
Open
- Flag Certificate Program**
Open
- Elementary School
Poster Contest**
Tom Adams
- Middle School
Brochure Contest**
Tom Adams

From the Mother Lode President

MARCH 2016

Greetings Mother Lode:

This is our **Poster Contest** judging meeting where we select the class winners; the school winners, and the Chapter winner. We had two schools again this year, Jackson Elementary and Holy Trinity. We received 89 posters! Several of us got together and "culled" the stack of posters down to a manageable 24 posters. I plan to keep the process moving at a good pace, but it will be fun to look at the creativity our young people put into created these "works of art." Remember the theme was "Fort Ticonderoga's Cannons & the Henry Knox Trail" – purposely chosen to lend itself to graphic art work.



In April we'll have our State Meeting in Sacramento, where the State Poster and Brochure Contest winners will be determined. Then, in late April and early May we will go back into the schools and make our awards, and then lastly invite the school winners to our May chapter meeting to celebrate with us.

Bye for now. – *Tom*



*Mother Lode Chapter Sons of the American Revolution is a
501.3c Tax exempt organization (Tax ID #26-1428350).
Mother Lode Chapter SAR
P.O. Box 475
Shingle Springs, CA 95682-0475*

Editors Note: The statements and opinions expressed herein are solely those of the authors and do not necessarily state or reflect those of the Editor or of the California or National Societies, Sons of the American Revolution.

Minutes from the February 23, 2016 Meeting

By Tom Adams

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM by Chapter President **Tom Adams**. The Invocation was given by **Gene Myers**. Past President **Sam Bradley** led the Pledge of Allegiance followed by Past President **Jim Young** leading the SAR Pledge.

There were 8 Mother Lode Chapter members and 3 guests in attendance.

The meeting opened with Tom informing the attendees that this evening we will set aside our regular activities to first enjoy listening to our speaker Mary Cory on her topic, "Railroading in the Placerville area."

Reports:

Presidents Report

Tom asked for an approval of the minutes from the last meeting which were printed in the current issue of the *Dispatch*.

Tom reminded the Chapter of the on-line BSA Youth Safety Program Training.

Secretary – **Tommy Douglas** reported the Chapter Secretary Annual Reporting has been successfully completed.

Treasurer – Treasurer **Wayne Griswold** was unable to attend.

Registrar – Registrar **Jim Young** gave a favorable report of the Chapter's new member prospects.

Sunshine – **Gene Myers** spoke of the recovery progress after a hospital stay for his wife, **Jeannie Myers**, and also for **Marcia Conover**.

Chapter Programs:

Community Recognition / Awards Event – **Tom Chilton** reported it is too early to begin serious planning for our 2016 Community Awards Banquet, but so far all is looking well.

Youth Activities – **Tom Adams** reported on our 2015-16 Poster Contest program that got underway this month with presentations at Jackson Elementary and Holy Trinity. **Jeff Doyle** talked about his enjoyable role as our re-enactor at each school. **Jim Young** and **Tommy Douglas** shared their impressions for how the presentations were very well received by the teachers and students at both schools. Both men complimented Jeff on his presentation and his fine art work and how it captured the attention of the students.

Unfinished Business:

NRA Grant & Color Guard – The Grant has been submitted; no further information at this time.

New Business:

No new Business this month.

Minutes from the February 23, 2016 Meeting

By Tom Adams
(continued from page 4)

Presentation:

Our featured speaker, **Mary Cory**, provided a slide presentation of "Railroading in the Placerville area." Some members, such as **Sam Bradley**, and **John & Joy Krahn**, were very aware of the history related train activities in the county and encouraged other members to take advantage of the trails and rides. Mary made brochures available.

The Benediction was given by **Gene Myers**, **Tom Chilton** led the SAR Recessional and **Tommy Douglas** led us in singing "God Bless America". The meeting was adjourned.

Posters we've got posters

The SAR contest for 5th grade students, the Americanism Poster Contest, is again underway. Students are encouraged to make a poster (22 x 28) depicting a major event of the American Revolution. This year's theme is Fort Ticonderoga's Cannons & the Henry Knox Trail. We have pre-judged the posters, and will bring the best from each class to the March meeting. There we will ask you, our members, to judge and select the winners. I hope you will be able to attend, and see the talent some of these young students have. Thank you.



How King George III Obtained the Hessian Soldiers

In late 1775, when it became obvious that George III could not raise enough men in England to send a strong British army to America, he tried to hire 20,000 Russians from Empress Catherine the Great. She rebuffed him with a wise warning: Using foreign troops was a confession of weakness.

The King ignored her and turned to a more certain source of manpower - his fellow German princes. George III was also the ruler of the Duchy of Hanover, and he had no difficulty hiring soldiers from the noblemen who ruled the 300 little sovereignties that composed Germany in 1776. For generations, they had been in the business of renting bodies to warring powers to pay for their conspicuous consumption.

The best known of these body merchants were the Landgraves of Hesse-Cassel. Their soldiers had been fighting for strangers all over Europe since 1687. The present Landgrave, Frederick II, was a relative. His first wife had been George III's aunt. Frederick was delighted to sign a contract for 12,000 soldiers at £7 4s. 4d. per man.

Frederick also persuaded George III to part with an annual subsidy to Hesse-Cassel of £108,181 5s., to be continued for a year after the troops returned. Finally Frederick pressured George to pay him an old claim from the Seven Years War, which amounted to a neat £41,820. The British also agreed to pay the salaries of officers and men while they were in America.

George struck similar bargains for smaller numbers of troops with Duke of Brunswick, who was married to his sister. The Duke's annual subsidy of £ 11,517 was extended two years after the troops returned, and doubled during that period. Moreover, the Duke would receive the price of a new recruits 4s. 4d. for every man killed, and third of that for every man wounded.



To raise men, the German princes virtually kidnapped some subjects. This man's family is pleading against his being forced into service against his will.

Photo from the February Meeting

Photo by Jim Young



President Tom Adams presents Mary Cory with the SAR Certificate of Appreciation.

Mother Lode Chapter's Calendar for 2016

April 14-16, 2016 - CASSAR Spring Meeting
Embassy Suites Hotel in Sacramento.
Gold Country's Ron Barker will be installed as
CASSAR President. Mother Lode's Maj. Gen. Doug
Stone will be the Keynote Speaker.

June 28, 2016 - Regular Meeting
Denny's Restaurant - Program to be announced

October 25, 2016 - Annual Awards Banquet at the
Cold Springs Golf and Country Club. More later.

April 26, 2016 - Regular meeting
Denny's Restaurant - Program to be announced.

May 24, 2016 - Regular meeting.
Denny's Restaurant. Youth Awards night.

A MONTHLY PUBLICATION BY THE
MOTHER LODGE CHAPTER OF THE
SONS OF THE AMERICAN
REVOLUTION

TOM CHILTON
NEWSLETTER EDITOR
916-933-6576
MARILYNTOM482@COMCAST.NET



Mother Lode Chapter
Sons of the American Revolution
P.O. Box 475
Shingle Springs, CA 95682-0475

**TO THE POSTMASTER
ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED**

