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Calling All Compatriots



April 2011 Program

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Our guest speaker for the April Meeting will be El Dorado County Deputy Sheriff Keith Maher.

Deputy Maher has been assigned to many divisions within the Sheriff's Department. Some of his duties have been, patrol officer, street crimes, gangs and as a detective. His present duty is the El Dorado School Resource Officer;

Deputy Maher will speak specifically on gangs and the influx of gang activity in El Dorado County.



The next meeting of the Mother Lode Chapter is Tuesday April 26, 2011 at the Denny's Restaurant at 6:30 PM

**Denny's Restaurant
3446 Coach Lane
Cameron Park, CA.**

The President's Corner by Jim Young

Mother Lode Chapter Officers for 2010

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Tom Douglas

ROTC Program

Vacant

Knight Essay Contest

Vacant

Valley Forge Program

Vacant

Law Enforcement Program

John Krahn

Flag Certificate Program

Doug Stone

Americanism Poster Contest

Tom Adams



After returning from the 136th Spring Meeting of the membership held in the City of Irvine, there is much to share; however, I will highlight just a few. Congratulations to newly elected State Society President John Dodd. During the youth luncheon, the Mother Lode Chapter was the recipient of several awards. The awards were for "Publicity", "Most CASSAR Programs", and "Best Chapter Newsletter". Congratulations and another great job by Chapter Secretary Tom Douglas.

As a reminder, if you plan on attending the National Congress that will be held in

Winston-Salem, North Carolina in July 2011, please be sure to notify the State Secretary

Ron Barker of your intention. The State Secretary must notify NSSAR of all the members who request delegate credentials. California's Larry Magerkurth is running for President General and needs all of our support.

In Patriotic Service,

Jim Young

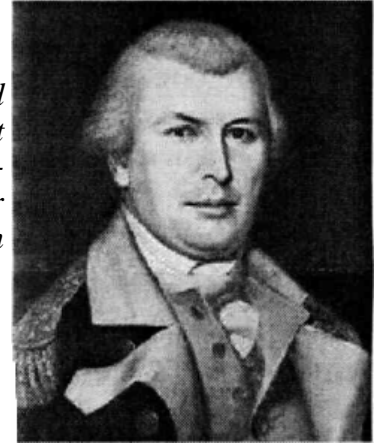
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(Editor's Note: American General Nathanael Greene lost the battle at Guilford Courthouse. British commander Banastre Tarleton had won a pyrrhic victory that forced the redcoats to abandon the Carolinas and compelled him to focus his attention on Virginia. For Greene, however, the southern campaign was not yet over since eight thousand British, Hessians and Tories remained in the three southern states. Greene's immediate goal would be to eliminate these scattered garrisons.)



Nathanael Green

The smoke had hardly cleared at Guilford Courthouse when a torrential rain storm began, making it impossible to tend all of the wounded. The next morning at least fifty men, who might otherwise have survived, were found dead from exposure. General Greene was forced to retire from the field saving only his walking casualties. The following morning, under a truce flag, he sent a team of surgeons to assist the British doctors in caring for the wounded of both sides.

Cornwallis remained at Guilford Courthouse for two days, then moved both American and British casualties to New Gardens, surrendering them to the care of the American surgeons. He then headed his decimated force toward Wilmington, North Carolina, approximately 200 miles away. He hoped to get supplies and help en route for his troops from loyalist sympathizers. They gave what help they could but it was not enough and he eventually reached the safety of Wilmington on April 7. Generals, O'Hara and Howard, four company grade officers, and several lesser officers had died and were buried along the route of the march.

Cornwallis, now secure at Wilmington, decided to give up his non-productive! chase of Greene's army and reverted to his original plan, which was to isolate the! northern and southern patriot forces from each other. With the two halves divided, he reasoned, the colonies would eventually succumb and revert to British control. When his army was rested and resupplied, Cornwallis marched north from Wilmington to take command of all British forces in Virginia.

General Greene had used guerilla tactics successfully to oppose the overwhelming strength of the British forces. Following the battle of Guilford Courthouse, he decided to make frontal attacks against the isolated British forts and outposts in the Carolinas and Georgia. He had lost his Virginia and North Carolina militiamen when their terms of enlistment had expired and they had left the field for their homes. In spite of his decreased numbers, Greene was confident that he could rely upon his Continentals, especially those men from Maryland and Delaware, to bring eventually prevail. Additionally, he asked the "irregulars," who had fought so well, to coordinate their actions with his.

George Augustus Francis Rawdon, known by the courtesy title "Lord Rawdon" was a seasoned veteran of the American war. When Cornwallis advanced north, Rawdon was left behind to defend South Carolina and Georgia with a small independent force. When he learned of harassment by American army forces commanded by Colonel Thomas Sumpter, against a strategic British post at Camden, South Carolina, he set out with five hundred men to reinforce that garrison and bolster its strength.

In April 1781, Rawdon engaged a numerically superior American force in a conflict that became known as the Battle of Hobkirk's Hill or, alternatively, as the Second Battle of Camden. Initially the battle went well for the Americans as they charged the British. Then, unexpectedly, Colonel John Gunby pulled back, leaving a gaping hole in the center. This action caused the 1st Virginia and the 2nd Maryland Regiments to falter. Rawdon took advantage of the situation and immediately poured his troops, including reserves, into the void. Greene could see the danger of losing not only the battle, but possibly his entire army as well. With American victory almost certain, he called for a retreat.

Rawdon had his victory, but, once again, the price was too high. General Tarleton reported 38 killed including an officer, 220 wounded, including 13 officers. American recorded 18 killed including an officer, 108 wounded, including seven officers with 138 men missing. General Greene was disappointed at the battle's outcome, but issued his famous statement: "We fight, get beat, rise, and fight again."

(Editor's Note: Colonel Gunby's action in the battle resulted in an investigation. A court of inquiry found him guilty of causing the defeat, but did not call for his removal from command.)

Despite the loss at Hobkirk's Hill, the Americans were winning in the South. Camden was cut off from any supply or reinforcement and virtually all of South Carolina was in revolt, Rawdon abandoned Camden and fell back to Charleston. The American Southern Army moved swiftly to take advantage of the abandonment of Camden and begin a slow but sure reduction of the British and Tory forces in the area. Eventually only Charleston and Savannah would remain in British hands.

On April 18, 1781, Benedict Arnold, now a Brigadier General in the British Army, led a force which attacked Petersburg, Virginia. The British force did not encounter any effective resistance and overwhelmed the town, burning tons of tobacco and four ships at the docks.

Benedict Arnold continued his raids in Virginia. He surprised a fleet of American naval vessels anchored in the James River and destroyed four ships with his shore battery. The remaining vessels were set afire after they had been abandoned by their crews.

(Editor's Note: George Washington, as Commander in Chief of the Continental Army, hoped to accomplish both the removal of British troops from Virginia and the capture of Benedict Arnold. To this end, he dispatched General Marquis de Lafayette with twelve hundred Continentals to New Jersey, where they would link up with a French force arriving by ship. The French fleet did not arrive as scheduled and while Lafayette lost the opportunity to capture Arnold, he did march his troops to Richmond and prevented the occupation of that city by British troops commanded by Major General William Phillips.)



Lord Rawdon

—Andrew J. Strough III Edited by Harold Rogers

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Photos of the 2011 Annual Meeting of the CASSAR



Mother Lode President Jim Young receives Best Small Chapter Newsletter Certificate from CASSAR President Wayne Griswold.



L to R- Harbor Chapter President Jim Olds holds the overall best small chapter Plaque. Mother Lode Chapter President Jim Young with small chapter best of certificates, CASSAR President Wayne Griswold



Outgoing President Wayne Griswold (left) and newly elected CASSAR President John Dodd.



L to R- CASSAR President Wayne Griswold, Senior State President CSSCAR Elizabeth Swanay-O'Neal, CSSCAR page Haley Schutzenberger, CASSAR-CAR Liaison Tom Adams and CSSCAR page Zachary Shiel. Standing in front "little sister".

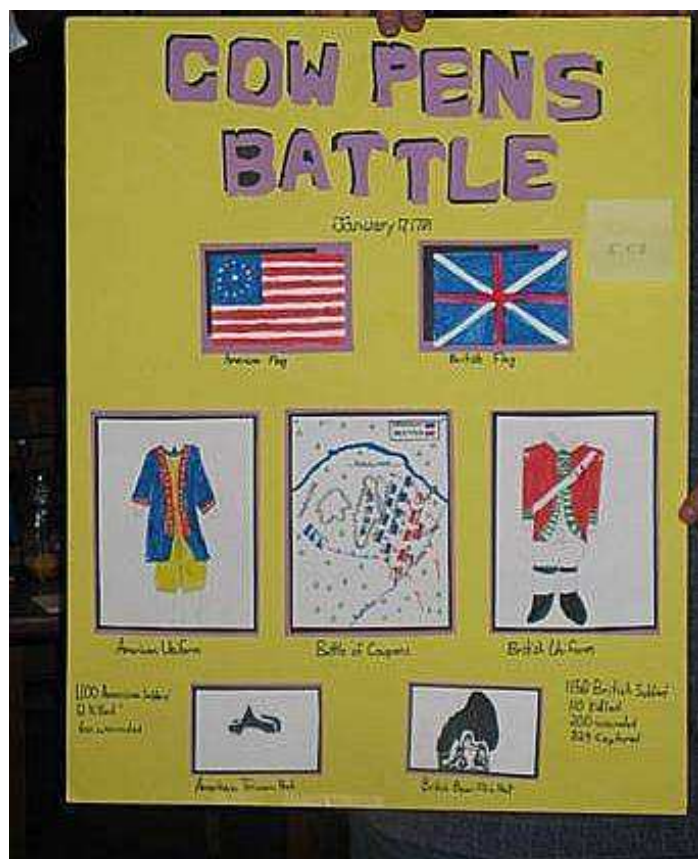
Photos of the March Mother Lode Chapter Meeting



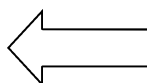
Secretary Tom Douglas presents President Jim Young with two supplemental Patriot Ancestor Certificates.



Compatriot Wayne Griswold and DAR member and guest Marilyn Chilton and others vote on the posters during the March meeting .



Best Poster in the Mother Lode Chapter by Arraya Scarlett voted on by the attendees of the March chapter meeting



President Young holds two flags donated to the chapter by Mother Lode Member Wayne Griswold

Mother Lode Chapter, CASSAR
Minutes for the Meeting of March 22, 2011

The Meeting was called to order by President Jim Young at 6:30 PM

After asking for prayers for Roy Tougaw, Ken Gibson and Jack Kloeckner, the invocation was given by Gene Myers. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Compatriot Bob Conover and the SAR Pledge was led by Compatriot Tom Adams. There were 10 members and 5 guests in attendance

President Young acknowledged the visitors for the evening, Marilyn Chilton, DAR, Marcia Conover, Mary Lou Bell , Joy Krahn, LAUX and Tom Chilton CASSAR Registrar.

The minutes of the January minutes approved as presented on line and the February minutes were approved as printed in the Dispatch.

Reports: Secretary Tom Douglas, NR

Treasurer Roy Tougaw, absent due to illness; Secretary Douglas reported the checking and savings account balances had not changed during the month.

Registrar (acting) Jim Young, working on applications for Bradley, Keefaver and Leach.

Historian Mel Roush, NR

Dispatch Editor Tom Douglas welcomes articles from members, especially about their ancestors.

Youth Activities Tom Adams gave a short report on the ongoing youth programs including the Brochure and Poster contests, Eagle Scout and Knight Essay Competitions.

Law Enforcement Committee Chair John Krahn and his faithful helper Joy of the

LAUX reported on the success of the first annual Law Enforcement Awards Program. It is hoped we can expand next year to include other first responders.

CASSAR President Wayne Griswold gave a report on the Spring Leadership Meeting in Louisville. Compatriot Tom Chilton described two flags he brought from the Sacramento Chapters collection.

Dinner was served.....

The remainder of the evening was used to judge the posters for the Americanism Poster Contest. The results were as follows; School winners Arraya Scarlett, Jackson Elementary, Maddalin Facino and Cooper Hunt tied Holy Trinity and Damian Barett Schnell School Elementary. The overall winner was Arraya Scarlett. Awards will be given at the schools the first week in May and the May meeting will honor the youth that participated.

After the Benediction by Gene Myers, the SAR Recessional led by Brian Sonner and the singing of God Bless America the meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted, Tom Douglas, Secretary



Mother Lode Chapter's 2011 Calendar of Events

January 25- Regular Meeting/Brochure Voting

February 4- First Poster Contest Presentation

February 22-Regular Meeting/Washington's Birthday
Law Enforcement awards presentations

March 22- Regular Meeting/ Poster Voting

April 7-9 CASSAR Spring Membership Meeting, Irving, CA

April 26- Regular Meeting

May 24- Regular Meeting/ Youth Awards Program

June 28- Regular Meeting

July- No Meeting

August- No Meeting

September 27- Regular Meeting

October 25- Regular Meeting

November-Date TBD

December—Wreaths Across America

December 27- Regular Meeting

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