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THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

BY CHAPTER PRESIDENT
RON BARKER



Welcome to our April Newsletter. We have had a very busy last month and one half. I am extremely proud of the Gold Country members and spouses that helped with our Chapter hosting the CASSAR annual meeting at the Embassy Suites in Old Town Sacramento. These members are Keith and Cyndy Bigbee, Alan and Susan Brooking, Donn and Mary Dancer, Bob Gentry, Dave Gilliard, Greg Hill, Mike Holmes, Barry and Patricia Hopkins, Michael Howell, Ernie McPherson, Dale and Coreena Ross, and Ron and Conni Barker. Thank you all for making this such a successful meeting.

Our poster entry, Molly Bradshaw of Weimar Hills, won the State Poster Contest and go onto the National Contest in Phoenix. We now have five State winners and three National winning Posters.

Keith Bigbee became president of CASSAR and Ron Barker continued as CASSAR secretary at the Annual Meeting.

We held our second Chapter's recognition of Patriot's Day – April 19th. We displayed our Revolutionary War flags and answered questions from the public from 10:30 AM to 1:00PM at Central Square in Auburn (corner of High and Lincoln streets). The Auburn Journal came down, asked us questions and took our photograph which appeared in the newspaper. I was also interview by May Jane Popp on 950 AM for about 5 minutes about Patriot's Day and about the Sons of the American Revolution.

If you have not visited our new website, please do so at www.GoldCountrySAR.com. There is also a Facebook link on the website for those of you on Facebook.

In liberty and service,
Ron Barker

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Calendar of Events

National

July 6-13, 2012 - 122st Annual
Congress, Arizona Biltmore
Phoenix, Arizona

Sept 14-15, 2012
225th Anniversary of the
U.S. Constitution
Philadelphia, PA

Sept 28-29, 2012 - Fall Leadership
Meeting, NSSAR HQ,
Louisville, KY

State

www.CaliforniaSAR.org
November 2-3, 2012
California Society
The 137th Fall Meeting
Embassy Suites Seaside
Monterey Area

Chapter

May 19th meeting
Speaker: Daniel Defoe
History Teacher Sierra College

June 16th Meeting
Camp Beckwourth

**The next Gold Country Chapter meeting is
Saturday, May 19th at 9:00 AM
Lou La Bonte's Restaurant, Auburn**

The Gold Country Chapter's 2012 regular meetings will be held on the 3rd Saturday of each month except in May, September and December. During these months special meeting dates occur in order to accommodate other Chapter or California Society activities. All regular meetings are held in the banquet room of Lou La Bonte's Restaurant, 13460 Lincoln Way, Auburn, (530) 885-9193, at 9:00AM. See you there!

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**The submission deadline for the May edition of
The Forty-Niner is Friday, May 11, 2012.**



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Major events in the history of the Revolution in April.

- ☐ ☐ **April 18, 1775:** Midnight Ride of Paul Revere & William Dawes
- ☐ ☐ **April 19, 1775:** Battle of Lexington-Concord
- ☐ ☐ **April 26, 1775:** Heroic ride of Sybil Ludington, a 16 year old
- ☐ ☐ **April 25, 1781:** Battle of Hobkirk's Hill (Second Battle of Camden)

Sybil Ludington was the eldest of twelve children. Her father, Col. Ludington, had served in the French and Indian war. As a mill owner in Patterson, New York, he was a community leader, and volunteered to serve as the local militia commander as war with the British loomed.

When he received word late on April 26, 1777, that the British were attacking Danbury, Connecticut, Colonel Ludington knew that they would move from there into further attacks in New York. As head of the local militia, he needed to muster his troops from their farmhouses around the district, and to warn the people of the countryside of possible British attack.

Sybil Ludington, 16 years old, volunteered to warn the countryside of the attack and to alert the militia troops to muster at Ludington's. The glow of the flames would have been visible for miles.

She traveled some 40 miles through the towns of Carmel, Mahopac, and Stormville, in the middle of the night, in a rainstorm, on muddy roads, shouting that the British were burning Danbury and calling out the militia to assemble at Ludington's. When Sybil returned home, most of the militia troops were ready to march to confront the British. The 400-some troops were not able to save the supplies and the town at Danbury -- the British seized or destroyed food and munitions and burned the town -- but they were able to stop the British advance and push them back to their boats, in the Battle of Ridgefield.

Sybil Ludington helped stop the advance of the British, giving the American militia more time to organize and resist. She was recognized for her midnight ride by those in the neighborhood, as well as by General George Washington.

Sybil Ludington continued to help as she could with the Revolutionary War effort, in one of the typical roles that women were able to play in that war, as a messenger.

In October, 1784, Sybil Ludington married lawyer Edward Ogden and lived the rest of her life in Unadilla, New York.

Her hometown was renamed Ludingtonville in honor of her heroic ride. There is a statue of Sybil Ludington, by sculptor Anna Wyatt Huntington, outside the Danbury Library.

The Battle of Hobkirk's Hill (sometimes referred to as the Second Battle of Camden) was fought on April 25, 1781, near Camden, South Carolina. A small American army under Nathanael Greene defended a ridge known as Hobkirk's Hill against an attack by an even smaller British force led by Francis Rawdon. After a fierce clash, Greene retreated a few miles, leaving Rawdon's soldiers in possession of the hill. The battlefield marker is located at Broad Street and Greene Street north of the center of Camden.

Although Rawdon was the "victor", he soon fell back to Camden. Later in the day Greene sent a small force of cavalry and infantry to pick up the American wounded and stragglers. These soldiers drove off a troop of loyalist dragoons. Despite his tactical success, Rawdon had to abandon Camden two weeks later and withdraw

toward Charleston, South Carolina. The battle was one of four contests in which Greene met tactical defeat, yet his overall strategy was successful in depriving the British of all South Carolina except Charleston.

Greene considered the battle a lost opportunity to defeat a significant British force of the British Army and compel them to abandon their outposts scattered across South Carolina for the safety of Charleston.

Further April action during the Revolutionary War is given below.

April 25-28, 1777— The Battle of Ridgefield (CT) was fought between a force of about 500 British under Maj. Gen. Wm Tryon, Royal Governor of New York, and Connecticut militia under Maj. Gen. David Wooster and Continentals under Brig Gen Benedict Arnold. On the 25th Tryon's forces destroyed Continental supplies at Danbury. The patriot forces mustered and moved to stop them but could not reach Danbury in time. Instead they chose the American tactic of harassing the British on their march back to the coast. During the second Patriot attack on the 27th Wooster was mortally wounded. The significant battle occurred at Ridgefield where Arnolds Continentals joined by Connecticut militia met the British. Arnold inflicted significant casualties on the British but was forced to retreat. While the win went to the British, the battle caused a surge of support in CT for the "cause."

April 15, 1783—The War is Over! On this day the Continental Congress ratified the preliminary articles of peace. Over eight years of civil war with the British was over! John Adams, Benjamin Franklin, John Jay, Henry Laurens and Thomas Jefferson were named peace commissioners. The final formal treaties — USA and Britain [Treaty of Paris], France and Britain, and Spain and Britain —were all signed on the 3rd of September 1783. Some will argue that the British did not really give up the claim to the USA until after the War of 1812.

April 18, 1783— General Washington issues General Orders to the officers and troops announcing the "Cessation of Hostilities between the United States of American and the King of Great Britain."



Dale Ross, Donn Dancer and Ron Barker Celebrating Patriots Day in Auburn April 19, 2012

Patriots' Day, April 19th, is a civic holiday commemorating the anniversary of the Battles of Lexington and Concord, the first battles of the American Revolutionary War. It is observed in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and state of Maine, and is a public school observance day in Wisconsin. Observances and re-enactments of these first battles of the American Revolution occur annually at Lexington Green in Lexington, Massachusetts, and The Old North Bridge in Concord, Massachusetts.

From the Auburn Journal, April 20-21, 2012

“Central Square ready for revolution



Auburn patriots give a wave to history

On April 19, 1775, gunfire erupted in Massachusetts, signaling the beginning of the American Revolution. On Thursday, the Sons of the American Revolution, Gold Country Chapter, celebrated the historic anniversary at Central Square in Auburn. From left are Ron Barker, Donn Dancer and Dale Ross, attired like the revolutionary ancestors. Each member of the Sons of the American Revolution has traced his family back to a point of having an ancestor who supported the cause of the American Revolution during the years 1774-1783.”

Ron Barker was interviewed for about five minutes on the air by Mary Jane Popp of 950 AM talking about Patriots Day and the Sons of the American Revolution.



Chapter and Member News



Ernie McPherson receives Meritorious Service Award
For his efforts in selling patriotic items at the CASSAR
Annual Meeting on April 12-14

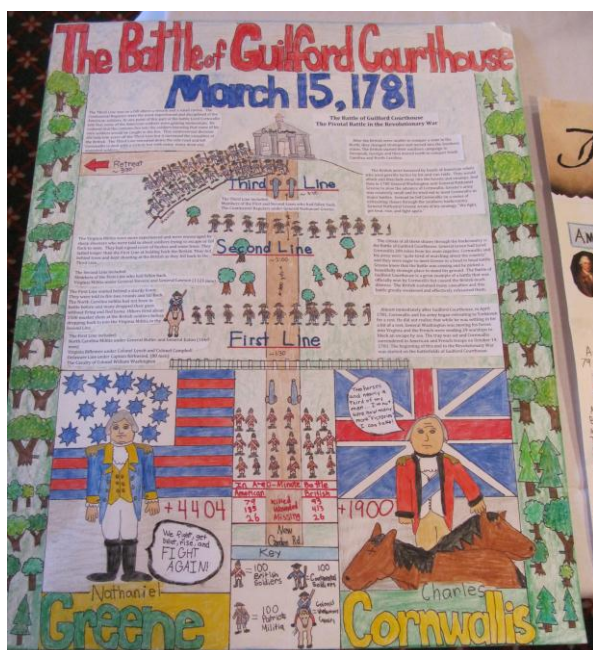


Placer County Supervisor and Gold Country
Member Jim Holmes received Certificate of
Appreciation for Very Positive talk on
Placer County

The Gold Country SAR received the following CASSAR awards based on the size of the chapter-
Best Web Site
Best Newsletter
Col. Richard F. Locke, Jr.-Membership Award



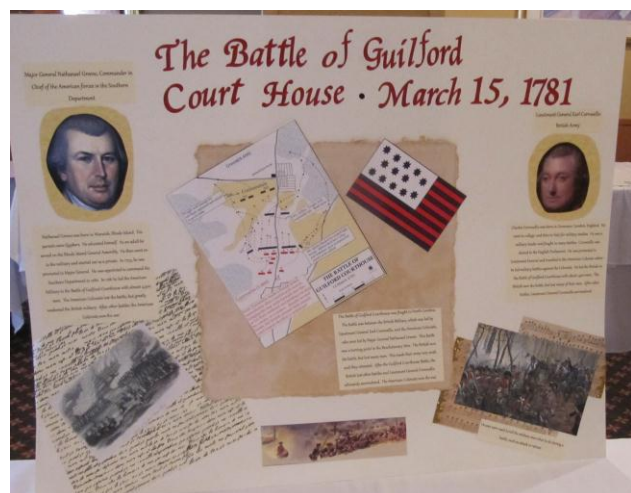
Chapter Poster and Brochure Contest



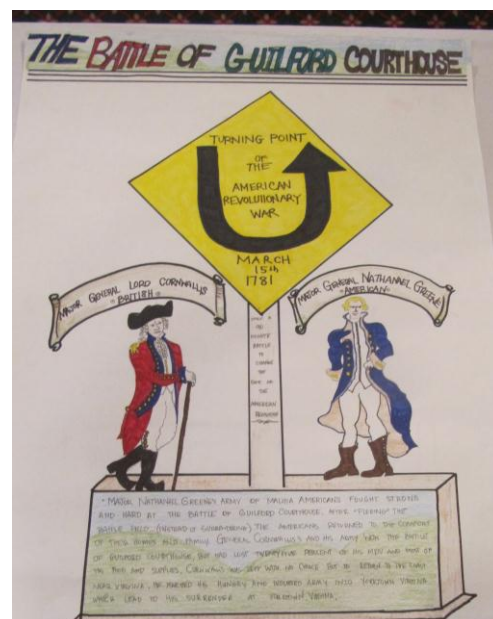
First Place Winner- Molly Bradshaw
Weimar Hills-Teacher -Mrs. Longtin



Second Place-Charlize Golden
Twelve Bridges-Lincoln Teacher-Mrs. London



Third Place Megan Van Yaseldyk
John Adams Academy-Roseville Teacher Mrs. Sheward

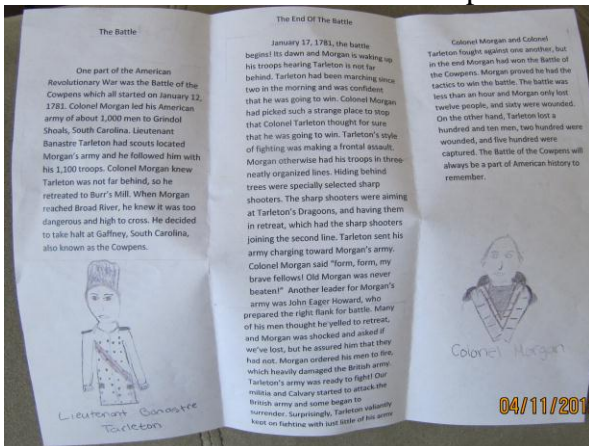


Fourth Place Jordan Datillio
Lincoln Crossing-Lincoln-Teacher. Mrs. Wright



Judging Posters at March Chapter Meeting. We judged 604 Posters from 29 Classrooms over two days. WOW!

8th Grade Brochures Battle of Cowpens



Honorable Mention CASSAR Contest
First Place Chapter Brochure Contest
Heather Nicholas-Weimar Hills



2nd Place Chapter Brochure Contest
Hannah Bailey St Rose School

Gold Country Chapter Poster Winners by Classroom

St. Rose School/Mounkes	Excelsior/Kilgore	Lincoln Crossing/Sleipen
1. Aaron Manuel	1. Kate Sendecor	1. Cristoval Sepulveda
2. Spencer Vigil	2. Grace Kasarjian	2. Brooke Bryan
3. Elizabeth Chiu	3. Austin Hammond	3. Giselle Sturges
Valley View School/Wong	Excelsior/Gill	Lincoln Crossing/Medina
1. Sydney Joe	1. Mia Taylor	1. Kailee Troung
2. John Irwin	2. Cora Edgar	2. Adriana Diaz
3. Nicolle Sarra	3. Noah Hark	3. Dulce Negrete
Valley View School/Smith	Excelsior/Nichols	Lincoln Crossing/Wright
1. Cade DeMarr	1. Riley Price	1. Jordan Dattilio
2. Conner Rapejle	2. Lauren Russell	2. Sara Berg
3. Caden McKinley	3. Tara Michelle Martinez	3. Tiana Brocious
Valley View School/McKee	Excelsior/Stump	John Adams/Casserly
1. Loren Danielson	1. Hannah Hoping	1. Benjamin Mieler or Duprissey
2. Samantha Merchant	2. Jerrott Hong	2. Giuliana
3. Ashley Gilliam	3. Heida McKeam	3. David Weist
Excelsior/Williams	Loomis/Acosta	John Adams/Sheward
1. Bradley DaVito	1. Josh Olsen	(DOUBLE CLASS)
2. Bradley Roe	2. Erien Uppal	1. Anna Orchard
3. Laura Brown	3. Natalie Ruybal	1. Adam Wade
		2. Lilliam Deussenberry
Excelsior/Brazemore	Loomis/Dallosta	2. Megan Van Wsseldyk
1. James Cobarrubias	1. Makyla Acosta	3. Mara Ludlow
2. Kristina Rodriguez	2. Taylor Kemis	3. Dylan Karczeuski
3. Noah Lutz	3. Emily Burnash	
		Weimar/Longtin
Excelsior/Applebaum		1. Molly Bradshaw
1. Carson Scott		2. Isabell Mulay
2. Nadia Gonzalez		3. Conner Ryan
3. Katlyn Barber		

Weimar/Kozak	12 Bridges/Gammelgard	12 Bridges/London
1. Aaron Vieira-Bangle	1. Keegan Linke	1. Charlize Golden
2. Tarren McNalley	2. Sofiua Huttie	2. Mitchel Templin
3. ReBecca Stevens	3. Zachary Monson	3. Jasmine Schulthies
Weimar/ Mori	12 Bridges/Mandel	
1. Broke Gianopulos	1. Emersyn Caulder	
2. Maia Bianchi	2. Niki Morgan	
3. Lydia Michael	3. Rhiana Rutherford	
Weimar/Katsura	12 Bridges Souto	
1. Amber Hult	1. Samantha Illustrisimo	
2. Wyatt Sutherland	2. Tyler Fried	
3. Alexandra Melendez	3. Makayn Wojslaw	

CASSAR Annual Meeting April 2012 Sacramento



CASSAR President John Dodd and Karen Dodd, his wife & CASSAR Ladies' Auxiliary pres



Keith Bigbee being sworn in as New CASSAR President by NSSAR Treasurer General Joe Dooley



Cyndy and Keith Bigbee and Joe Dooley share A relaxing moment after being sworn in



Conni and Ron Barker at Saturday Inaugural Dinner



Jim Fosdyck with Enhanced JROTC winner Jeremiah Taylor and his father



Swearing in New CASSAR Officers



Barry Hopkins receiving Color Guard Pin from Color Guard Commander Jim Fosdyck



Dale Ross Receiving Color Guard Pin



National Color Guard Commander Mike Tomme and And wife Cilla Tomme



Ernie McPherson selling patriotic merchandise



Color Guard for Annual Meeting



Stephen Renouf and wife Joy Javallanah



Cyndy and Conni look over Ladies Auction Table. Raised almost \$1000 for SAR functions



Color Guard at Saturday Banquet



Friday Dinner at the Firehouse Restaurant



NSSAR VP General Western Region
Lou Carlson and wife Karen



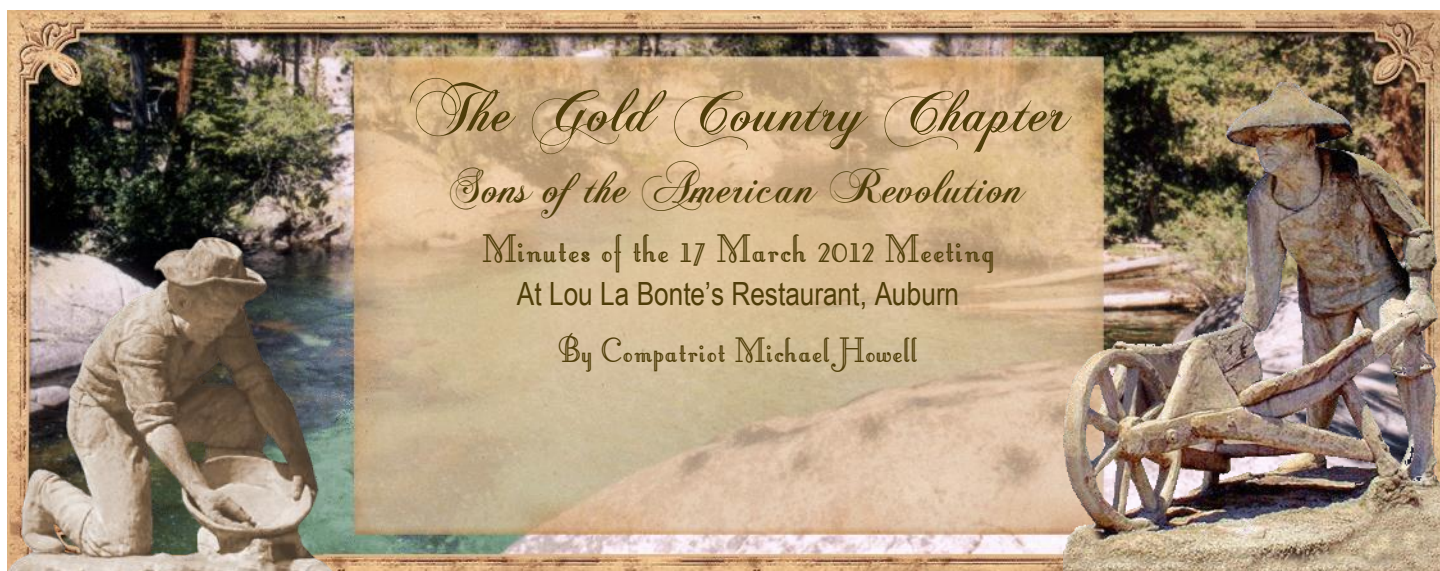
Michael Howell in the Color Guard at Sat Dinner



Head Table at Saturday Night Inaugural Dinner



CASSAR Knight Essay Winner Bethany King



1. Opening Ceremonies

President Ron Barker called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM. The invocation was given by Keith Bigbee. Greg Hill led the Pledge of Allegiance. The SAR Pledge was led by Bruce Choate .

Attendance: 12 members, 7 Guests

Guest Recognized: President Barker recognized the guests: Spouses: Conni Barker and Cyndy Bigbee; DAR members Mary Dancer from the Gold Trails Chapter; Coreena Ross from the Capt. John Oldham Chapter; IO Beyer of the Emigrant Trail Chapter were in attendance; and Prospective members: Alan Brooking, Marlin Weinberger, and Jack Weinberger.

President Barker opened the meeting with an explanation of the poster judging held the previous weekend where an outstanding 604 posters were judged from 29 classes. About 900 students took part in the school presentations. He thanked all who participated in the judging and Coreena Ross who brought her famous cookies. Today we selected the top three overall from each school's winners. Also, 2 - 8th grade brochures were received for the first time.

President Barker asked for a motion approving January's chapter meeting minutes published in the chapter's newsletter and on the website. It was moved, second and carried by voice vote.

President Barker next announced that we will need a new treasurer soon and that he would appreciate some help with the newsletter. Next, he was pleased to announce that Michael Howell had shown interest in being the club secretary. Keith Bigbee then nominated Michael to the position and it carried by voice vote.

1st VP Mike Holmes gave a status report of the Florin HS ROTC unit. It is being disbanded.

2nd VP/Color Guard Leader Dale Ross gave a report that we have received a request to provide a color guard at the Emigrant Trails meeting on June 14th at 2pm. There were no volunteers since this event is during a work day. Then Patriot's Day was discussed for April 19th in Auburn. Dave Gilliard, Ron Barker, and Donn Dancer volunteered to assist with it.

Treasurer Choate reported a balance of \$3,334. \$400 is in the reserve account. For the Annual State Meeting he has collected

\$8,155 so far with 36 members and 28 guests registered.

Chapter Genealogist Ed Beyer announced that we have 2 prospective members in attendance and 5 new supplemental applications have been submitted.

Eagle Scout - 1 new certificate was sent.

Club members then judged the posters to determine a Chapter winners. Awards will be for Chapter level: 1st - 10th place, School level: 1st - 7th place, and Classroom level; 1st - 3rd place. Cash awards were changing from Savings Bonds to a regular check because of the difficulty of getting U.S. Saving Bonds.

Closing: There was a moment of silence in remembrance of passed Chapter Compatriots. Ernie McPherson gave the Benediction and Donn Dancer led the SAR Recessional. The U.S.O. helmet was passed for contributions. The meeting adjourned at approximately 10:15 A.M.

A special meeting to discuss the Annual State Meeting directly followed.

Attendance: 7 members and 6 guests

6. Adjournment

/ SAR Recessional





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FIRST CLASS

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