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# Mother Lode Dispatch



Calling All Compatriots



## March Program

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The Mother Lode Chapter will be honoring two of El Dorado Counties finest at their March 27th meeting at the Cold Springs Golf and Country Club.

Deputy Sheriff Steve Coburn and Sgt. Jackie Noren will receive the Sons of the American Revolution Law enforcement Commendation Medal.



The next Mother Lode Chapter meeting will be at the Cold Springs Golf and Country Club on March 27, 2012

## Mother Lode Chapter Officers for 2012

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Bob Conover

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### 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

I want to invite all Chapter Members, their families, and guests to the Public Service Awards Dinner at Cold Springs Country Club, on March 27, 2012. The gathering time will be around 6:30 PM, with dinner being served at 7:00 pm. The food will be Chicken Cordon Blue and Bacon Wrapped Filet, Salad and Dessert. This will be a break from the atmosphere of Dennys.

We will be giving out the Public Service Award to each Deputy who excelled in their duties to the department. Guests will be Sheriff John D'Agostini, and District Attorney Vern Person who will be our speaker. The speaker will be talking about the new law which places state prisoners back into our county.

In Patriotic Service

Bob Conover



President Conover and spouse Marcia

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Photos from our presentations to fifth graders.  
This is the fifth grade class of Ms Johnson at Gold Oak School



The fifth graders at Gold Oak School, Buckeye District were ready for their poster presentations. Not only were they able to follow along with the presenters they had prepared themselves by making and wearing tricorn hats.



Prospective Member Doug Keefauver and wife Lisa



New Member Bob Leach and Registrar Jim Young

## Photos from the February 28, 2012 Meeting



Top Left; Sponsor Wayne Griswold pins the SAR Rosette on new Member Keven McInerney while President Conover reads the installation procedure..

Top Right; Keven McInerney with Compatriots Griswold and Conover

Bottom Left; Ed Allen gives his talk on the Coloma Gold Discovery Site

Bottom Right; President Conover presents the SAR Certificate of Appreciation to Ed Allen for his excellent presentation.

### Mother Lode and Sacramento SAR Chapters Support Local C.A.R. Society

Submitted by Tom Adams, Mother Lode Chapter and CASSAR Youth Activities Coordinator

The Mother Lode Chapter and the Sacramento Chapter have stepped up to support the local Sacramento C.A.R. Society. The young C.A.R. members met in February and created a list of activities they would like to do. Senior C.A.R. Officers who are also CASSAR members (Tom Adams, Jim Young and Jim Malinovsky) brought the list back to the Mother Lode Chapter. Here are the activities the two Chapters plan to provide to entertain and educate the young members of the local C.A.R. Society:



**Provide a Demonstration of Revolutionary War Muskets and Rifles:** This event is planned to occur on **Sunday April 22<sup>nd</sup>** from 2 - 4pm. The event will take place at the El Dorado Rod & Gun Club Range. Featured demonstrators will be Tom Chilton, Sacramento Chapter SAR President, and Bob Conover, Mother Lode Chapter President. Wayne Griswold, Past CASSAR President, has also offered his cherished musket to be shown to the young people.

**Provide a Demonstration of Revolutionary War Uniforms:** This event may take place at the Musket & Rife demonstration on **Sunday April 22<sup>nd</sup>** from 2 - 4pm. Featured demonstrator will be Tommy Douglas of the Mother Lode Chapter in full uniform.

**Provide a Presentation on the protocol and care of the Flag:** This presentation is tentatively planned to occur in May. Mother Lode Chapter President Bob Conover is working with the VFW Post in Placerville to provide the presentation. Each C.A.R. member will receive a copy of the 22 page "*The American Flag: History and Etiquette*" published by the NSSAR Center for Advancing America's Heritage, courtesy of the Mother Lode Chapter.

**Provide a Program on the Declaration of Independence:** A presenter of a program on the "*Declaration of Independence*" has not been identified at this time. Any Mother Lode Chapter or Sacramento Chapter member who would like to put this presentation together should contact Tom Adams, Mother Lode's Youth Activities Chairman. The Mother Lode Chapter will provide a copy of Dunlap's Broadside of the "*Declaration of Independence*" to each C.A.R. member.

## Mother Lode Chapter Meeting Minutes February 28, 2012

The meeting was opened by President Conover at 6:30 PM.

Chaplain Gene Myers gave the Invocation, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Compatriot Jim Young and Tom Adams led the SAR Pledge.

There were ten members and seven guests at the meeting.

Reports;

**Secretary / Treasurer** Tom Douglas reported a balance of \$2630.00 in the checking account.

**Registrar** Jim Young reported two applications in process, Raymond Chant and Doug Keefaver.

**Historian** John Krahn mentioned he received the Dispatch that was sent snail mail by the editor. Compatriot Krahn has not received the chapter's history materials from the previous historian.

**Youth Activities coordinator** Tom Adams reported the chapter had another excellent year of poster contest presentations. We presented to 183 5<sup>th</sup> graders in 7 classes in 4 schools.

The posters will be picked up by Friday March 16<sup>th</sup>, 2012. As in past there will be a screening prior to chapter voting. The screening is intended to lighten the load of the chapter voting by eliminating the posters that have obvious disqualifying elements in them. The screening will take place at the Methodist Church on Green Valley Rd.

The decision for a time and place for the final judging was not determined. A preliminary time and date was set for 1:00 PM on March 20, however it was not finalized.

There was a short discussion on whether or not the chapter should purchase poster board for some of the schools. There was a motion that was seconded and passed to purchase poster board for classes that needed the financial help. The funds will come out of the Youth Program line item in the budget.

The local CAR chapter asked Mother Lode if they could put on a demonstration with the firing of some muskets on April 22 at two PM. Tom Chilton and Bob Conover agreed to bring their muskets and put on a "smoke and noise" demonstration. The CAR chapter also asked if someone in the Mother Lode Chapter could wear their period uniform and explain the different elements of the uniform. Compatriot Tom Douglas agreed to do the demonstration. The chapter received an invitation to participate in GO Day at Jackson Elementary School in EDH. GO Day is an outdoor activities day with a number of different activities going on at the same time. The chapter was not particularly excited about doing this because we were not sure of what kind of activity they would want us to present. Before closing the discussion on GO Day, Bob Leach agreed to organize an activity for the day. The chapter agreed to participate.



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## Mother Lode Chapter Meeting Minutes February 28, 2012

It was decided that we should invite Raleys and Wal Mart to the Youth Awards dinner because of their generosity in donating funds to the Youth Programs.

Ed Allen, a volunteer at Coloma State Park, came in period clothing as James Marshal. Mr. Allen gave us a very descriptive and detailed history of the Sutter's Mill gold discovery site. The assembled group was enthralled with Mr. Allen's knowledge of the history of the area and especially the people that were there during the time of the gold discovery. President Conover presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Mr. Allen for his insightful talk.

Compatriot Chilton presented two flags from the Sacramento Chapter's collection. He showed the Gadsdon Flag and the Grand Union Flag, the first flag used as the US flag. It was used from 1775 to 1777.

Compatriot Myers gave the Benediction, followed by the SAR Recessional led by Compatriot Chilton. After the singing of "God Bless America" led by Joy Krahn the meeting was adjourned by President Conover at 8:20.

Respectfully submitted,

Tom Douglas Secretary

# Mother Lode Chapter's 2012 Calendar of Events

January 27- Regular Meeting

Brochure Voting

February 28—Chapter Meeting

March 27– Chapter Meeting; Cold Springs Golf and Country Club

Community Service Awards

April - CASSAR Spring Membership Meeting, Sacramento CA

April 24– Regular Meeting

May 22– Chapter Meeting

Youth Awards

June 26– Chapter Meeting

July– No Meeting

August– No Meeting

September 25– Regular Meeting

October 23– Regular Meeting

November-Date TBD

December—Wreaths Across America

December – Date TBD -Regular Meeting

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