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THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

BY CHAPTER PRESIDENT
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Dear Gold Country Compatriots, Associates, and Friends,

The November meeting was a great success. The chapter had the opportunity to recognize Troop 13 members Michael Jacques and Greg Schultz for their heroism and the way their troop is being run. Troop 13 is definitely a boy run troop.

A new member joined the chapter and I would like to recognize him for attending the meeting. His name is Jay Gary Almquist and I am looking forward to seeing him at future meetings.

The next two months there are going to be some great chapter activities which should be exciting.

The Wreaths Across America Ceremony will be held on December 14th, 2013 at 9:00 a.m. This is a great ceremony for the chapter Color Guard. We will meet at 7:30 am at the Sacramento Valley National Cemetery, 5810 Midway Road, Dixon, California. If anyone would like to carpool, please call me.

The Gold Country Chapter Awards Ceremony and lunch will be held December 14th, 2013 at 11:30 a.m., after the Wreaths Across America Ceremony. This will be a potluck with the awards ceremony will taking place after lunch. The event will be held at the Rose Room, in the Auburn City Hall Building, 1225 Lincoln Way, Auburn, California. Please come and join us for food, fellowship and fun.

The Auburn Veteran's Day Parade was a great success which everybody enjoyed.

I am looking forward to participating in the Wreaths Across America and I welcome every chapter member to come and join me at the ceremony.

Thank-you to all of the chapter members who make the chapter a success.

Yours in Patriotic Service,

President Dale Ross

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Calendar of Events

National SAR.org

Through December 16, 2013
Many Faces of George Washington
Exhibit at NSSAR headquarters

February 28 to March 1, 2014
Spring Leadership Meeting
Louisville, KY

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

State

CaliforniaSAR.org

April 11-12, 2014
139th Annual Meeting of Membership
Embassy Suites
Sacramento, CA

Chapter

GoldCountrySAR.com

December 14, 2013
Wreaths Across America
Dixon, CA

December 14, 2013
Christmas potluck, Chapter Awards
Auburn, CA

January 18, 2014
To be announced
Executive Board Meeting after

**The next Gold Country Chapter meeting is
Saturday, December 14th at 11:30 am
at City Hall Building-Rose Room in Auburn**

The Gold Country Chapter's 2013 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 December edition of
The Forty-Niner is December 27, 2013.**



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Chapter News

Community Service Awards



Dale and Coreena Ross presenting SAR Medal for Heroism award to Michael Jacques and Greg Schultz



Dale Ross presenting membership certificate to Jay "Gary" Almquist



Ron Barker, Allan Brooking and Dave Gilliard with their certificates

DAR Color Guard Event



Susan Brooking, William Graber, Ron Barker and Donn Dancer

SAR Contest Awards

Current as of: October 27, 2013
Working Document Subject to Change

CONTESTS	National Level	State [California]	Chapter Awards	Submission Deadlines
Poster Contest	1st \$150 2nd \$100 3rd \$50	1st \$250 2nd \$150 3rd \$100		Local: 2-01-14 Judge and bring ONE poster to Spr. Mtg. State: April Spr. Mtg. Nat'l: Before NSSAR
Brochure Contest	To be Determined	1st \$300 2nd \$200 3rd \$100		Local: 3-01-14 Judge and forward ONE brochure 3-15-14 State: April Spr. Mtg. Nat'l: N/A
Essay Contest	1st \$2,000 2nd \$1000 3rd \$500	\$750		Local: 12-31-2013 (Judge and send ONE essay to State) State: 3-01-2014 Nat'l: 6-01-2014
ROTC/JROTC Awards (Enhanced)	1st \$1,000 2nd \$500	\$750		Local: 2-01-14 (Judge and send ONE essay packet to State) State: 2-15-14 Nat'l: 5-01-13
Eagle Scout Awards ***	1st \$8,000 2nd \$4,000 3rd \$2,000	\$750		Local: 11-01-2013 Judge and send ONE scholarship packet to State) State: 12-01-2013 Nat'l: 2-15-2014
Valley Forge	N/A	2 teachers \$1,400 tuition ea \$500 travel each		Local: 4-01-2014 (Judge and send ONE Tchr. packet to State) State: 4-15-2014 Nat'l: N/A
Oration Contest	1st \$3,000 2nd \$2,000 3rd \$1,000	\$750		Local: 3-01-2014 (Judge and send ONE oration (USB to state) State: 3-15-2014 Nat'l: 6-01-2014
FOOTNOTES:				***NEXT Eagle Scout Award Cycle

For the information of the membership, to give you a sense of due dates, etc. for the various award programs



The Gold Country Chapter Sons of the American Revolution

Minutes of the November 16, 2013 Meeting at Lou La Bonte's Restaurant in Auburn, CA

President Dale Ross presided over the meeting and called it to order at 9:07AM. Secretary Greg Hill was taking minutes.

Opening: The Pledge of Allegiance was a Color Guard presentation led by Boy Scouts from Troop 13 in Newcastle, CA. The SAR Pledge was led by CASSAR Past President Keith Bigbee. Chaplain Barry Hopkins gave the invocation.

Attendance: Guests and Members introduced themselves. 12 Members and 8 Guests were present, including one DAR member, Coreena Ross.

Minutes: Vice President Ron Barker made a motion to approve the minutes. The motion passed.

New Member: President Ross presented Compatriot Jay "Gary" Almquist with his member certificate, rosette and chapter pin. Compatriot Almquist was greeted by each member of the chapter present and he gave a brief summary of his patriot ancestor's service.

Recognition of Donors: Vice President Ron Barker gave a brief introduction of the Center for Advancing America's Heritage under construction in Louisville, KY. Compatriot Allan Brooking and Treasurer Dave Gilliard were honored with certificates and pins for their donations to this building effort.

Chapter Honors: President Dale Ross announced and displayed certificates the Chapter received from the Auburn Veterans Day Parade and the Partners in Patriotism program.

Award Presentation: SAR Fire Safety Commendation Medal award recipient Michael Bradford was unable to attend and his medal was set aside to be presented to him at a later date.

SAR Medal for Heroism medal recipients Michael Jacques and Greg Schultz spoke about the circumstances that led to their medal. Specifically their leadership following a fatal collision on July 21 that killed Scout leader Bob Garrison and seriously injured several other Boy Scouts on their way to summer camp. President Ross presented them each with their medal and certificate.

Reports:

Eagle Scout: Dale Ross reported that the Chapter has received four Eagle Scout entries.

Secretary: Greg Hill reported that we have received dues from 50 members, and are still waiting on 21 regular members and 3 junior members to pay their dues.

Treasurer: Dave Gilliard reported that we have \$14,003 in savings and \$3,881.17 in checking, with approximately \$2500 of that checking balance estimated to be paid as State and National dues near the end of the year.

Registrar: Ron Barker reported that we have two prospective members in progress, and one member present, Jim Davis, who is waiting on receipt of his certificate from National. He also advised that the price increase for supplemental applications is likely coming after National Congress in July 2014.

Newsletter: Donn Dancer reported that he can continue for a few months but needs someone to take over the Newsletter soon.

Poster Contest: Dave Gilliard reported that we are getting ready for classroom presentations early next year and that the theme will be the "Swamp Fox."

Past President: Ron Barker reported that at the State Meeting he received information about youth programs at the local, state and national levels that he will submit to the newsletter. He also reminded us that the State Meeting this Spring will be in Sacramento and encouraged members to attend.

Old Business:

Name Tags: Compatriots Brooking and McPherson presented various nametag sample specimens and pricing options.

Compatriot Bigbee made a motion to authorize the expenditure of funds for the clip-on nametag option in the amount of \$67.38 and any additional incidental expense to cover that option. The motion passed.

New Business:

Mother Lode Awards Ceremony: President Ross recognized that some of our members attended the Mother Lode Chapter's awards ceremony in October.

Color Guard at Whitney Oaks: Vice President Barker explained that the Gold Country Chapter Color Guard will present the colors for the DAR on November 19th, 2013 at Whitney Oaks in Rocklin, CA.

Wreaths Across America: CASSAR Past President Bigbee explained the Wreaths Across America program, its history, and the Gold Country Chapter's involvement annually and this year specifically. This year we will be participating at the Sacramento Valley Cemetery in Dixon, CA on December 14, 2013 at 9:00am.

Chapter Awards Ceremony and Christmas Potluck: The time and place was announced as December 14, 2013, at the Rose Room in Auburn City Hall at 11:30am or whenever the Compatriots participating in Wreaths Across America return. The event is a potluck and members are encouraged to bring a dish to share, as well as spouses and kids.

Chapter Elections: As Chairman of the Nominating Committee, Vice President Barker announced the slate of officers recommended for office: President Dale Ross; 1st Vice President Mike Holmes; 2nd Vice President Bill Graber; Secretary Greg Hill; Treasurer Dave Gilliard; Registrar Ron Barker; Genealogist Ron Barker; Historian Barry Hopkins; Chaplain Barry Hopkins; Webmaster Greg Hill; Newsletter Donn Dancer. The voting for this election will take place at the December meeting.

Vice President Barker solicited volunteers to help assist Donn Dancer with the Newsletter and President Ross encouraged volunteers to step forward to take on the appointed position of Color Guard Commander.

Why is America Free: Vice President Barker described a book, „, from Society of the Cincinnati and recommended Poster Chairman Dave Gilliard look over the material to see if it can be of use in the poster program.

Washington Poster: Vice President Barker announced a program put on by the Mount Vernon Lady's Society in which a print of George Washington's portrait is purchased and given to a school. Barker advised placing it in the newsletter and that funding might come from donations.

Poster Program: Poster Contest Chairman Dave Gilliard responded to questions from the floor on the specifics of the Poster Contest. A brief summary was given for the benefit of new members who may be interested in participating.

Bylaws: President Ross announced an Executive Board Meeting will be held following the January regular meeting, for the purpose of discussing revisions to the Chapter Bylaws.

Websites: Vice President Barker thanked CASSAR and Gold Country Chapter Webmaster Greg Hill for his work on the websites of the California Society and Gold Country Chapter.

Treasurer Dave Gilliard reminded members that they are encouraged to visit the chapter website and use the link to Amazon.com to make purchases there which will earn a small dividend for the chapter without affecting the cost of the purchase.

Merchandise: Compatriot McPherson reported that he has been working with Compatriot Graber on the merchandise program and they are working to expand the program. He also encouraged everyone to help contribute content to the newsletter.

Closing:

President Ross entertained a motion to adjourn. Treasurer Gilliard made a motion to adjourn the meeting which passed. Chaplain Hopkins gave the invocation and Compatriot Graber led the SAR Recessional. The meeting was adjourned at 10:30am.



