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THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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April 2014

Dear Gold Country Compatriots, Associates, and Friends,

The March 15th meeting was held at Lou La Bonte's Restaurant in Auburn. The poster judging contest was done by the Gold Country Chapter members. There were some great posters and judging them was very difficult.

California Society Sons of the American Revolution will be hosting the State Meeting in Sacramento at the Embassy Suites Hotel. The dates of the meeting are April 10th through April 13th, 2014. The State Meeting is a wonderful way to make new friends and visit with the National Officers. Our new CASSAR President will be Jim Faulkinbury, a member of the Sacramento Chapter SAR.

The April 19th meeting location and time has been changed. The Gold Country Chapter will be celebrating Patriot's Day in Auburn. The location will be at the Clock Tower at High and Lincoln from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. We will be dressing in period costumes. If you do not have a costume you are more than welcome to come and join us in the Patriot's Day Celebration. We will meet at 10:30 a.m. at the clock tower. I have also invited the Gold Trails Chapter, Emigrant Trail Chapter and the Captain John Oldham Chapter National Society Daughters of the American Revolution to come and celebrate the Patriot's Day Celebration with us. Please tell a friend and your family; all are welcome to come and join the Patriot's Day Celebration in Auburn.

Donn Dancer who is our chapter newsletter editor is in the hospital. Please keep Donn and his wife, Mary, in your thoughts for a healthy recovery.

Yours in Patriotic Service,

President Dale Ross

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Calendar of Events

National *SAR.org*

July 18-24, 2014
124th Annual Congress
Greenville, SC

State

CaliforniaSAR.org

April 11-12, 2014
(dates per their website)
139th Annual Meeting of Membership
Embassy Suites
Sacramento, CA
Registration forms on their website

Chapter

GoldCountrySAR.com

April 19, 2014
Patriot's Day
Clock Tower in Auburn
High and Lincoln
10:30 am to 1:00pm

July 4, 2014
Parade

September 14, 2014
Constitution Day Parade
Nevada City

September 13-14, 2014
Revolutionary War Encampment

**The next Gold Country Chapter meeting is
Saturday, April 19, 2014 at 10:30 am
at the Clock Tower, High and Lincoln, Auburn**

The Gold Country Chapter's 2014 regular meetings will be held on the 3rd Saturday of each month. 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 May edition of
The Forty-Niner is April 30, 2014**



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Chapter News

Poster Activity Photos from Excelsior School



Students looking at artifacts



Ron Barker showing homemade knife



Dave Gilliard reading the Oath of Support



Dave Gilliard, Conni and Ron Barker in period costumes

Judging of Posters from Americanism Poster Contest





Chapter Poster winners, left to right, 3rd, 2nd and 1st places
3rd place: Chloe Jeppson, Loomis Grammar School
2nd place: Emma Kwan, Valley View Elementary School
1st place: Ryan Bartlett, Lincoln Crossing Elementary School

National News

Spring Leadership Meetings Attended by Ron Barker

Education Committee-

1. California and Florida, the Texas Society have endorsed Values Through History's "Why American is Free" Curriculum and that from conversations with PG Dooley he expected the National Society to soon endorse the program as well.
2. **One Page Education Outreach.** A few State Societies, (AZ, CA, CO, GA, TX, WA) have submitted a One Page document on education, and Chairman Stevens sent copies to PG Dooley to add to the SAR web page. The goal is for States to have a one page overview of their Education programs, with links with more detail, for those interested. Best Practices of States with outstanding programs was discussed that would be added to the NSSAR Education Website.

Americanism Committee-

1. The Medals and Awards Committee Approved the Americanism Youth Contests Medal which will be a fund raiser for the Americanism Committee Youth Contests which are currently the Elementary School Poster and Middle School Brochure Contests. The medal will sell for \$250 with the funds going towards

a fund for the contest less the cost of the medal which is given to the donor. Quotes are being obtained with the hopes that the medal will be available by the 2014 Congress or before.

2. Tom Adams, Chairman of the Middle School Brochure Contest, described the program and provided information on judging. This is the first year that this contest will be rolled out nationally. Tom expects to have at least six entries this first year and possibly as many as ten. Tom is also requesting volunteers to be judges of the brochure contest, especially ones that do not have an entry in the contest.
3. A Proposal was made to amend the Americanism Theme currently chosen for the next three school years for the Poster and Brochure Contests by George Thurmond (GA). He argued the difficulty we are having in getting our contests adopted in schools is that our Contest Themes need to be compatible with the curriculum being taught. This was adopted and the Chairman, Mark Anthony, would be sending out a message for selecting new themes.
4. Texas made suggestion for the revision of certain items on the Americanism Contest and these items will be sending out to the sub-committee for review.
5. There was a question brought up by Texas if the names of youth contest winners could be published and this is being referred to NSSAR legal.

Patriotic Outreach –

1. Partners in Patriotism-Seventeen State Societies and ninety-four chapters have submitted forms to receive the Partners in Patriotism Certificate at the 2014 National Congress. Chapters who have been in an event with another Patriotic Group such as the American Legion, VFW, Am Vets, Purple Heart from June 1, 2013 to May 31, 2014 are eligible for the certificate. The form to submit can be found on page 2 of forms or under Patriotic Outreach Committee on the NSSAR site.
2. Wreaths Across America keeps growing with 565,000 wreaths being laid at 908 location in 2013. This is an increase by over 145,000 from the previous year.
3. The USO PG initiative of donating \$250 has raised over \$6000 to date.





The Gold Country Chapter Sons of the American Revolution

Minutes of the March 15, 2014 Regular Meeting at Lou La Bonte's in Auburn, CA.

President Dale Ross presided over the meeting and called it to order at 9:05AM. Secretary Greg Hill was taking minutes.

Opening: The invocation was given by 2nd Vice President Bill Graber. President Dale Ross led the pledge of allegiance, and Secretary Greg Hill led the SAR Pledge.

Attendance: There were 10 members and 3 guests in attendance.

Minutes: Compatriot Gilliard made a motion to approve the minutes as posted on the website, which passed without objection.

Reports:

Treasurer – Compatriot Gilliard reported that there was no change in the account balances. \$31 was collected in the hat.

Registrar – Registrar Ron Barker reported that one new junior member application had been received and sent to CSSAR and NSSAR for final approval. He also reported that applications using DAR applications that reference yet earlier DAR applications will be facing increased scrutiny by national.

Compatriot Barker also updated us on the condition of Compatriot Donn Dancer, who is in the hospital. In addition to thoughts and prayers for Compatriot Dancer and his wife Mary, a new newsletter editor will be needed and volunteers are encouraged to contact Compatriot Barker if interested.

Compatriot Barker also raised the issue of the upcoming election, which is a fundraiser for the chapter. The chapter makes approximately \$635 per polling place staffed. The commitment is 2-3 hours of time for training plus the Election Day itself.

Compatriot Barker then briefly reminded us of the upcoming CASSAR meeting on April 11-12 in Sacramento and the upcoming NSSAR Congress on July 18-24 in Greenville, SC.

President – Compatriot Ross announced that the next meeting will be April 19th and will not be held in the usual location, but rather will coincide with the chapter's Patriot's Day celebration at the Auburn, CA Clock Tower. The time is 11:00AM to 1:00PM and is on April 19th. We will not be meeting at the restaurant.

Compatriot Ross also reminded us of the upcoming 4th of July, Constitution Day Parade in Nevada City on Sept. 14, and the Revolutionary War Encampment nearby on Sept. 13-14. He gave a summary of the Encampment and our plans to have a presence there.

Compatriot Jim Holmes, who is also a County Supervisor here in Placer County, entertained questions on the community for a brief period.

Poster Judging:

The membership then judged the posters for the Elementary Americanism Poster Contest. After voting completed, the final results were: First Place, Ryan Bartlett from Lincoln Crossing Elementary; Second Placer, Emma Kwan from Valley View Elementary; and Third Place Chloe Jeppson from Loomis Grammar School. The theme for this year was Francis Marion, "The Swamp Fox." The winning poster from our chapter will go on to compete at the CASSAR state level.

New Business:

Compatriot Ernie McPherson reported that the California Military Department is suing the California State Military Museum Foundation on an issue unrelated to our business with them. Because it was of interest to our membership, the case was briefly discussed.

The lawsuit's impact on the chapter is centered on sales of patriotic merchandise through the museum. The idea of the chapter getting it's own necessary permit, license, or whatever is necessary to sell merchandise to the public was discussed with no definitive action taken at this meeting.

Closing: Compatriot Barker gave the benediction and Compatriot Gordon Clark led the SAR Recessional. President Ross adjourned the meeting at 10:35 AM.

