



Volume 12, Issue 1

Original Charter 1924 • Reactivated 1994

January 2012

THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

BY CHAPTER PRESIDENT
RON BARKER



Dear Gold Country Members, Associates and Friends,

Happy New Year to All

We had a very nice Christmas buffet and elected our new officers for 2012 at our meeting, on Saturday, December 19th. Maryanne Gilliard and Corenna Ross instructed Keith Bigbee, Dave Gilliard and me on fine point of Christmas Party Decorating.

Thank you to Michael Holmes for arranging for the use of the Rose Room at Auburn City Hall.

Our new slate of officers is listed on the next page and we look forward to an eventful year.

Our January 21 meeting is a very important planning event for the CASSAR State meeting to be held at the Embassy Suites in Sacramento, Friday, April 13th and Saturday, April 14th. Our own Gold Country member Keith Bigbee will become CASSAR president and Cyndy Bigbee will become first lady. The Gold Country Chapter will be hosting the event so we need lots of volunteers to help with the various activities. Barry Hopkins will be the prime point of contact for the meeting. Let's all step forward and help with the various activities and events. Ladies-your help is especially appreciated as we found out that a male's decorating skills in most cases is missing.

In order for our chapter to sponsor the events we do through the year, fund raising is very important. One of our prime fund raisers in past years is working as election workers with the money for our work going to the chapter for activities. With this in mind, I have invited Placer County Clerk-Recorder-Registrar of Voters-Jim McCauley to speak at our February 18th meeting on elections and the importance of election poll workers.

We are thankful for the sacrifices of our Revolutionary War ancestors who gave us the ability to vote and express our free will.

This is going to be a very busy year, especially with patriotic school programs that Dave Gilliard that is leading in January and February. We need both men and women's help with our programs.

Ron Barker
President

P.S. If you have not visited our new website, please do so at

www.GoldCountrySAR.com.

In This Issue

<i>The President's Message</i>	1
<i>Calendar of Events</i>	2
<i>Year in Review</i>	3
<i>Member News</i>	4
<i>CASSAR Nov BOM</i>	6
<i>NSSAR News</i>	7
<i>Secretary's Minutes</i>	9
<i>Wreaths Across American/Chapter Pics</i>	11

The California Society of the Sons of the American Revolution

CHAPTER OFFICERS 2011 - 2012 TERM

PRESIDENT

Ron Barker
(530) 205-9581

ron0729con@comcast.net

FIRST VP

Michael Holmes

(530) 889-2780

NJRHS@inreach.com

SECOND VP/Secretary

Dale Ross

(530) 274-1838

cr7861@jps.net

TREASURER

Bruce N. Choate

(530) 878-3783

BruceC4193@aol.com

REGISTRAR

Ed Beyer

(916) 791-4014

iobeyer@surewest.net

HISTORIAN/Chaplain

Barry E. Hopkins

(530) 906-4562

Pau.Hana@Yahoo.com

Webmaster

Gregory Hill

(916) 844-5134

greg@gbasacramento.com

CHANCELLOR

Craig M. Hopkins

(503) 419-6320

Craig.Hopkins@Comcast.net

PAST PRESIDENT

David A. Gilliard

(916) 663-9605

DGilliard@ncbb.net

Calendar of Events

National

www.sar.org

Mar 2—3, 2012 - Spring

Leadership Meeting, NSSAR HQ,
Louisville, KY

Jul 6-11, 2012

122nd Annual Congress

Biltmore Hotel

Phoenix, Arizona

State

www.CaliforniaSAR.org

April 13-14, 2012 – California Society

The 137th Spring Meeting

Embassy Suites

Old Town Sacramento

Hosted by Gold Country Chapter

Chapter

School Patriotic Programs

January-May 2012

Contact: Dave Gilliard

Feb 17th Meeting

Speaker Jim McCauley

County Clerk-Recorder-

Registrar of Elections

March 17th Meeting

Poster Judging

Patriot's Day

April 19

Auburn

The next Gold Country Chapter meeting is

January 21, 2012

Lou La Bonte's Restaurant

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!



Visit our Chapter, State and National Websites

GoldCountrySAR.com ♦ CaliforniaSAR.org ♦ SAR.org



**The submission deadline for the February edition of
The Forty-Niner is Friday, January 27, 2012.**

The Forty-Niner is the official newsletter of the Gold Country Chapter, California Society, SAR. Statements and opinions expressed herein are solely those of the author(s) and do not necessarily reflect or state those of the Editor or of the California or National Societies, SAR. All content, photographs and graphics contained herein are subject to copyright law. Newsletter or Website related questions or submissions should be directed to Chapter Editor: Ron Barker at (530) 205-9581 or email ron0729con@comcast.net. All Rights Reserved

Gold Country Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution 2011 Year in Review

January

Our Guest Speaker was Mr. Michael Babich PhD and U.S. Army Vet who talked about and our failing education system.

Our “Battle of Cowpens” Classroom Poster Presentations began in local schools. We visited 28 5th grade classrooms over January and February.

February

Very low and heavy snow in the foothills overnight made getting to our February Meeting impossible for many members.

Jack Duncan was our guest speaker. He gave a presentation on America’s Atomic Testing Program during the 1950 and 60s.

March

We judged 353 posters and selected our 2011 5th Grade Winner - Blake Steinbach of Rocklin.

April

Patriots Day – April 19 – was marked by Gold Country members at Central Square in Auburn.

Our Guest Speaker, Donald Wilson, spoke about the crucial role of Scot-Americans in the Revolutionary War and our nation’s founding.

Gold Country Members Keith Bigbee and Ron Barker were elected to the state officer positions of Executive Vice President and State Secretary at the State CASSAR Meeting in Orange County.

May

We met on Armed Forces Day. Our Guest Speaker was a WWII Veteran, our very own Ed Beyer, who told us great stories about his service in WWII.

We honored local Purple Heart recipient Ricky France of Loomis with the SAR Wounded Warrior Coin and Certificate, along with a \$150 gasoline gift card.

Ron Barker and Dave Gilliard attended the Rocklin School Board Meeting, where they awarded the Chapter and State Poster winner his Savings Bond and Ribbons, and explained the SAR and our youth programs to the school board.

June

We participated in the annual Cub Scout Day Camp in Nevada City, the annual event organized by Mike Howell and Dale and Coreena Ross.

July

We celebrated Independence Day by marching in the Colfax and Grass Valley Parades.

August

Our guest speakers were our own Ron and Conni Barker, who told us about their experiences at the National Congress in Winston-Salem and their visit to Revolutionary War sites on the area.

September

We hosted a Gold Country SAR Genealogy and Information Booth at the Gold Country Fair – a great community and membership outreach.

Our very own Smitty Virgil was featured in a front page story in the Auburn Journal newspaper about his research into his ancestor's patriotic history.

We marched in the Annual Constitution Day Parade in Nevada City.

October

Our Guest Speaker was Arkady Faktorovich, a former Soviet military officer who escaped communism to come to America.

November

Our Color Guard marched in the Auburn Veterans Day Parade.

Our Community Awards Program was a great success, as we honored local public servants and heroes.

The Grass Valley Union paper did a story on our Community Awards Program.

December

Chapter Color Guard members travelled to the Sacramento Valley National Cemetery in Dixon to participate in Wreaths Across America.

Our annual Christmas Party!

This list is just of the highlights of 2011 and is far from a complete accounting of all the activities of the Gold Country SAR Chapter and its members. Please excuse any omissions. Thank you all for making 2011 a successful year for our Chapter!



Member News

Volunteers are needed to help with Genealogical research for prospective members. We are getting leads from our chapter website and also individuals inquiring about SAR who have seen the Ancestry.com release of the pre-1970 SAR applications.

Harlan Mason Cleaver, a charter member of the Gold Country Chapter passed away on February 9 of this year. Bev Cleaver said that "Harlan enjoyed doing his genealogy and helping to organize the Chapter. Please keep Bev and their family in your prayers.

Invitation to 2012 National Congress

From: J. Michael Jones

Subject: 2012 Congress - Phoenix, Arizona

Compatriots, Are you ready for the 2012 Congress in Phoenix, Arizona? We are ready to make your visit to Phoenix a delightful experience. The Arizona and New Mexico Compatriots have been planning this for four years. We welcome you to come and experience our famous "It's a Dry Heat" life style. Congress 2012 will be a "Casual Congress". Leave

your suits at home. Bermuda shorts and collared short sleeve shirts are the accepted attire except for the Tuesday and Wednesday night Banquets. Minutemen will need white coats on Recognition night.

Events for the Congress will start at 8:00AM July 6 with InfoSessions on the Tucson and Santa Fe Presidio's so plan your flights or drive to arrive on July 5th. July 7th will be a tour of the Heard Museum (www.heard.org) followed by the Host Reception.

Please visit our web site at www.sar2012congress.com or access it via the Arizona or New Mexico State web sites for more details.

The Arizona Ladies Auxiliary needs your help prior to the 2012 Congress. They plan to collect as many telephone calling cards and Patriotic/SAR/ or blank "Thank You" cards as they can and send them to our troops at the Landstuhl Regional Medical Center in Germany. In the Ladies Hospitality Room they will address "Thank You" cards with a calling card inserted. As an individual, chapter or society gather the calling cards (any denomination) and "Thank You" cards and mail them to our house. If you prefer to make a donation send a check payable to AZSSAR, we'll buy the calling cards for you.



Gold Country member Norman Matson lost his wife, Carol, last July.

Gold Country is a very active SAR Chapter and our success depends on the generosity of our members with their time and efforts. If you can help in any way, please step forward.



Gold Country member Lyall Marshall's granddaughter, Diamond Marshall, was chosen to present a bouquet of flowers to the Duchess of Cambridge. Six year old Diamond has stage four cancer and had a dream of meeting a princess



CASSAR President John Dodd at Public Service Awards Luncheon at San Diego BOM in November



Ron Barker, NSSAR Treasurer General Joe Dooley and CASSAR Trustee Stephen Renouf



President General Larry Magerkurth, wife Barbara, CASSAR President John Dodd with Conni Barker waiting to come to talk about the raffle event



Compatriots rushing to put in raffle tickets for the great prizes. Raised about \$800 for woman's aux for SAR



The National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution is a patriotic organization formed in 1889 and chartered by the United States Congress in 1906. SAR has more than 28,000 members living in all of the 50 states and 23 foreign countries.

Throughout its 120-year history, SAR has admitted more than 170,000 members. Among them are 16 Presidents of the United States, including both Bushes, Carter, Ford, Johnson, Eisenhower, Truman and both Roosevelts. SAR also has among its members Sir Winston Churchill and King Juan Carlos I of Spain, both of whom trace their ancestry to Revolutionary War patriots.

News from NSSAR

Youth Registrant Program Discontinued and Replaced by Junior Membership. A Junior Member has limited membership privileges and is issued a National Number. At age 18 a Junior Member automatically becomes a Regular Member with no paperwork required for this status change. Those Youth Registrants who have been received prior to the end of business at the 121st Congress (July 13, 2011) will be processed and kept on file. They will be allowed to enroll as a Regular Member once they reach 18 years of age, provide the proper notification to the SAR National Headquarters through a State Society, and submit payment of dues for the current year. At age 18, they have 10 years in which to activate their membership. Another option is for those in the Youth Registrant list to transfer their status over to Junior Membership at any point prior to age 18.

Youth Exchange Program Reciprocal Exchange between France and the United States

The Sons of the American Revolution (SAR) exchange program involving the children and grandchildren of SAR members in France and the United States was first implemented in 2008-2009 and has been a resounding success. The

exchange includes young ladies and young gentlemen between the ages of 12 and to 20. This has proven to be a wonderful opportunity for young people from both countries to experience a different culture, develop new relationships and share our mutual heritage of freedom. During the summer of 2010 we had six youth participate in this program. The United States youth were from Santa Ana, CA; Concord, NC and Jacksonville, FL. The three youth from France were all from Paris.

The exchange program is on a reciprocal basis. The youth that participate in this program are paired based upon common interests and age. The time period for those participating from the United States could occur during the summer months of June and July, when most schools are on vacation. In France, the time period for the exchange could occur from the end of June to the beginning of September, when their schools are on vacation. Thus, upon agreement between the paired families, the youth of the United States and France will be visiting during the time periods mutually convenient. It is recommended that the duration of the visit to both countries be approximately two to three weeks. However, these time period and duration of a visit can be changed based upon individual preferences.

If your children or grandchildren are interested in participating in this exchange program and do not possess a French or U. S. Passport, please file for the passport immediately. For youth under the age of 18, both parents' consent and proof of parental relationship are required. Each participant in this exchange program must also show proof of medical insurance and have the appropriate immunizations for visiting France or the United States.

All responsibility for travel arrangements, costs and liability for these exchanges rest solely with each candidate and their family. The SAR will not be responsible for any expenses whatsoever. The role of the SAR is to collect each candidate's interest and then identify and match each participant based on common interests.

April 30th of each year is the deadline for submitting your application if you wish to participate in the exchange program. Look at the web site for more information: http://www.sar.org/Youth/Exchange_Program

Color Guard Update. The NSSAR Color Guard is reinstituting The SAR Colorguardsman magazine as an E-Magazine. The publication schedule is set for quarterly issues that will be distributed via email and be available on the committee webpage. Each issue will be published in a PDF format (Adobe Acrobat).

The plan is for The SAR Colorguardsman to contain articles of interest to the Color Guard including, but not limited to the following:

Uniforms – history, where to get replicas made, etc

“How To” Articles – establishing a color guard, drill manuals, handling weapons, etc

Events – what should be expected of color guards, pictures and articles of color guard participation, etc

Announcements – what upcoming events need color guard participation, etc



Ron Barker and David Gilliard with happy new Compatriot Cameron John Baxley, grandson of Ron Barker, who becomes a Junior member of SAR at the November meeting



Public Service Awards at November Meeting-Police, Fire, Heroism, EMS
We are honored to live in a community with the outreach by our public servants.

1. Meeting called to order by Pres. David Gilliard at 9:06 AM. This is A Community Service Awards Breakfast.

President David Gilliard led the invocation, Bruce Choate followed with the Pledge of Allegiance and Ron Barker led the SAR pledge.

Attendance: 18 members and 16 guests.



Law Enforcement Commendation Medal was awarded to Valarie Harris-retired auburn police chief. Valarie has served in the law enforcement field for over 25 years, retiring as the first female Auburn Police Chief.

The Law Enforcement Commendation Medal is presented to those who have served with distinction and devotion in the field of law enforcement. The medal is intended to recognize exceptional service or accomplishment in the field of law enforcement-that is, keeping us all safe.

Fire Safety Commendation Medal was awarded to Captain James Turner of Nevada County Fire. He saved a man's life who was being crushed by his camper shell. He directed other emergency personnel coming to the man's medical aid and evacuation.

The Fire Safety Commendation Medal may be presented to an individual for accomplishments and /or outstanding contributions to fire safety and service. It is granted to individuals whose service demonstrated a single goal: protect life and property by preventing injuries or casualties due to fire and chemicals.

Emergency Medical Services Commendation Medal was awarded to Fire Captain/Paramedic Mike Deme of Cal Fire/Placer County Sunset Station 77. Captain Deme has trained over 300 EMS personnel and had one of the best bedside manners of anyone he has met, according to his supervisor.

The Emergency Medical Services Commendation Medal is presented to an individual for accomplishments and /or outstanding contributions in the area of emergency medical services. The award is intended for paramedics and certified Emergency Medical Technicians and others in the emergency medical field who have performed an act or service beyond that which is normally expected.



Metal for Heroism was awarded to Boy Scout James Fackrell. James saved his brother from drowning at a hotel on vacation. The Medal for Heroism recognizes outstanding bravery and self-sacrifice in the face of imminent danger i.e., acts which involve great personal courage and risk to the recipient. It is intended primarily for acts by civilians.



Wreath's Across America National Event in Dixon at National Cemetery. It was cold at 32 degrees.



1 Wreaths Across America at Arlington



Gold Country Color Guard Commander leading the laying Of Wreaths.



2012 Gold Country Officers being sworn in by Keith Bigbee at the meeting on December 17th.



On left, new member-Donn Dancer being sworn in. His patriot ancestor was a fifer.



THE Forty-Niner

Newsletter of the Gold Country Chapter

California Society of the Sons of the American Revolution
PO Box 408 • Meadow Vista, CA 95722-0408



FIRST CLASS

Address Correction Requested

