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THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

BY CHAPTER PRESIDENT
RON BARKER



Dear Gold Country Members, Associates and Friends,

We have started our 5th grade school poster presentations. So far, we have gone to Weimar Hills Charter School in Weimar, John Adams Charter School in Roseville, Lincoln Crossing in Lincoln and St. Rose School in Roseville, appearing before 264 students in colonial dress telling the story of the Battle Guilford Court House. When we were at St Rose, as we were leaving, we were asked to also visit the second grade, because they had just been learning about Colonial times, & wanted to learn about our clothes. What an experience to go into class rooms and share with the students and teachers about colonial life, the American Revolution, the battles, women's and children's lives and roles in colonial times, the poster contest, and our patriotic ancestors. We are making a difference, bringing our history, heritage and love of freedom to the children. This is a wonderful experience for our members. I am thrilled with our new members coming forward. You too can become part of this team. We have five more schools in Placer County, plus we are doing one in El Dorado Hills, as the Mother Lode Chapter did not have the resources to cover Barry Hopkin's grandson's school.

I want to thank our poster contest team led by Dave Gilliard and Barry Hopkins, Smitty Virgil, Earl Young, Ron Barker, Conni Barker, new member Donn Dancer and soon to be official member Bill Adams.

In order for our chapter to sponsor the events we do through the year, fund raising is 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 important role of election poll workers.

Our chapter is hosting the California State Meeting on April 13th and 14th in Sacramento at the Embassy Suites. Our own Keith Bigbee will become President of the California SAR. We need your help in preparing and conducting this meeting. You do not have to be registered to help with this meeting. Please help before and during the meeting as detailed on page 7.

Thank you.
Ron Barker
President

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

www.GoldCountrySAR.com.

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Calendar of Events

National

www.sar.org

February 20, 2012

Massing of Colors (National Color Guard Event)

Forest Lawn Memorial Park

Los Angeles, CA

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

February 18, 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.**

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2012 5th Grade Poster Contest
Battle of Guildford Courthouse - An Important Battle in the American Revolution

DATE: March 15, 1781 **PLACE:** Guildford/Guilford Courthouse, North Carolina

American Side: General Nathanael Greene, Lt. Col. “Lighthorse Harry” Lee; Lt. Col. William Washington; North Carolina Militia; Virginia Militia; Continental Army. Total of about 4,400 men, many without formal training. The American Continental Army were mostly blue uniform coats. The militia wore rough backwoods clothing.

British Side: Major General Lord Charles Cornwallis; Lt. Col. Banastre “the Butcher” Tarleton; British Army; Hessian (German) soldiers; Tories/Loyalists. Total of about 1,900 highly trained soldiers. The British wore red coats. Tarleton’s Legion wore green uniforms and light dragoon helmets. The Hessians wore blue coats.

American Casualties: 79 killed, 185 wounded, 75 captured. **British Casualties:** 93 killed, 413 wounded, 26 captured

Outcome: The British technically won the battle because the Americans left the battlefield in order to save their troops. But the British suffered very heavy casualties and never really recovered. They ended up retreating all the way across the Carolinas and eventually up to Virginia, where they surrendered at Yorktown in October of 1781.

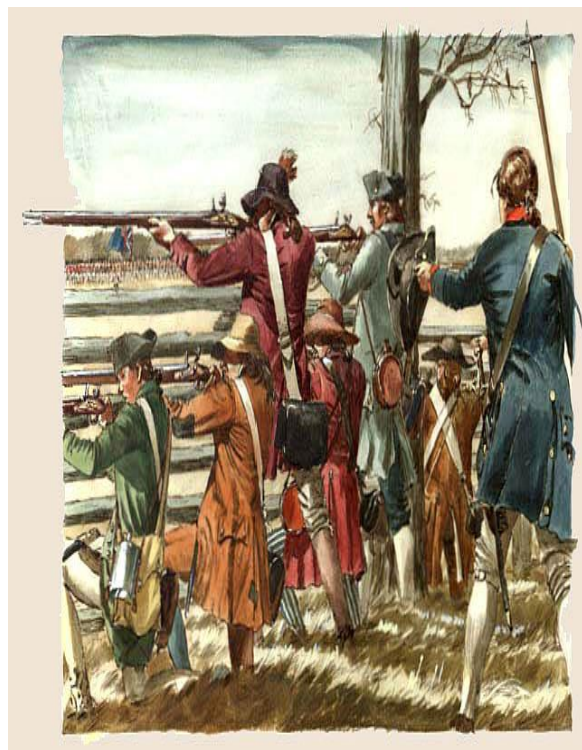
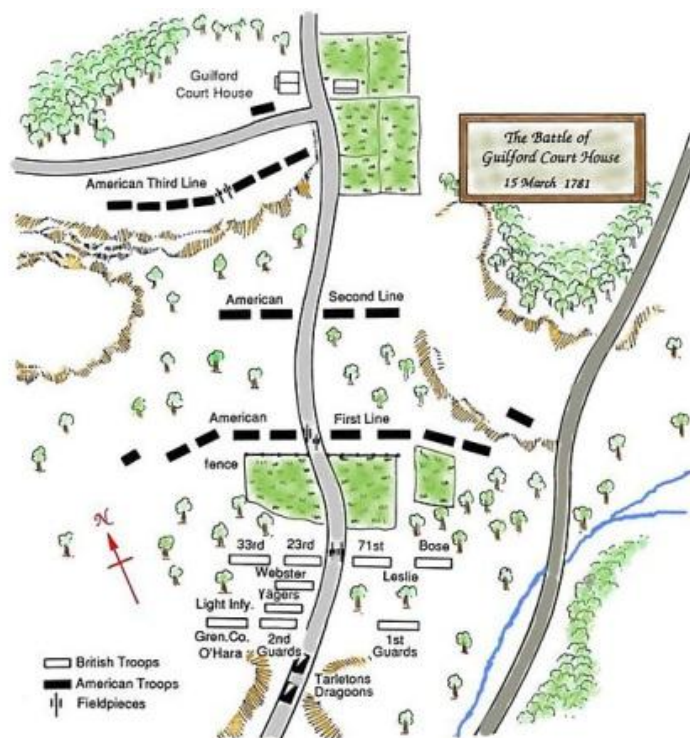


Ron Barker discussing background



Earl Young shows the battle to Weimar Hills 5th Graders

New member Donn Dancer helped with presentations at Weimar Hills School



Barry Hopkins, Earl Young and Smitty Virgil handing out copies of the Dunlap broadsides of the Declaration of Independence



Dave Gilliard presenting battle



Conni Barker going over woman's role in revolution

Both of above presentations at John Adams Charter School in Roseville

Pyle's Massacre also known as the Battle of Haw River and Pyle's Hacking Match.

An important battle was fought on February 25, 1781, about three weeks before Guilford's Court House near present day Alamance County, North Carolina.

The disaster at Cowpens left Lord Cornwallis little choice if he was to succeed with his plan to control the Carolinas and Georgia. Shedding his supplies and wagons, but leaving some under a small guard, he headed his army of around 1,900 men north pursuing General Nathanael Greene. He hoped to catch Greene before he reached the Dan River on the North Carolina and Virginia border. But he was too late. Greene had crossed the rain swollen Dan and had retreated into Virginia. At this point, Cornwallis decided the risk to his army was not worth continuing the chase so he returned to Hillsborough, North Carolina.

Camped at Hillsborough on February 19, 1781, Cornwallis began recruiting Loyalist to rebuild his militia forces. Dr. John Pyle, Chatham County, responded to the call, gathering 300 to 400 Loyalists. Dr. Pyle had supported the Crown previously in the War of Regulation, between 1768 and 1771 when other North Carolinians rebelled over taxes. However, he was not at the Battle of Alamance, May 16, 1771, when Governor Tyron defeated the "Regulators". Cornwallis responded to Pyle's request for an escort for his men by dispatching Banastre Tarleton, the "Butcher", with about 450 men to meet Pyle. But, Pyle did not move, he stayed put allowing his men to spend the time with their families.

In Virginia, General Greene resupplied his army and added more men from Virginia, Maryland, Delaware, and North Carolina, swelling his army to more than 4,000. Around 1,700 were regulars, with 3 year enlistments, and the rest militia. February 17th, Greene ordered Colonel Henry "Lighthorse Harry" Lee (with his cavalry) and Colonel Andrew Pickens (with Maryland infantry and South Carolina militia,) to go south across the Dan and monitor British activity. They crossed on February 18th and scouts were sent out to ascertain the British position.

Lee learned that Tarleton was moving toward the Haw River (near Burlington, North Carolina) with a force of about 400 and had camped on the Haw. Lee and Pickens formed to attack but were too late, Tarleton had moved. Tarleton was following orders to meet up with Dr. Pyle's force not knowing Pyle had delayed marching

his troops in violation of his instructions.

February, 24, Lee and Pickens captured two British staff officers and learned from them that Tarleton was just a few miles ahead. Later that day, Lee's Legion, who wore short green jackets and leather plumed helmets, encountered two of Pyle's men who mistook them for Tarleton's dragoons. Tarleton's uniforms were similar. Lee took advantage of this confusion and learned Pyle's force was located nearby. Lee instructed Pickens' riflemen to flank Pyle's position and then rode into Pyle's camp in full salute. Lee and Colonel Pyle exchanged customary civilities and were shaking hands when the battle began.

Accounts from Colonel Lee and Captain Joseph Graham indicate that Lee's deception was purely by chance and that he had originally intended to avoid Pyle's Loyalist and instead continue after the more important Tarleton. But while Lee was shaking Pyle's hand, it is reported that one of his officers, Captain Joseph Eggleston, who was new to the south and knew little of local Whig and Tory badges, noticed red strips of cloth on the hats of Pyle's men. When he asked one of the Loyalist which side he was on, the Loyalist, believing Eggleston was one of Tarleton's men, said "King George". Eggleston immediately struck him over the head with his sword. Seeing this, Pickens' riflemen attacked. Lee's cavalry also attacked causing the Loyalists to break and run. Many were killed or wounded. Pyle's men, still believing the attackers were British, continued to shout "King George". After 10 minutes the remaining Loyalists had fled. 93 Loyalists were killed, and many more wounded. Reports say, and even Cornwallis wrote, that many were hacked to death, thus the name "Pyle's Hacking Match". Local legend says Dr. John Pyle, wounded, crawled into a nearby pond, concealing himself until he could be rescued. Later, he surrendered to the local militia and was pardoned because of his care of the wounded. Lee and Pickens never caught up with Tarleton. Cornwallis had ordered Tarleton back the evening of February 24th, and by the time they were near, they were too close to Cornwallis' camp to attack safely.

This battle made many Loyalists reconsider going into battle in the South.

From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia



Member News

Correction: Last month, in the January, Gold Country member Lyall Marshall's daughter, Diamond Marshall, was incorrectly identified as his grand-daughter.

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

Gold Country is a very active SAR Chapter. 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 Chapter Hosting State Meeting

The Gold Country Chapter will be hosting the State Meeting at the Embassy Suites in Sacramento on April 13 and 14. We need the help of our members with preparation and during the event. One member asked if you had to be registered to help at this meeting. You do NOT have to be registered. You can also pay for an unregistered meal.

We need help before the meeting, picking up members if requested at the train station, giving members their registration packets on Thursday night & Friday morning & helping with issues that arise during Friday or Saturday.

Tentative Schedule:

Friday, April 13th 9:00 a.m. Meeting starts

Friday, April 13th 12:00 noon Public Service Awards Luncheon Non-registered lunch: \$ 40

Friday, April 13th 6:00 p.m. Dinner at the Firehouse Restaurant

Saturday, April 14th 9:00 a.m. Meeting starts

Saturday, April 14th 12:00 noon Youth Awards Luncheon Non-registered lunch: \$40

Saturday, April 14th 6:00 p.m. Dinner/Guest Speaker Non-registered dinner: \$60

Our own Keith Bigbee will become president of the California Society on Saturday Night Dinner.

We will have a planning meeting after our meeting on Saturday, February 18. Come and see what you can do to help.

Please go to the following site to register for the state meeting:

http://www.californiasar.org/forms/137_Spring_Meeting.pdf



Weimar Hills Charter School Principal receives a Flag Certificate for the proper presentation of the Flag



Weimar Hills Students Flag Raising Ceremony



Poster Presentation at St. Rose School in Roseville

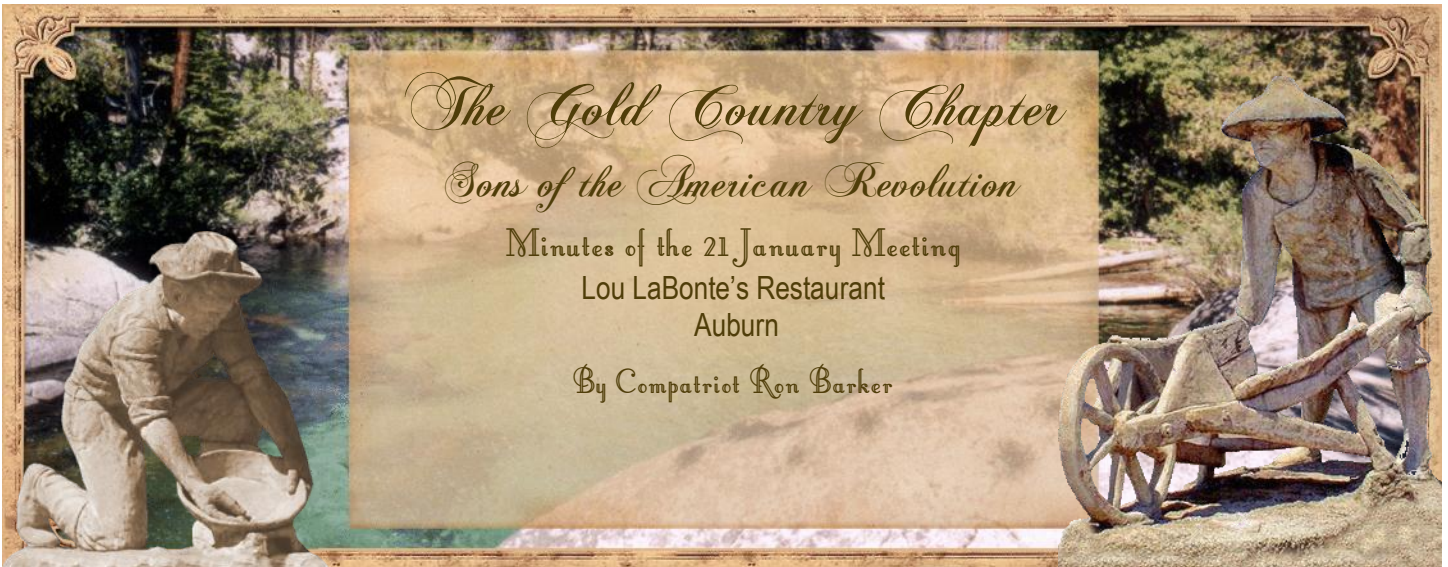


Hat Day at Lincoln Crossing School



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.



1. Meeting called to order by Pres. Ron Barker at 9:04 AM. This is A Community Service Awards Breakfast.

Barry Hopkins led the invocation, Mike Holmes followed with the Pledge of Allegiance and Donn Dancer led the SAR pledge.

Ron Barker recognized DAR Members Coreena Ross from the Capt. John Oldham Chapter and Io Beyer from the Emigrant Trail Chapter.

Attendance: 11 members and 4 guests.

Speaker next meeting: Jim McCauley
County Clerk-Recorder-Registrar of Elections

Working the elections is an important fund raiser for the chapter and helps with our youth programs and other activities.

The Gold Country Elections Representative is Barry Hopkins

Reports:

President: Ron Barker is a certified representative at Mather VA Hospital. VA has started a new program: No Veteran will die alone. Those terminally ill at a VA Hospital and no loved ones near, will have volunteers be with the veteran during his last days.

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1st VP-Mike Holmes-JROTC presentation on January 28 at Whitney High School. He is working on the Valley Forge Program for a teacher.

Treasurer: Bruce Choate
1/1/2012 Checking \$5,662.02
Dues received \$713
Vanguard: \$13,983.36

Registration/Genealogist-Have received two web inquiries for membership and working these two. Two applications at national.

Eagle Scout-Dale Ross-One certificate going out.



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