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Welcome to our September Newsletter. September is a very busy time not only for our chapter but also nationally.

I want to thank the Gold Country Chapter Color Guard members, Color Guard Commander, Dale Ross, CASSAR President Keith Bigbee, Michael Howard, Donn Dancer and Coreena Ross, for marching in the Constitution Day parade in Nevada City. I understand this makes a ten year appearance for our chapter in this parade.

The Barkers and the Bigbees were back in Philadelphia for the 225<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration of the adoption of the Constitution, hosted by the Philadelphia SAR Chapter. There were over 100 color guard members and over 30 women in colonial dress from across the country. The Barkers joined SAR friends from Texas and Missouri a week before, and spent a week touring historical sites. Photos are inside.

I highly recommend touring the Philadelphia historical sites. There have been so many improvements in the sites and the docents are outstanding. Philadelphia is a great place to take children and grandchildren.

The Fall CASSAR board of managers meeting is in Monterey (Seaside) November 2-3. Look at the CASSAR web site:  
[www.californiasar.org/events](http://www.californiasar.org/events)

At our November 17th meeting, we will have five individuals to honor for their public service. Please plan to attend and bring friends.

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

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

October 20<sup>th</sup> meeting  
Speaker Jim Faulkinbury  
NSSAR Genealogy Updates  
(Awaiting Confirmation)

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

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, October 20<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

GoldCountrySAR.com ♦ CaliforniaSAR.org ♦ SAR.org

The submission deadline for the September edition of  
The Forty-Niner is Friday, October 26, 2012.

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## Constitution Day Parades



Color Guard -Dale Ross, Mike Howell and Donn Dancer



Keith Bigbee and Dale Ross taking to locals

Nevada City Constitution Day Parade on September 9<sup>th</sup>. The Constitution Day parade was # 46. It has been a local tradition since 1967 and is reported to be the oldest and largest Constitution Day observance in the western United States.



225<sup>th</sup> Constitution Day Parade in Philadelphia  
Keith Bigbee and Ron Barker in formation  
In front of Independence Hall with  
108 color guard members from across the country



Conni Barker and about another 30 ladies  
right behind the men's color guard



Color Guard Marching from Independence Hall to Constitution Hall in Philadelphia



## Chapter and Member News

Ed Beyer has had another hip replacement. Io reports he is recovering slowly.





Wreath laying ceremony for Captain James Moore and 22 unknown soldiers who died from sickness and exposure while encamped along the Delaware River before the battle of Trenton on Christmas Day 1776



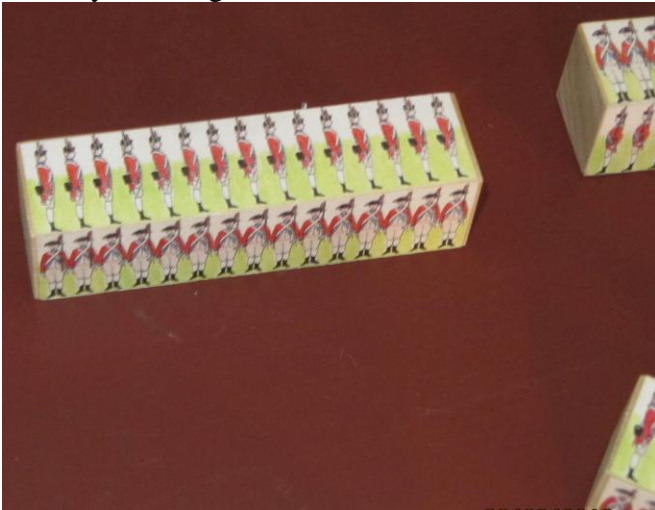
Washington crossed the Delaware River in a sleet storm at 4 p.m. on December 25<sup>th</sup> with 2400 men and 18 guns. Washington needed a victory. Trenton was controlled by Hessians. Two of the cannons that took part in the battle were manned by soldiers trained by Captain James Moore, buried in the grave above.





The Old British Barracks were built in 1758 for British Troops of the French & Indian War. Hessians were quartered here before the battle of Trenton. About 300 troops were stationed in these barracks with twelve enlisted per room and two men sleeping in each wooden bunk. The officers were quartered two per room and one per bed.

Military Training Blocks below that Officers would use for strategy. Officers' Dining Room





The REAL Liberty Bell



Pennsylvania State House, now Independence Hall

Assembly Chambers where Declaration and Constitution were debated & approved







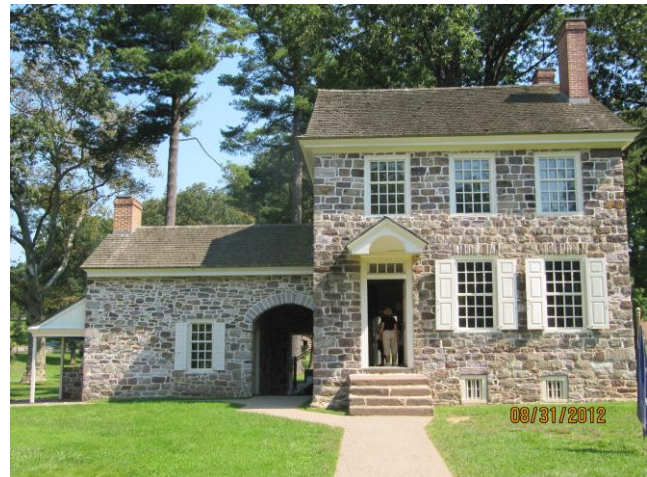
House where Thomas Jefferson wrote Declaration of Independence



Benjamin Franklin Statue



Valley Forge- Following their arrival on Dec. 19, 1777, the men started building cabins, 14x16 feet, A door and a fireplace. Almost 2000 cabins built. Below-Inside cabin



Washington Headquarters at Valley Forge

Meeting Room in Washington's Headquarters







Keith & Cyndy Bigbee at Constitution Day Banquet



Juli Longtin receives Outstanding Citizenship Award



Bill Adams received Supplemental Stars



Dave Gillard presents NSSAR award to Molly Bradshaw  
For second place in the SAR national poster contest



Mike Holmes presented Certificate of Appreciation





## 1. Opening Ceremonies

President Ron Barker called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM. The invocation was given by Barry Hopkins. Bob Gentry gave the Pledge of Allegiance and the SAR Pledge was led by Dave Perkins.

Attendance: 13 members, 8 Guests

Guests Recognized: President Barker recognized guests Molly, Joyce, Bart and Madeline Bradshaw, Isabel Perkins, Juli and John Longtin, and Tom Jones. DAR members attending were Arminda Manifor and Coreena Ross from the Capt. John Oldham Chapter.

President Barker asked for a motion approving the April and May minutes. It was moved, seconded and carried by voice vote.

Guest Speaker: Past Auburn Mayor Mike Holmes spoke about understanding China. His credentials for this talk included: International Affairs Officer, Chief of Naval Operations; Naval Attache, Hong Kong; Acting Defense Attache, Beijing; Commander, Fleet Activities, Chinhae, Korea; and Defense Attache, Hong Kong. In addition, he is a graduate of the Defense Language Institute in Chinese.

In 1945, there was a civil war and China became communist. China is very insistent on making their own decisions without outside influence.

In the 1960's the Chinese culture focused on four areas: agriculture, science, technology and military.

In 1965-75, there was the Cultural Revolution with the Little Red Book being studied. The Chinese feel that Mao was 70% good and 30% bad.

During the Reagan Administration, the US and China shared technology and there was a good relationship between the militaries of both countries.

Challenge: 1.3 billion people that are a both urban and rural. Only 7% of the land is arable. In 2011, 50% of the people were in urban centers and there has been unrest in the country. Recently, over 250 million people lived in poverty and average income was \$4,000 yearly.

President Ron Barker presented Mike Holmes a certificate of appreciation for an excellent talk that gave us all a much better understanding about this complex country.



Dave Gilliard called up Molly Bradshaw and presented her with a check for \$100 for finishing second in the NSSAR poster contest, as her teacher, Juli Longtin, looked on.

Ron Barker then presented Juli Longtin with the SAR Outstanding Citizenship Award for her leadership in teaching American History in 5<sup>th</sup> grade, exciting students in our heritage and being the first teacher to support our chapter poster contest about seven years ago.

President Ron Barker introduced Tom Jones of Touch of Home, a non-profit that sends care boxes to military members serving overseas. Following discussion, a motion passed that the Gold Country Chapter will change its donations to Touch of Home instead of Travis USO as in the past. Ron Barker will also contact Brian Manifor, Gold Country member, who is heading up a Marine unit overseas, and look into the chapter supporting this marine unit.

Dale and Coreena offered their home for a barbecue after the Constitution Day parade if members decide they want to have one.

Ron Barker spoke about the NSSAR Congress in Phoenix, Arizona. He reported that our chapter was one of only eleven chapters in NSSAR that gave out the four public service awards. He commended Past President Dave Gilliard for this accomplishment.

Mike Howell was not able to attend the meeting and Dale Ross took the minutes. Thank you Dale.

Bruce Choate reported we have \$2880 in our checking account and encouraged members and friends to help with our election polling duties as this is a great fund raiser for the chapter.



Ron Barker presented Bill Adams with three supplemental stars for patriot ancestors Moses Adams, Solomon Ingallis and James Rollins. Ron presented himself with two supplemental stars for patriot ancestors Isaac and Peter David.

Dale Ross said that the Constitution Day parade will be held in Nevada City on September 9<sup>th</sup>. He brought in a Foothills Marketplace magazine showing the Gold Country Chapter participating in the parade in a previous year.

Chapter Genealogist Ed Beyer announced that we have 2 prospective members who have expressed an interest in SAR and they are working with them to determine if they are eligible for membership.

Closing: Barry Hopkins gave the Benediction and Dale Ross led the SAR Recessional. The meeting adjourned at approximately 10:45 A.M.



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