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M. Kent Gregory

Message from the President

By Greg Hill, President, Gold Country Chapter SAR

The year is almost half over but there are many exciting events still to come.

First is our May Armed Forces Day meeting on Saturday the 21st. We will be meeting at our usual place, Mel's Diner at 1730 Grass Valley Hwy in Auburn, CA.

Our speaker for the Armed Forces Day event will be Donna Arz, founder of the Forgotten Soldier Program in Auburn. I hope to see you there.

It was my pleasure to represent Gold Country Chapter at the California SAR State Meeting in Sacramento this past April. Also attending were Compatriots Dave Gilliard, Dale Ross, Sam Sublett, Keith Bigbee, Alan Brooking and Ron Barker.

We saw Ron Barker sworn in as the new State Society President for the California SAR, and his wife Conni sworn in as the President of the Lady's Auxiliary.

Both Dale and Coreena Ross did a fantastic job handling the hospitality suite and decorating the tables for all of the luncheon events as well as the banquet.

Compatriot Sam Sublett, a member who just recently joined our chapter, distinguished himself with invaluable service during the

meeting weekend and was awarded the Aide-de-Camp pin by SAR President General Tom Lawrence. Congratulations to Sam on that distinction!

Our Chapter won Best Medium Small Chapter contest for our various programs and activities. I would like to congratulate everyone on that success. I have every hope that we will continue our success, perhaps even in a higher level category if we can recruit enough members, which we should always be doing.

I am pleased to report that our chapter's entry into the state level judging for the SAR Poster Contest won first place. That poster will now go on to compete at the national level in Boston this summer at the SAR National Congress.

I know that the Poster Team is hard at work making presentations of the various awards to classrooms this month, as well as the historical flag display, so congratulations to them on a successful program and winning that award.

We have a lot of events coming up, so please be mindful of the Events Calendar. The Independence Day parade in July and the Constitution Day encampment and parade in September are just a couple of items coming up.



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Calendar of Events

May 21, 2016 @ 9:00 am

May Meeting – Armed Forces Day *Fly the Flag!*
Original Mel's Diner – Auburn, CA

May 30, 2016

Memorial Day *Fly the Flag!*

June 10-12, 2016

2016 SAR Annual Conference on the Revolution
“Empires of Liberty and the American Revolution”
Pasadena, CA – More info at www.CaliforniaSAR.org

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

You can always find up to date events
on the Gold Country Chapter website at
www.GoldCountrySAR.org/events

The submission deadline for the June Newsletter is June 10, 2016

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In Memoriam
A Tribute to our Absent Compatriots



COMPATRIOT
William L. Gould

1933—2016

We recently received news that William Gould passed away. Mr. Gould was an author and lived in Roseville. He had been a member of the Gold Country Chapter SAR since 2013.

Gould recently had written a book, “Grandpa, Were You Young Once?,” that shows how memories can be organized and used to share lessons and bond a family together.

The Gold Country Chapter, California Society of the Sons of the American Revolution, acknowledges with deep affection the service and dedication of our Absent Compatriots. Their lives represented the highest ideals of our nation. To their memories and to their families, we express our respect and appreciation.

Our absent compatriots are also honored on our website:
www.goldcountrysar.org/in-memorial/

March Meeting Minutes

MINUTES OF THE MARCH 19, 2016
MEETING AT ORIGINAL MEL'S DINER IN
AUBURN, CA

President Greg Hill called the meeting
to order at 9:04 A.M.

Invocation: The invocation was led
by Barry Hopkins.

SAR Pledge: The SAR Pledge was
led by Alan Brooking.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by
Dale Ross.

Attendance: There were 8 members
and 6 guests in attendance.

Introduction of Guests: Tony
Chakurian, Maryanne Gilliard, Paige
Gilliard, Conni Barker, Liz Sublett, and
Coreena Ross.

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

Program

The program for the March meeting
was the poster contest judging.

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 will be held at the
Sacramento Embassy Suites. There will
be a special dinner at the Sutter Club
in Sacramento, CA, on Friday evening.

1st Vice President's Report: There
was no report given.

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

Treasurer's Report: Dave
Gilliard said there was money in the
accounts.

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: Dave
Gilliard spoke about the poster
judging 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 the Wreaths
Across America ceremony.

Historian/Chaplain Report: Barry
Hopkins did give a report.

Colorguard Reports: Dale Ross
spoke about upcoming chapter events
involving the colorguard. He spoke
about the upcoming 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.

Newsletter Editor: No report was
given.

Old Business

Dave Gilliard spoke about the
CASSAR State Meeting that will
be held at the Embassy Suites in
Sacramento, CA. The dates of the
CASSAR State Meeting will be April

14th, 2015 through April 16th, 2015.

Ron Barker is the new upcoming
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
will be at the Sutter Club.

New Business

Ron Barker spoke about the Spring
Leadership Meeting that was held in
Louisville, Kentucky.

Conni Barker also spoke about the
Spring Leadership Meeting.

Dave Gilliard said there would be a
meeting at his office on April 9th, 2016
to help 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.

There will be no April meeting due
to the state meeting that is going to
be held the week before the chapter's
regular meeting.

The program for the May meeting will
be Armed Forces Day.

Adjournment

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

Benediction: Barry Hopkins led the
benediction.

SAR Recessional: The SAR
Recessional was led by Dave Gilliard.

The meeting adjourned at 10:20 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Dale T. Ross
Secretary



Awards from the State Meeting

POSTER CONTEST

Winning the Chapter Poster Contest was a fifth grade student at St. Rose school in Roseville, CA. You may remember the poster from our March meeting when the Chapter judging took place.

That poster went on to be judged at the California Society State Meeting in Sacramento in April and won First Place.

The poster will now go on to compete at the National Congress in Boston this summer.



SAR National Poster Contest Chairman Dave Gilliard and SAR Gold Country Chapter President Greg Hill with the winning poster at the 2016 Youth Awards Luncheon for the SAR California State Society in Sacramento, CA.

OTHER AWARDS

Also awarded at the Spring Meeting were several individuals in the chapter.

Compatriot Dave Gilliard received the Patriot Medal.

Compatriot Greg Hill received the State Meritorious Service Medal.

Compatriot Sam Sublett received the Aide-de-camp Pin from the President General.



BEST CHAPTER CONTEST

Gold Country Chapter won the Best Chapter Contest for the Medium Small Chapter. President Hill was hopeful we could recruit enough new members to move back into a higher category next year, but remains proud of the excellent programs and participation as well as hard work of all the Chapter Members who made this success possible.

The Chapter also received certificates for the sub-categories for CASSAR Programs and Chapter Activities, both in the Medium Small Chapter Category.



The plaque and certificates given to Gold Country Chapter at the 2016 California SAR Spring Meeting for the Best Chapter Contest, Medium-Small Category.





The Battle of Fort Ticonderoga

THIS MONTH IN HISTORY – MAY 10, 1775

Fort Ticonderoga was a French post built at the confluence of Lake Champlain and Lake George. Captured by the British during the French and Indian war, it has become a backwater post by 1775 and was poorly maintained.

On May 10, 1775, Ethan Allen and his Green Mountain Boys, along with Benedict Arnold, rowed across Lake Champlain and made a night-time sneak attack against the fort.

There was only a single sentry and less than 50 British soldiers in the garrison. When the British commander asked Ethan Allen on whose authority he was acting, Allen reportedly answered, “In the name of the Great Jehovah and the Continental Congress.” He demanded the British surrender

the fort, which they did.

The largest prize for the Americans was not the fort itself, but the munitions within. The artillery located at the fort would prove invaluable to breaking the British at the Siege of Boston which began after the Battle of Bunker Hill outside of Boston on June 17, 1775.

George Washington appointed Boston bookseller, and military history expert, Henry Knox to be commander of the American Artillery. Knox led men from Boston to Fort Ticonderoga to take possession of the artillery and return to Boston with the guns.

The arduous task was completed during the winter of 1775-76 as Knox and his

Henry Knox and this “Noble Train of Artillery” was the subject of this year’s Poster Contest for the SAR.

men used custom built wooden sleds to haul the tremendously heavy guns over snow and frozen rivers. The artillery achieved the desired effect and when used to fortify Dorchester Heights, firing on Boston, forced the British to evacuate Boston.

Fort Ticonderoga remained under American control until the Saratoga Campaign of 1777 when British General John Burgoyne recaptured the fort as he moved the British Army south from Canada. After Burgoyne’s eventual defeat at Saratoga, the fort declined in importance as the focus of the war moved south.



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California Society, Sons of the American Revolution

April 19, 2016

To: Gold Country Chapter, SAR

Thank you for the wonderful job you did hosting the California Society, SAR Spring Meeting of the Membership. I have heard nothing but compliments on the meeting by our members and those visiting from out of state. Hosting a state society meeting requires much work, so I would like to thank several of you:

Ron & Conni Barker – Ron applied his great leadership skills and paid attention to the multitude of details necessary for a smooth meeting. It takes an enormous amount of time and energy planning the details and handling the problems. Conni was there providing the necessary support.

David Gilliard – The registration went smoothly and the Friday Officers Dinner was wonderful. The Sutter Club was a tremendous venue for the evening. The music was delightful. You were super as the MC at the banquet.

Coreena Ross – The hospitality room was so welcoming with treats and drinks. For many members, that makes the weekend special.

Dale Ross – Even though it is a chore to bring them and set them up, the flags added so much to the meetings and the meals.

Greg Hill – You were a great MC at the Youth Luncheon and represented your chapter well as its President.

Keith Bigbee – Excellent job with the Public Service Awards at the Friday lunch.

Alan Brooking – You should get a chauffeur award for picking up members at the airport and train station.

Sam Sublett – Your valuable contributions as the “go-to person” helping whenever needed is much appreciated.

Gold County is a great chapter! Thanks again for all your work!

M. Kent Gregory



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"In the name of the Great Jehovah and the Continental Congress." — Ethan Allen

In May 1775, Fort Ticonderoga was captured by the Green Mountain Boys led by Ethan Allen and Colonel Benedict Arnold. The canon captured at the fort would later be moved by Colonel Henry Knox's "Noble Train of Artillery" to fortify Dorchester Heights and break the standoff at the Siege of Boston in March of the following year.

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