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# THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

BY CHAPTER PRESIDENT  
RON BARKER



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Welcome to our October Newsletter.

The Gold Country Dues notices for 2013 have been sent out and I had asked for donations from our members to support our youth and other award programs. So far, our very generous members have donated \$395 over their National, State and Chapter Dues. Thank you for your support.

We still have dues coming into the chapter. Please contact me if you have not received your dues notice. I want to thank Mike Howell for sending them out.

We have some very important Color Guard Events coming up: The Veteran's Day Parade in Auburn on November 11th, the Gold Trail DAR meeting on November 20th and last, but not least, Wreaths Across America on December 15th in Dixon.

At our November 17th meeting, we will have five individuals to honor for their public service. One Hero, Two District Attorneys who solved a cold case for the Law Enforcement Award and two members from the Roseville Fire Department for the Fire Safety and EMS Awards. Please plan to attend and bring friends.

We will be having our December Meeting on December 15th around noon in the Rose Room at Auburn City Hall. This is a pot luck and recognizes members and family for their support.

I want to thank Donn and Mary Dancer as they have volunteered to become the editors of the chapter newsletter.

If you have not visited our new website, please do so at [www.GoldCountrySAR.com](http://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

### State

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

### Chapter

November 11<sup>th</sup>  
Veterans Day Parade  
Auburn

November 17<sup>th</sup> Meeting  
Public Service Awards

November 20<sup>th</sup>

DAR Gold Trail Chapter Meeting  
Color Guard  
Thunder Valley Casino

### Chapter (continued)

December 15<sup>th</sup>  
Wreaths Across America  
Dixon Cemetery

December 15<sup>th</sup>  
Christmas Pot Luck  
Rose Room  
City Hall  
1225 Lincoln Way  
Auburn

January 19<sup>th</sup>  
Speaker: Steve Hurst  
Executive V.P. CASSAR

**The next Gold Country Chapter meeting is  
Saturday, November 17<sup>th</sup> 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!

## Visit our Chapter, State and National Websites

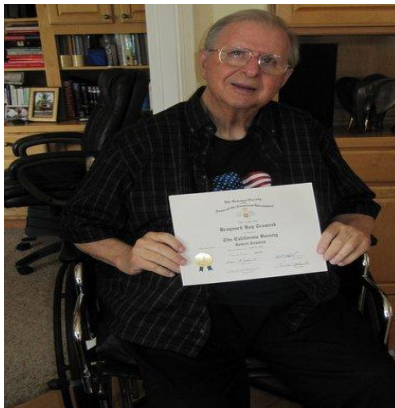
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The submission deadline for the November edition of  
The Forty-Niner is November 23, 2012.

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## Chapter and Member News

Ed Beyer fell and required stitches. We ask for your prayers for both he and his wife, Io.



Bray Traweck received his Gold Country SAR membership certificate, rosette and chapter pin from Ron Barker.

Bray lives in Sun City Roseville and loves the community and people in Sun City.

He graduated from the University of Texas in math and computers and was a programmer and then a more successful manager he says. He is recovering from an operation and hopes to meet us at a meeting in the near future.

### Chapter Dues

Chapter members should have received your Chapter dues notice. The National dues of \$30, California Dues of \$20 and Gold Country Chapter Dues of \$15 have not changed from last year for total dues of \$65.00. Junior member dues are \$5 if they do not reach 18 years of age by 12/31/2012. CASSAR Life members do not have to pay dues since they paid a lump sum to cover all three dues.

Some of you may wonder WHY we are asking for donations. Please review the following information.

We currently have 65 members, of which four are junior members. Eight members are CASSAR life members who do not pay dues; but, the state reimburses the chapter \$10 for each of those individuals. The remaining 53 regular members pay dues of \$15 to the chapter.

#### Summary:

53 x \$15	\$795
8 Lifetime x \$10	<u>\$ 80</u>
Total Dues	<u>\$875</u>

Costs for our youth programs this year were \$1200, which includes cash prizes, ribbons and teacher gifts.

Public service medals with the certificate and folder are about \$26 each. With 5 public service awards, the total is \$130. In addition, we also present other medals and awards during the calendar year. The chapter (or a member) pays for speaker and awardee breakfasts, as well as their guest breakfasts.

In an election year, like this year, we have been able to work election polls, earning over \$600 each time, for a total of \$1200. This occurs every 2 to 4 years and the number of polling stations is decreasing due to increase in of voting by mail.

With an income of \$875, we spent \$1330.

We rely on your generous support to help with the deficit in our funding. Any donations will be appreciated.



Eagle Scouts recognized were Brett Fowler and Matt Peterson. They spoke about their Eagle Scout projects and merit badges.







A round of applause for our speaker, Jim Faulkinbury, CG, VP North, CASSAR. He informed us of changes in some of the standards for submitting ancestor records. And, as promised, we are including the websites from Jim's list. If anyone has any other favorite Revolutionary War (or other research) sites, let us know and we will include them in future newsletters.

- [www.ancestry.com](http://www.ancestry.com) - SUBSCRIPTION
- <http://www.fold3.com/> - SUBSCRIPTION
- <http://www.worldvitalrecords.com/> (includes find-a-grave) - SUBSCRIPTION
- <http://www.genealogybank.com/> - SUBSCRIPTION
- <http://www.archives.com/> - SUBSCRIPTION
- <http://www.americanancestors.org/search.aspx> (New England Genealogy and Historical Society website – mostly New England but some VA and NY as well) - SUBSCRIPTION
- <http://archive.org/index.php> (digitized images of many out of print county, town and state histories) – use the search to find books then download it in PDF format if available to use a word search in PDF – FREE
- <http://www.glorerecords.blm.gov/search/default.aspx#searchTabIndex=0&searchByTypeIndex=0> (Bureau of Land Management for land patents; many have digital images of the patent) – FREE
- <http://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov/> (digitized images of some newspapers 1836-1929) – FREE
- [http://services.dar.org/public/dar\\_research/search/](http://services.dar.org/public/dar_research/search/) (DAR record searches, recent generations are private but the search will look for a name in the pedigree to a patriot or the patriot) – FREE
- <http://www.nps.gov/civilwar/soldiers-and-sailors-database.htm> (index to Civil War soldiers; Union and Confederate) – FREE
- [http://books.familysearch.org/primo\\_library/libweb/action/search.do?dscnt=0&dstmp=1349241425515&vid=FHD\\_PUBLIC&fromLogin=true](http://books.familysearch.org/primo_library/libweb/action/search.do?dscnt=0&dstmp=1349241425515&vid=FHD_PUBLIC&fromLogin=true) (BYU Library digitized books; mostly family histories) – FREE

- <https://familysearch.org/> (this page has access to the Family History Library catalog but also by clicking on "United States" at the bottom of the page and then selecting a state, many records and indexes are available online including digitized images of records when there is an image of a camera shown on the entry for a record of interest) – **FREE**
- <http://fultonhistory.com/Fulton.html> (the search engine on this site includes digitized images of early NY newspapers) – **FREE**
- <http://lva1.hosted.exlibrisgroup.com/F> (Library of Virginia) - **FREE**
- [http://lva1.hosted.exlibrisgroup.com/F/?func=file&file\\_name=find-b-clas34&local\\_base=CLAS34](http://lva1.hosted.exlibrisgroup.com/F/?func=file&file_name=find-b-clas34&local_base=CLAS34) (Library of Virginia Publik Service Claims) – **FREE**

I also look on Google for a GENWEB site for any county I'm interested in since many of the local GENWEB sites have indexes to marriages, cemeteries, etc.

When I need a local researcher I use the following two sites to see if I can find someone in the area (note that APG members may or may not be certified)

- <http://www.bcgcertification.org/associates/index.php> (index to associates of the Board for Certification of Genealogists by name or location)
- <http://www.apgen.org/> (Assoc. of Professional Genealogists)

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### NEWS FROM THE SAR FALL LEADERSHIP MEETING

**Americanism Committee-**At the request of the states and chapters, the theme for the next three years of Poster and Brochure contests will be determined at the Spring Leadership Meeting. This committee is composed of over forty members of SAR throughout the United States and they will be voting on the themes of these youth contest.

**Color Guard Committee-**The color guard magazine is a free on line magazine on the NSSAR web site and chapters and state societies are encouraged to send in articles with pictures. They prefer action pictures. The Massing of the Colors at Forest Lawn Cemetery is a National Event and counts toward the Silver Color Guard Medal.

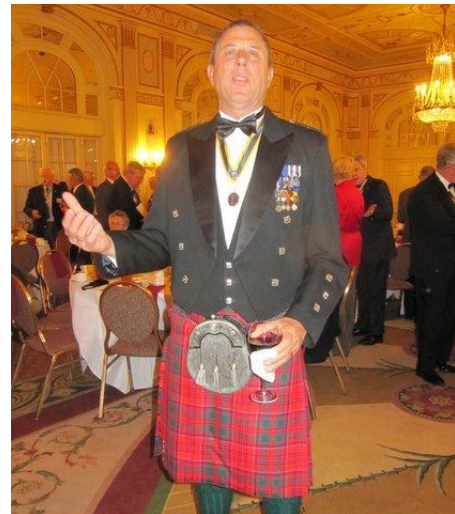
**Veterans Committee-**There is a list of 100,000 wounded warriors; and Home Depot and Lowes have donated tools for this program. A SAR member has donated money for filling the tool boxes and shipping them. More information will follow.

**Partners in Patriotism Committee**

Wreaths Across America will be at 9 A.M. Eastern Time across the United States. Over 10,000 wreaths will be placed on veteran graves.



President General Larry Magerkurth and Stephen Leichman at Fall Leadership Meeting. Both are planning their trips to the Monterey CASSAR meeting in November.



CASSAR President Keith Bigby in Scottish outfit at leadership meeting in Louisville, Kentucky.

Secretary General Joe Dooley



Aaron Adams, assistant registrar at NSSAR



For those of you have not visited the SAR webpage, here is a sample article that might be of interest.

<http://www.sar.org/News/Ancestry.com-Supports-NSSAR-Operation-Ancestor-Search>

“Ancestry.com, the world’s largest online family history resource, and Fold3, the web's premier collection of original military records, presented a grant of \$180,000 to the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution for the development and support of Operation Ancestor Search, a genealogy training program provided to US wounded warriors, their families and care givers. Brian Hansen, general manager of Fold3, presented the check on behalf of Fold3 and Ancestry.com during the 122nd Congress of The Sons of the American Revolution in Phoenix, Arizona.

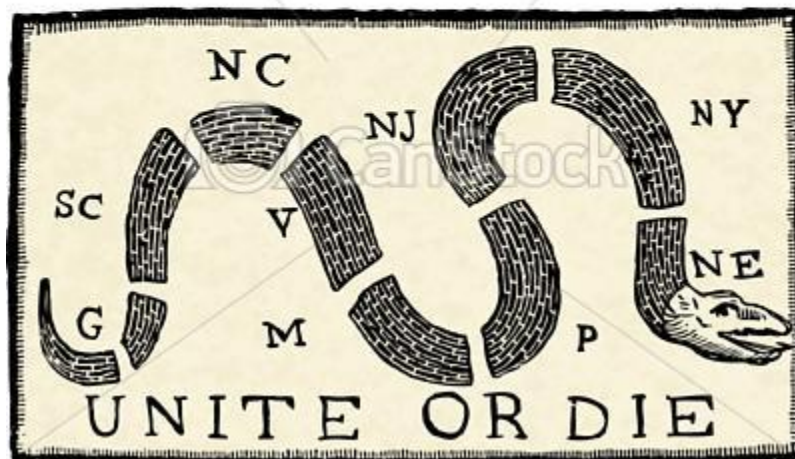
Conducted at military hospitals around the country, Operation Ancestor Search is free to U.S. wounded warriors, their families and care givers. It is operated by volunteers from local chapters of the Sons of the American Revolution. Operation Ancestor Search provides injured service members with the knowledge and tools that enable them to conduct family history research as they recover from their injuries. A key aspect of the program is the ability to offer genealogy resources to the injured service members, and this grant will provide access to Ancestry.com’s online databases for the participants’ use as well as funding for a national program administrator.



The program is a tremendous success at military healthcare facilities including the Walter Reed and Brooke Army Medical Centers. Captain Samuel Hoffman, U.S. Army, has participated in the program at Walter Reed since early 2011. Through the assistance of Operation Ancestor Search volunteers, Captain Hoffman discovered his ancestors served on both sides of the Civil War and also in the Revolutionary War.

“The information I have uncovered about my family through Operation Ancestor Search has helped me learn a tremendous amount about my ancestors and exceeded my expectations,” said Captain Hoffman. “I have a new found respect and understanding for family heritage and the impact that family history can have on a person’s sense of self-worth and desire for personal growth.”

More information regarding this program will be forthcoming as plans are finalized.”



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## 1. Opening Ceremonies

*The Gold Country Chapter  
Sons of the American Revolution  
Minutes of the October 20, 2012 Meeting  
At Lou La Bonte's Restaurant, Auburn*

*By Compatriot Michael Howell*

President Ron Barker called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM. The Invocation was given by Barry Hopkins. Ernie McPherson led the Pledge of Allegiance. Bruce Choate led the SAR Pledge.

Attendance: 9 members and 10 guests attended the meeting.

Guests Recognized: President Barker recognized our two Eagle Scouts Brett Fowler and Matt Peterson. Next, he recognized Jim Faulkinbury and his wife Karen. DAR members Coreena Ross, Mary Dancer & Patricia Hopkins from the Captain John Oldham Chapter; Susan Brookings and Io Beyer from the Gold Trail Chapter.

President Barker asked for a motion approving September meeting minutes as published in the chapter's newsletter and on the website. A motion was made, seconded and carried by voice vote.

### Guest Speakers:

Brett Fowler and Matt Peterson both recently earned their Eagle Scout ranks and shared about their Eagle Scout projects and merit badges.

Jim Faulkinbury, who sits on the national SAR genealogy committee, gave an up-date of recent changes in what is acceptable in submitting your ancestor records. Jim provided a list of his favorite web site for research.

### Reports:

President: Ron Barker advised that he had made contact with Brian Manifor about supporting his marine unit in Africa. Ron is awaiting word on how we can do it. He also passed around tickets to raise funds for a meditation area at the Mather Veterans Center for the families loved ones to have a peaceful setting while the military member is undergoing treatment. A total of \$40 was raised which will be sent to the Mather Veterans Service Center.

Secretary: Dues letters were sent out with a mistake – while National Dues and the State Dues were listed, the Chapter Dues were not. The total for all three will be \$65. A business card was included with each member's name, national and state SAR number.

Treasurer: Vanguard Fund \$13,987.68, Checking \$1,865.02, and Helmet Fund \$185.00. Last Month, the chapter decided to switch to Touch of Home for the Helmet Fund.

Genealogist/Registrar: Martin and Zachary Weinberger will be switching ancestors on their SAR applications as there was a problem with the one they submitted. An application package was sent to Phillip Cameron for signature. There is another prospect, Michael Gilimer, who is deployed, that is being worked on.

Programs:

JROTC: Compatriot Holmes advised that Sunset Whitney will be having their awards ceremony in January or February for JROTC.

Valley Forge Teacher: Compatriot Holmes said two of the teachers are interested in applying for the Valley Forge Teacher Program. Michael Howell also has a teacher that is interested in applying for the program.

Color Guard: Color guard will be needed for the November Veterans Day parade on Sunday, November 11<sup>th</sup> in Auburn. Request by DAR Gold Trail Chapter to present colors on November 20<sup>th</sup> and Wreaths Across America on December 15<sup>th</sup> in Dixon.

Eagle Scout: Two packets have been recently sent out.

Closing: There was a moment of Silence in Remembrance of Passed Chapter Compatriots.

Mike Holmes gave the Benediction and Dale Ross led the SAR Recessional. The donation helmet was passed for contributions. A total of \$ 35 was collected. The meeting adjourned at 11:00 A.M.





