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THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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Dear Gold Country Compatriots, Associates, and Friends,

The October meeting was a success and I thoroughly enjoyed our guest speaker Rex Ruth as Samuel Adams.

There were two new members who joined the chapter. I would like to recognize them for attending the meeting. Their names are David Thompson and Bill Graber and I am looking forward to seeing both of them at future meetings. There are a couple of applications at the national headquarters waiting to be approved.

I am excited about the upcoming activities that are going to happen in the next two months.

The first chapter activity will be the Auburn Veteran's Day Parade. This is a Color Guard Activity and I welcome anybody who has a costume to come and participate in the parade. The date of the parade is Monday, November 11th, 2013. We will meet at 9:30 am at the Auburn Chamber of Commerce, 601 Lincoln Way, Auburn, CA.. After the parade a complimentary lunch will be served to all of the parade participants.

On November 16th, the Gold Country Chapter will be hosting their annual Community Service Awards Ceremony. The chapter will recognize Michael Bradford who is a Sacramento Metro Fire Department Captain. The Heroism Award will be awarded to Boy Scout Leaders Michael Jacques and Greg Schultz of Troop 13 of Newcastle, CA. This will also be a great meeting.

The Wreaths Across America Ceremony will be held on December 14th, 2013. The program will start at 9:00 am and we will assemble at 7:30 am. This is a great ceremony for the chapter Color Guard to participate in. We will meet at the Sacramento Valley National Cemetery, 5810 Midway Road, Dixon, CA. If anyone has an interest, we can also carpool to the cemetery.

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

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

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November 11, 2013
Veterans' Day Parade
Auburn, CA

November 16, 2013
Community Service Awards

November 19, 2013
DAR Color Guard Event
Rocklin, CA

December 14, 2013
Wreaths Across America
Dixon, CA

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

**The next Gold Country Chapter meeting is
Saturday, November 16th at 9:00 am
at Lou La Bonte's 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!

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**The submission deadline for the November edition of
The Forty-Niner is November 24, 2013.**



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Chapter News



Dale Ross presenting certificate to our speaker, Rex Ruth



Presentation of membership certificates to William Graber and David Thompson



State News

<http://www.californiasar.org/compatriot/>

Follow this link to access *The California Compatriot*, the official magazine of the California Society of the Sons of the American Revolution. Check out the most recent issue (Compatriot Special 2013) to keep in touch with the activities of our state organization.





The Gold Country Chapter Sons of the American Revolution

Minutes of the October 19, 2013 Meeting at Lou La Bonte's Restaurant in Auburn, CA

President Dale Ross presided over the meeting and called it to order at 9:06AM. Secretary Greg Hill was taking minutes.

Pledge of Allegiance:

The Pledge of Allegiance was a color guard presentation led by President Ross with a full color guard presentation of the colors.

Guest Speaker:

The guest speaker was Rex Ruth, in character as, and costume of, founding father Samuel Adams. Discussion topics included the Declaration of Independence, the Constitution, the Stamp Act, the Sons of Liberty and parallels to modern threats to liberty.

He concluded out of character to give a brief explanation of the speaking engagements he offers.

Opening:

Chaplain Barry Hopkins gave the invocation. Vice President Mike Holmes led the SAR Pledge.

Attendance:

There were 12 members present and 5 guests; including Rex Ruth the Guest Speaker, and DAR Members Patricia Hopkins, Armida Manifor, and Coreena Ross.

Mixture of Old and New Business:

Mike Holmes made a motion to approve the minutes of the August meeting since no meeting was held in September. The minutes were approved unanimously.

New members William Graber and David Thompson were introduced. President Ross presented them each with a member's certificate and rosette. The chapter membership each personally greeted the new members as is tradition.

The issue of the nametags was discussed with Compatriots Alan Brooking and Ernie McPherson. They would like to know how much money they can budget for the project as they have several potential options. CASSAR Past President Keith Bigbee suggested we check office supply stores for pricing on the necessary items before setting a budget.

Compatriot McPherson reported good progress on merchandise sales. He informed the chapter he is willing to drive considerable distance to help sell items and would like recommendations for new venues to explore.

President Ross reported on the Constitution Day parade award won by the chapter and passed the award and a newspaper article around. The chapter won third place in the historic marching category.

Mrs. Ross gave a report on the Day of the Young Child event at the Sierra College Grass Valley satellite campus. President Ross represented Gold Country Chapter at the event. The chapter may see some interest generated from the exposure our chapter received.

President Ross asked about the Constitution Day event at Sierra College. Vice President Holmes, Secretary Hill and Newsletter Editor Donn Dancer spoke about the event, our chapter's participation in it, our historic flag display and outreach, as well as the other displays and participants.

President Ross reported his attendance at the Sacramento Chapter Community Awards Ceremony at the Cattlemen's Club in Sacramento on October 18, 2013.

President Ross announced the upcoming Mother Lode Chapter Community Awards Ceremony to be held at the Cold Springs Country Club in Placerville on October 22, 2013 and encouraged Gold Country members to attend.

President Ross raised the issue of the Gold Country Chapter awards ceremony next month. Mrs. Ross summarized the recipients we will be honoring including Sacramento Metro Firefighter Michael Bradford, and Boy Scout leaders Michael Jacques & Greg Shultz of Troop 13 in Newcastle. The date of the ceremony is November 16, 2013.

President Ross announced the upcoming DAR color guard event on November 19th at Whitney Oaks in Rocklin, CA.

President Ross announced the upcoming Wreaths Across America event on December 14, 2013. CASSAR Past President Bigbee gave a detailed summary of the event's origins. Participation was encouraged.

The issue of the Christmas Party was raised next as it pertains to the Wreaths Across America event. Vice President Holmes suggested that December 21st was too late in the month for the chapter Christmas party. President Ross then announced that the Gold Country Chapter Awards Ceremony and Christmas potluck would be at 10:00am following the Wreaths Across America event.

President Ross announced our intention to be involved with the Delaware Regiment of the American Revolution Encampment next year in Grass Valley just before Constitution Day.

Secretary Hill read a report from Treasurer Dave Gilliard, who was unable to attend. The Treasurer reports that we have \$14,002.53 in savings and \$3,061.17 in checking.

Secretary Hill reported that we have received 36 membership renewals dues, and still have 60 outstanding. He reported that \$350 in additional donations were also received alongside dues so far. Dues and donations were given to Treasurer Gilliard to deposit.

Vice President Holmes raised the issue of the Veterans Day parade in Auburn. President Ross polled the Color Guard members present on their opinions. CASSAR Past President Bigbee advised President Ross to send an email to the Color Guard to firm up plans.

Vice President Holmes gave a report on the ROTC program. Units that used to receive awards from our chapter have been lost. One remaining unit has a ceremony in January or February but will not have information on eligible recipients until the last minute. He will report back when he has more information.

Vice President Holmes reported on the Valley Forge Teacher program. He is checking with a teacher from last year who was interested but prevented from participating last year due to illness.

President Ross raised the issue of guest speakers for January and throughout 2014. He called on all members to submit any suggestions they might have.

Compatriot McPherson announced that the Roseville VFW is interested in a historic flag presentation. He did not want to commit the chapter so he relayed the message at the meeting, suggesting that we do it for Veterans Day in 2014.

CASSAR Past President Bigbee raised the issue of election of new chapter officers in January 2014. He reminded the chapter that there is an issue of protocol needing to be followed in the conduct of the meetings and business. He suggested we spend time clarifying responsibilities, taking care to assure that he was not speaking specifically against any member, but in defense of the chapter, state and national bylaws. He reminded us that these matters affect non-profit tax status, insurance and the chapter's charter.

The issue of reviewing the bylaws was raised during discussion of the protocol issue. Secretary/Webmaster Hill reported that he has not been given a current copy of the bylaws. CASSAR Past President Bigbee agreed to locate a copy so that it could be published for the membership.

Vice President Holmes announced that the Navy League might have a speaker on the Doolittle Raid in 1942. He will investigate availability.

Guest Speaker Ruth announced another upcoming appearance of his called "Samuel Adams Remembers" on the subject of the Boston Tea Party. It is a dinner and the cost is \$25. He will notify us by email so that the chapter may be informed.

Closing:

The meeting was de facto adjourned at 10:42AM when Chaplain Hopkins gave the benediction and Compatriot McPherson led the SAR Recessional.

