



# The Forty Niner

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## Message from the President

*By Greg Hill, President, Gold Country Chapter SAR*

I hope you had a Happy Flag Day, and are enjoying the warmer weather.

Our next meeting is June 18, this Saturday. We will be meeting at our usual place, Mel's Diner at 1730 Grass Valley Hwy in Auburn, CA.

The Fourth of July Parade is rapidly approaching so we will need to prepare for that, with the color guard marching in the parade as well as a gathering at the Ross house afterwards (with the possibility of a brief meeting if enough members are present.)

I'd like to thank our Polling Place team who worked a polling place on this past Election Day.

Ron Barker served as the Inspector, Conni Barker served as the Judge and Keith Bigbee, Gordon Clark, Jeanette Clark and Dale Ross served as Clerks.

Their work is a valuable and important part of our free and democratic election process that ensures the future of our Republic. (Yep, it's that important!)

It is also a valuable fundraising opportunity for our chapter. With fewer members available to serve on Election Day, we do have less opportunity now than in years past. For that reason, I encourage

all members to be on the lookout for other fundraising opportunities to help continue our programs such as the Youth Programs, Scout programs, Veteran Outreach, etc...

One opportunity that has grown out of an existing annual tradition is Wreaths Across America. We will receive a small portion of each wreath we sell, so I encourage everyone to start selling wreaths as Christmas will be here before you know it.

We have an online order page setup for our Chapter at [www.goldcountrysar.org/wreaths/](http://www.goldcountrysar.org/wreaths/) as well as printed brochures with an order form. You can pick up the brochures at our meetings.

If you are unfamiliar with the wreaths, they are placed on the gravesites of veterans every December. Our Chapter is now involved with the Auburn Cemetery Ceremony which is held at the same time as other ceremonies across the country, and even the world.

Finally, please be giving thought to chapter elections coming up later this year, and let an officer know if you are interested in stepping forward to help with any area of the Chapter. It's never too soon, or too late, to get more involved!



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## Calendar of Events

### June 18, 2016 @ 9:00 am

June Meeting  
Original Mel's Diner – Auburn, CA

### July 4, 2016 @ 9:30 am

Fourth of July Parade 2016 ***Fly the Flag!***  
Nevada County Government Center – Nevada City, CA

### July 8-13, 2016

SAR National Congress  
Boston, MA – More info at [www.SAR.org](http://www.SAR.org)

### August 20, 2016 @ 9:00 am

August Meeting  
Original Mel's Diner – Auburn, CA

### September 16-18

Constitution Day Events in Nevada City  
Encampment and Parade

You can always find up to date events  
on the Gold Country Chapter website at  
**[www.GoldCountrySAR.org/events](http://www.GoldCountrySAR.org/events)**

***The submission deadline for the July Newsletter is July 5, 2016***

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# May Meeting Minutes

MINUTES OF THE MAY 21, 2016  
MEETING AT ORIGINAL MEL'S DINER IN  
AUBURN, CA

President Greg Hill called the meeting  
to order at 9:07 A.M.

The SAR Pledge was led by Ron Barker.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by  
Gordon Clark.

**Introduction of Guests:** The guests  
for the May meeting were John English  
from the George Washington Chapter  
SAR, Donna Arc, Tom Eberlein,  
Jeannette Clark, Conni Barker, Liz  
Sublett, and Coreena Ross.

**Attendance:** 9 Members and 7  
Guests.

**Approval of Minutes:** Ron Barker  
made the motion to approve the  
minutes as published on the chapter  
website. Sam Sublett seconded the  
motion. The motion was approved.

## Programs

The program for the May meeting  
Donna Arc. Donna's presentation  
was about The Forgotten Soldier  
Project. Donna helped create the  
Empathetic Touch Program and the  
program is receiving help from the  
V.A. at Mather Field. Donna Arc said  
"They are doing a fund raiser for the  
garden that is located in Auburn and  
the fund raiser is selling bricks with  
the donor's names on the bricks. They  
are having a fundraiser on June 23rd,  
2016. President Greg Hill presented  
Donna Arc with a SAR Certificate of  
Appreciation.

Tom Eberlein spoke about a horse  
named Sergeant Reckless. The horse  
carried supplies to the soldiers during  
the Korean War. The horse was  
recognized for his service during the  
war.

First Vice-President Mike Holmes  
spoke about the garden and the  
murals that are being readied for the  
Memorial Garden.

## Chapter Reports

**President's Report:** President  
Greg Hill spoke about the California  
Society Sons of the American  
Revolution Meeting. The dates  
of the meeting are April 14th  
through April 17th, 2016. The state  
meeting was held at the Sacramento  
Embassy Suites. There was a special  
dinner held at the Sutter Club in  
Sacramento, CA, on Friday evening.

**1st Vice President's Report:**  
Mike Holmes spoke about the Placer  
County Superintendent of Schools.

**2nd Vice President's Report:**  
There was no report given.

**Treasurer's Report:** Greg Hill  
gave the treasurer's report.

**Secretary's Report:** There was no  
report given.

**Eagle Scout Report:** Dale Ross  
said that he was working on getting  
the Eagle Scout names from the  
Golden Empire Council Boy Scouts  
of America.

**Poster Judging Contest:** Ron  
Barker spoke about the poster contest.

**Valley Forge:** Mike Holmes spoke  
about the Valley Forge Teacher  
Program.

**J.R.O.T.C. Program:** Mike  
Holmes spoke about the J.R.O.T.C.  
Chairman.

Wreaths Across America: Mike  
Holmes spoke about selling the  
wreaths for the Wreaths Across  
America.

**Colorguard Reports:** Dale Ross  
spoke about upcoming chapter events  
involving the colorguard. He spoke  
about the past state meeting, the  
Revolutionary War Encampment in  
Nevada City in September and the  
Constitution Day Parade. The 4th of  
July Parade, Wreaths Across America,  
etc.

**Chaplain's Report:** President Greg  
Hill reported that Dave Gilliard was  
absent to be with his father who just  
had a medical procedure. He also  
reported that Mary Dancer sent  
greetings from her husband Donn, who  
is moving to continue his recuperation  
but enjoys hearing from the Chapter  
and wishes he could be here with us.

**Newsletter Editor:** No report was  
given.

## Old Business

Ron Barker spoke about the CASSAR  
State Meeting that was held at the  
Embassy Suites in Sacramento, CA.  
The dates of the CASSAR State  
Meeting were April 14th, 2015 through  
April 16th, 2015.

Ron Barker is the new California State  
President. The Gold Country Chapter  
will be hosting the state meeting. There  
will be a special dinner on Friday night  
and the dinner was held at the Sutter  
Club.

## New Business

CASSAR President Ron Barker spoke  
about Sam Sublett assisting and the  
President General Tom and his lady  
Mickie Jo Lawrence at the Sacramento  
Airport. Sam Sublett received the  
President General's Aide De Camp Pin  
for assisting them at the airport.

Dave Gilliard had the meeting at  
his office on April 9th, 2016 to help

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set up the registration packets for the California Society Sons of the American Revolution Spring Meeting.

Ron Barker spoke about people volunteering to run the election booth on June 7th, 2016.

CASSAR President Ron Barker spoke about the upcoming B.O.M.M. that will be held on November 4th through

the November 6th, 2016. The meeting will be held in Burlingame, CA.

### Adjournment

Greg Hill called for the meeting to be adjourned. Gordon seconded the motion. Motion carried.

SAR Recessional: The SAR

Recessional was led by Dick Fowler.

The meeting adjourned at 10:33 a.m.

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Dale T. Ross**  
**Secretary**



## Poster Awards Presentations

The Poster Contest Team presented awards and an historical flag presentation to schools around the Gold Country area in May.

A special thanks to Liz Sublett who provided photographs of the presentations.

More photos can be found on the Gold Country Chapter website: [www.GoldCountrySAR.org](http://www.GoldCountrySAR.org)



*The 2016 Gold Country Chapter and California Society Poster Contest  
First Place Winner from St. Rose School in Roseville, CA*







## The Battle of Bunker Hill

THIS MONTH IN HISTORY – JUNE 17, 1775

Bunker Hill was located outside of Boston, though the actual Battle of Bunker Hill mostly took place on the adjacent Breed's Hill.

The battle was part of the Siege of Boston in 1775. The colonial forces learned that the British intended to break out of Boston and fortify the areas around Boston Harbor.

In response to the threat, colonial forces managed to occupy Breed's Hill and surrounding land to prepare for battle.

The British attacked when they learned of the colonial forces present on the hill. In the first two waves, the British suffered heavy losses.

After a third wave, with the colonial forces, running out of ammunition, were overrun and the British took the hill.

It was during this third push that Joseph Warren, patriot and physician, was killed. The iconic painting by John Trumble depicts an idealized scene of his death.

Colonial forces fell back to Cambridge, but the massive losses the British suffered (226 killed, over 800 wounded) discouraged any further action.

The disproportionate loss of life on the British side, including many officers, led to much more caution on their part in future engagements.

*"We have ... learned one melancholy truth, which is, that the Americans, if they were equally well commanded, are full as good soldiers as ours."*

*– British Officer in Boston following the battle*

It also gave encouragement and hope to other colonies regarding the ability of militia to face regular army troops.

This combined to the effect of American forces in the New York and New Jersey Campaign succeeding in making tactical retreats in situations where the British could otherwise have achieved decisive victory if they had pressed their advantage.





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**The Death of General Warren at the Battle of Bunker's Hill, 17 June, 1775**  
By John Trumbull

*More information on the Battle of Bunker Hill inside on Page 5*