

# SAR Mother Lode Chapter Dispatch

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**Greeting Compatriots!** This is our Chapter's Monthly Newsletter, the *Dispatch*. For the present time, we will publish the *Dispatch* as an email.

Our next Chapter Meeting will be **Tuesday, March 22, 2022**, at 6:30 PM at **Denny's**. Come at 6:00 PM if you want to order a meal.

It will again be a hybrid, both in-person and a "Zoom-type" meeting, facilitated by Compatriot **Russ Kaiser** through his 'Go-To-Meeting' account.

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Mother Lode Chapter

Meeting Minutes, February 22, 2022

Hybrid Go-To-Meeting at Denny's in Cameron Park

The meeting was called to order by President **Doug Drake** at 7:00, Compatriot **Tom Adams** gave the invocation, President **Doug Drake** led the Pledge of Allegiance and led the SAR Pledge.

The "Zoom-type" meeting capability was facilitated by Compatriot **Russ Kaiser** through his 'Go-To-Meeting' account. (*Thank you, Russ*)

There were seven (7) regular Chapter members, **Russ Kaiser**, **Tom Adams**, **Mike Muetz**, **Doug Drake** (Z), **Bob Conover**, **Tom Douglas**, and **Gene Bell** (Z) and State Officer **William (Bill) Van Valkenburg** VP North(Z). We had one guest, **Clinton Bazzill**, who has expressed an interest in joining SAR. **Tom Douglas** and **Doug Drake** have offered to help him.

The meeting was opened as a regular meeting and the officers were called upon to give their reports.

- Treasurer, **Bob Conover**, reported on the status of our account and the dues collection.
  - **Treasure Conover** reminded the Chapter that we had made a **\$200** deposit for the use of the American Legion Hall for our canceled 2021 Community Awards Banquet. **Mike Muetz** suggested the funds be retained by the American Legion for use of the hall for a future Community Awards event. **President Drake** thanked both Compatriots and said we would deal with that expenditure at a later meeting.
  - Upon learning of Youth Programs Coordinator, **Kevin Tierney's** check request, from **Tom Adams**, for ribbons and awards, etc. he wrote a check in the meeting for **\$132.16** to **Kevin** and provided it to **Tom Adams** who was to give it to Kevin.
  - Upon learning of Youth Programs Coordinator, **Kevin Tierney's** **check** request, from **Tom Adams**, for cash awards for contest winners he wrote a check in the meeting for **\$255.00** to **Kevin** and provided it to **Tom Adams** who was to give it to Kevin.
  
- Secretary, **Tom Douglas**, gave his report:
  - On December 28, 2021; the Chapter Reconciliation Report was filed with the CASSAR Secretary and after approval of the report from the CASSAR Secretary, Treasurer Bob Conover sent a check of \$1045.00 for payment of Chapter Member State and National Dues.
  - On January 10, 2022; an email was sent to the CASSAR Secretary naming the Mother Lode Chapter Officers elected at the Chapter meeting on December 21, 2021
  - On February 10, 2022; Kevin Tierney picked up 21 Chapter Medallions and 23 Chapter Lapel Pins for award presentations for the Chapter's Brochure Contest.
  - On February 16, 2022; the Annual Registration Renewal Fee Report to the Attorney General of California with forms RRF-1 and CT-TR-1 and a check for \$25.00 was mailed to the office of the Registry of Charitable Trusts in Sacramento.
  - On February 17, 2022; IRS form 990-N (e-Postcard) was filed with the IRS. Confirmation of e-filing is on file with the Chapter Secretary.
  - On February 17, 2022; FTB form 199-N was filed with California FTB. Confirmation of e-filing is on file with the Chapter Secretary.

- Additional transactions have been recorded and not reported in the meeting but were provided to the Recorder. (Appended).
- Secretary Douglas requested approval of changes to two Chapter Bylaws, one regarding state/in-state dual membership, and one regarding the definition of associates. These changes were emailed to the membership in accordance with Chapter bylaws and brought up at previous Chapter meetings. After a brief discussions and explanation that the changes were necessary to be in agreement with State and National bylaws the changes were approved with no dissenting votes.
- **Tom Adams** provided, Youth Programs Coordinator, **Kevin Tierney**, report:
  - A detailed check request has been e-mailed to the Treasurer, **Bob Conover**, annotated bill from **Arnolds for Awards** for ribbons, etc. for **\$132.16**.
  - The second check request was made of the Treasurer, for the award money for the brochure contest - a total of **\$255**.
  - **Kevin** reported he will give money orders, gift cards, for the students who are winners. This avoids having students wait to cash checks which creates a difficult Ing for the Chapter Treasurer when balancing the Chapter check book due to outstanding checks.
  - **Kevin** reported regard the brochure contest, we had a total of **26** entries. 22 of those came from John Adams Academy, 2 from Rolling Hills Middle School and one entry was mailed directly to Kevin from a homeschooled young person.
- Dispatch Editor, **Tom Adams**, reported the **February Dispatch** went out as an email vs. a PDF attachment as has been the practice in the past. Tom intends to continue using emails.

## **REPORT from STATE OFFICER**

State Officer **William (Bill) Van Valkenburg**, VP North, said he hoped to attend a Mother Lode Chapter Meeting in person in the future. In the meantime, he appreciated being able join us via Go-To-Meeting. He urged all members to try and attend the State Meeting in Sacramento on April 21-24.

## COMMENTS by GUEST

Our one guest, **Clinton Bazzill**, said he is working on his SAR application, and looking forward to joining us as a member.

## OLD BUISENESS

- From the **December 21<sup>st</sup>** meeting the officers of the Mother Lode Chapter for **2022** shall be:
  - **President: Doug Drake**
  - **Executive Vice President: Sam Bradley**
  - **2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-President-Programs, (*Open*)**
  - **Secretary: Tom Douglas**
  - **Recording Secretary: Tom Adams**
  - **Treasurer: Bob Conover**
  - **Registrar, (*Open*)**
  - **Chancellor: Doug Drake**

President Elect **Doug Drake** made the following appointments following the **December 21<sup>st</sup>** and this **January 25<sup>th</sup>** Meeting:

### Appointed

- **Chaplin: Randy Keith**
- **Youth Activities Coordinator: Kevin Tierney**

- **Newsletter Editor: Tom Adams**
  - **Historian, (Open)**
  - **Sergeant at Arms, Sam Bradley**
  - **Web Master, (Open)**
  - **Public Safety Liaison: Bob Conover**
- President **Doug Drake** informed us (outside the meeting) he was appointing **Kevin Tierney** to be **2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-President-Programs** until an election can be held.
  - Compatriot **Tom Adams** informed the Chapter that he understood the Chapter's Medical Emergency Award Recipient (a Nurse serving the COVID-19 pandemic) would attend our Chapter Meeting in April.

## **NEW BUISINESS**

Compatriot **Bob Conover**, serving as Chapter's **Public Safety Liaison**, asked if the Chapter was planning to hold a Community Awards event in 2022. President **Doug Drake** said we would discuss that option at our March Meeting.

Compatriot **Tom Douglas** gave the Benediction, Compatriot **Russ Kaiser** led the SAR Recessional, and the meeting was adjourned at 7:50.

*Minutes compiled from notes provided by President Doug Drake, Secretary Tom Douglas, Compatriot Kevin Tierney, and Compatriot Tom Adams.*

Respectfully edited and submitted,

**Tom Adams**, Recording Secretary

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**Appended Additional Notes from the Secretary**

- On December 28, 2021; I was notified by SAR Secretary Schuster that the Mother Lode Chapter reconciliation report was acceptable and to send a check for the \$1045.00 dues owed. On January 3, 2022; Treasurer Bob Conover mailed the dues check to Secretary Schuster.
- On February 4, 2022; I received a second email from Secretary Schuster that our reconciliation report was reviewed and the Mother Lode Chapter owes \$1045.00 for the 2022 dues. On Feb 5<sup>th</sup> I emailed Secretary Schuster that we mailed the check to him on January 3<sup>rd</sup>.
- On February 6, 2022; Secretary Schuster emailed me that he could not find the check we mailed and to send him another one for \$1045.00. On February 9<sup>th</sup>
- Chapter Treasurer Bob Conover came to my home wrote another check for \$1045.00 and mailed it to Secretary Schuster “receipt requested” and he mailed it on February 9, 2022.
- State Secretary emailed Mike Muetz, that he received the check on February 12.

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## **147th Annual Meeting of the California Society**

Mother Lode Chapter members have an opportunity to attend a California State SAR conference at the **Holiday Inn** in Downtown Sacramento at the 147th Annual Meeting of the California Society on **April 21** thru **April 24**.

<https://www.californiasar.org/event/147th-annual-meeting-of-the-california-society>

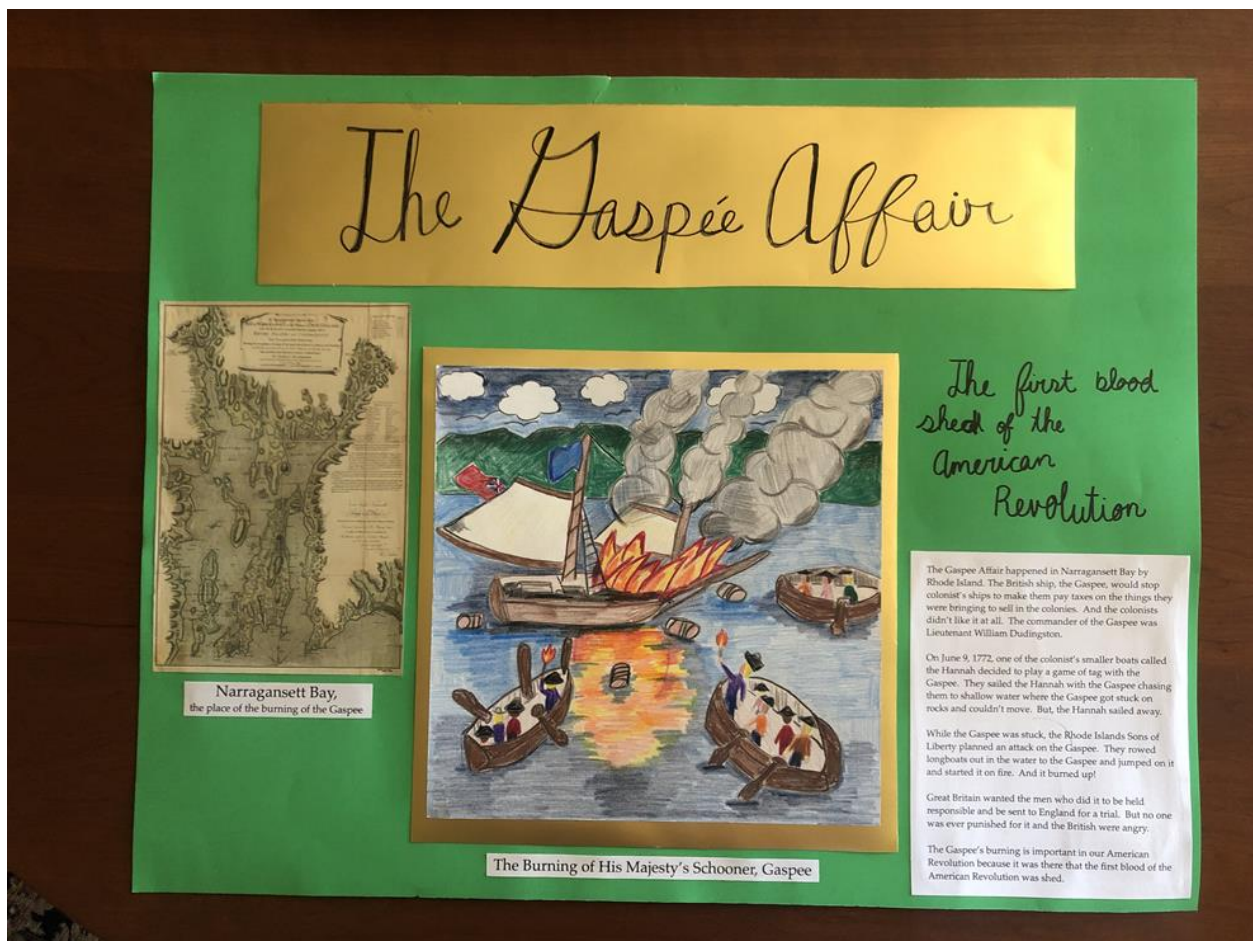
If you cannot devote the entire weekend, you can select to attend individual events such as: The **Community Awards Luncheon** on Friday 4-22; **the Youth Awards Luncheon** on Saturday 4-23; or the **“Gala” Banquet**

Saturday evening, where one can wear (other than a tux) their Continental Soldier uniform, family kilt, and the ladies can wear their gowns.

If this is a first-time event for you, you will not be alone. You will have at least two Mother Lode Compatriots you can call on who do plan to attend: **Doug Drake** (808.785.5612) and **Tom Adams** (916.600.7211).

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## Mother Lode Chapter 2022 Chapter Poster Contest Winner



Kevin won't be able to attend our March meeting. So, we hope he can give us a talk on our exceptional Youth Contest program this year. We have been incredibly successful this year. ... ***Great job, Kevin!***

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**Mother Lode Chapter**  
**2022 Chapter Brochure Contest Winner**

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## THE DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE

and its Influence on History in Relation to Today

The Declaration of Independence is a timeless moral and ethical statement of ideals for all people and are even relevant today. It was approved by the Second Continental Congress on July 4, 1776, during the American Revolution. The document declared America's independence from Great Britain, why they were separating, and listed the rights of mankind. The original rough draft of the Declaration was written by Thomas Jefferson; which was then edited by the Continental Congress. It remains an important document for all people throughout history struggling for their rights of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.



Independence Hall  
Location of the signing of the Declaration of Independence

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THE CONGRESS, JULY 4, 1776  
DECLARED THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO BE FREE AND INDEPENDENT STATES, THAT THEY ARE UNITED TOGETHER AS ONE PEOPLE, THAT THEY HAVE SEVERED ALL CONNECTIONS WITH GREAT BRITAIN, THAT AS FREE AND INDEPENDENT STATES, THEY HAVE FULL AND COMPLETE POWER TO DO ALL THINGS WHICH INDEPENDENT STATES MAY DO.





This picture shows the children of today looking at the Declaration of Independence in the National Archives Museum in Washington.

The children represent the many individuals who were inspired and who can be inspired by the Declaration of Independence and the American Revolution. By learning about the Declaration, we can further understand the hardships of our forefathers and be grateful that we have a chance to mature in our world.

The Declaration of Independence led to many significant events in history. The writing, "All men are created equal," caused many to question slavery and gave way to the Civil War and eventually, the Emancipation Proclamation, which freed all slaves. It also stirred the women's rights movement at Seneca Falls, where the Declaration of Sentiments was signed. That document was modeled after the Declaration of Independence. The American Declaration of Independence also inspired the French Revolution. The French used the American Declaration as a model for the Declaration of the Rights of Man and the Citizen.



The opening sentence of the Gettysburg Address directly references the inalienable rights that Thomas Jefferson states in the Declaration of Independence. Abraham Lincoln also stated that the Declaration of Independence can always be used to defend personal liberties. The U.S. president wrote, "All honor to Jefferson—to the man who, in the concrete pressure of a struggle for national independence by a single people, had the coolness, forecast, and capacity to introduce into a merely revolutionary document, an abstract truth, applicable to all men and all times, and so to embalm it there, that to-day, and in all coming days, it shall be a rebuke and a stumbling-block to the very harbingers of re-appearing tyranny and oppression."

The Declaration of Independence ensured that America would be seen by all countries as a free and independent state. Trade was also important in Colonial America, which got many of its necessities from Great Britain. Before America was freed, the colonists were only allowed to trade with England; often getting cheaply-made items that they could make locally for exorbitant prices. Thanks to the Declaration, Americans are now free to buy and sell globally. The Declaration of Independence was also vital to the American Revolution. Not only did it unite America's thirteen colonies to rank alongside other nations, it encouraged France to join the American effort and defeat its long-standing nemesis, England.

The Declaration of Independence's values are as relevant to today as they were during the American Revolution. We retain the right of equality. Being able to defend our personal liberties keeps our nation free. People can protect their freedom of religion, right other civil liberties. It serves as a standard to which we can hold our government accountable today. Today, trade is critical to America's economic growth and it exposes people to new cultures and goods that enhance the quality of life.



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