The next meeting of the Mother Lode Chapter will be held on Tuesday, May 23, 2017, at 6:30 PM
Raley’s Event Center in El Dorado Hills.
Buffet dinner will be served at 6:15 | $8 per person
Cinco de Mayo: Southwest Chopped Salad | Chili Verde | Taco Bar | Brownie
Come early to socialize with your friends, guests are welcome

Bill George…Film Portraits of California History

We’re excited to have film producer, Bill George, with us tonight. His films provide an educational and informative historical look at California and are often featured on KVIE.

During a November 2016 visit to China, Bill discussed his career in filmmaking and his historical documentary films. Of special interest was his documentary, Chinese Builders of Gold Mountain, which explored the Chinese experience in 1850s California. His film explored the Chinese contribution to the Gold Rush, building the transcontinental railroad and helping create California agriculture, and told the story of the early Chinese fight for civil rights. Bill has made hundreds of presentations about California’s Back Lawn to civic, educational, travel and cultural groups.

Bill has been fascinated with culture, history and travel for many years. He was a tour director in Chicago while working his way through college. He then became a television journalist, before transitioning to public relations. In 2010 he formed Nimbus Films to tell the story of the building of the first transcontinental railroad over the Sierra

China Central Television Invited Bill to China

Nevada, and then wrote the book “Rails, Tales and Trails” that explained how to find the old railroad sites, along with museums, towns and restaurants in the area. Bill followed that with a film portrait of Newcastle, California one of the most important agriculture, railroad and gold rush towns, and the film “Beyond a Miracle, Creating California’s Empire of Agriculture”, which tells the dynamic story of the agricultural pioneers who shaped the state’s farm heritage.
Remember Our Fallen Soldiers

Memorial Day is a federal holiday in the United States for remembering the people who died while serving in the country’s armed forces. Across this great land people will gather to view parades, visit memorial parks and pray for our veterans.

Thank you for your sacrifice. God bless you. God bless America.

Huzzah!!! ……Jeff
Meeting Minutes April 25, 2017

The meeting was called to order at 6:30pm by Chapter President Jeff Doyle. There were 11 Mother Lode Chapter members and 8 guests in attendance.

Opening Ceremonies - The invocation was given by Gene Myers. Doug Drake led the Pledge of Allegiance, Sam Bradley led the SAR Pledge.

Greetings / Meeting Overview - Jeff greeted first time guests Kevin Allec, Steve Ellis, Diane Ellis, and David Brown.

Consent Calendar - This includes March 28, 2017 Meeting Minutes published in the April Dispatch and written Officer and Program Reports provided with tonight’s agenda and available online. Special note was given to Officer realignment: Jeff Doyle – President & Secretary / James Young - 2nd VP & Treasurer / Douglas Drake – Registrar & Chancellor.

Sam Bradley motioned to approve Consent Calendar; John Krahn seconded; all in favor, motion passed unanimously.

Announcements –

Mother Lode received Richard Locke Membership Award and $250 check from CASSAR for best new member gain in 2016 for medium sized chapters. Jeff gave thanks to James Young, Tom Chilton and members for recruitment and application processing.

Doug Drake introduced the Mother Lode Donor Plaque and recognized 2016 recipient Tom Chilton.

Jeff Doyle recognized Tom Adams received Meritorious Service Medal from CASSAR and presented Tom with a certificate and photo to recognize his recent chairmanship of Chapter Youth Programs to include the 2017 Brochure and Poster Contests.

Page 11 of the agenda package included a nomination letter sent to Folsom Chick fil-A for exemplary display of the American Flag. This letter and supporting information is now available for members to use.

Unfinished Business –

Community Banquet update with draft budget provided to members. Jeff has requested nominees from California Highway Patrol, El Dorado Sheriff’s Office, Placerville Police and California State Parks Service.. The venue is scheduled for the American Legion Post 119. A request has been made for the El Dorado Sheriff Explorer Post 457 to serve food at the banquet. Retired Sheriff John McGuiness has accepted invitation to be guest speaker. A more detailed report will be provided at the May meeting.

Chapter general liability insurance was presented by Doug Drake. Members reviewed the Shoff Darby Reenactment Insurance Program inclusion, exclusions and premium rates.

Doug Drake motioned to purchase Shoff Darby insurance per the brochure for an annual premium not to exceed $10.00 per member; Mike Muetz seconded; considerable discussion occurred regarding inclusions, exclusions, and additional insured provisions; Gene Myers called for question; all in favor, motion passed unanimously.

Gene Myers motioned to increase member dues to pay for the insurance premium; Sam Bradley seconded; discussion concluded that the treasury has sufficient funds to purchase 2017 policy. Gene Myers agreed to table motion for reconsideration at a later date if additional funds are required.

New Business –

Doug Drake present First Quarter 2017 Financial Report including ledger for Compatriots Charitable Contributions. Doug noted that year-to-date loss of $946.36 is due to state and national dues collected in 2016 but paid in 2017. A better analysis is shown in the accrual report dated July 2016 through March 2017 showing a reserve of $503.05. An updated report will be given at the May meeting.

Guest Speaker – ML Member; CIA Officer Retired Stephen Almy – CIA Interrogation during the Vietnam War……

Closing Ceremonies - The benediction was given by Gene Myers. Gene Bell led the SAR Recessional and Tom Chilton led the singing of God Bless America.

Sam Bradley motioned to adjourn; John Krahn seconded; all in favor, motion passed unanimously; Meeting adjourned at 8:26pm
We are grateful for the thoughtfulness of Tom Chilton and his wife Marilyn. Not only are the Chiltons generous donors, they are active participants in Chapter activities. For years, Tom has worked with the 5th grade poster contest as a reenactor and both Tom and Marilyn have managed the Community Awards Banquet for multiple years. Tom joined SAR in 1998, he is Past President of the Sacramento Chapter, and holds dual membership with the Mother Lode Chapter. His Patriot Ancestor is George Chilton.

The CASSAR awarded the Mother Lode Chapter with the Richard Locke Membership Award including a check for $250. Special thank you for fine work is shouted out to 2016 Registrar James Young, Tom Chilton and others who recruit.

Tom Adams has championed the Youth Program Brochure and Poster Contests for years. In addition to chairing the Chapter efforts, Tom serves as the State and National Brochure Chairman and is Secretary to the National Education and History Committees.

Tom joined SAR in 2008. He is a Charter Member of the Mother Lode Chapter and Past President. Tom’s Patriot Ancestor is Moses Adams, Sgt. MA.
Stephen and his wife, Anna Belle, did not want to be bored, so they worked together as CIA operatives for one year before deployment. Passed with grade 3+. Stationed deep inside jungle near Saigon (Ho Chi Minh City). Interrogated North Vietnamese and Vietcong for the “TRUTH.” Rewarded informants with a bed, clean cloths, cigarettes, beer and movies. Stored intelligence on notecards filed in huge paper library.

CIA activities in Vietnam were operations by the Central Intelligence Agency in Indochina and then Vietnam from the 1950s to the late 1960s, before and during the Vietnam war.
5th Grade Poster Contest
8th Grade Brochure Contest

4 schools / 125 entries

2nd Place State
$400 Award

Holy Trinity

Camarado Springs

2017 Mother Lode Chapter Youth Awards

Rolling Hills

Jackson

Holy Trinity
The Chapter authorized purchase of general liability insurance. So we have you covered. Certificates of insurance for each member are in progress and should arrive soon. Chapter activities and reenactment events are now insured.

We Need Your Help for the Awards Banquet

Sponsors from $25

Sponsorship Sales Manager

Set-up & Decoration

Awards Coordinator

Clean-up

Details will be presented at our May 23rd Chapter Meeting

Date: Tuesday October 24, 2017

Location: American Legion Post 119 - 4561 Greenstone Rd, Placerville, CA

Food: Salad, prime rib, chicken, potatoes, vegetable and dessert.

Speaker: Retired Sheriff John McGuiness

Honorees: Invitations sent to Calif Highway Patrol, El Dorado Sheriff’s Office, Placerville Police Department and Calif State Parks
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