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# Mother Lode Dispatch



Calling All Compatriots



## November 2010 Program

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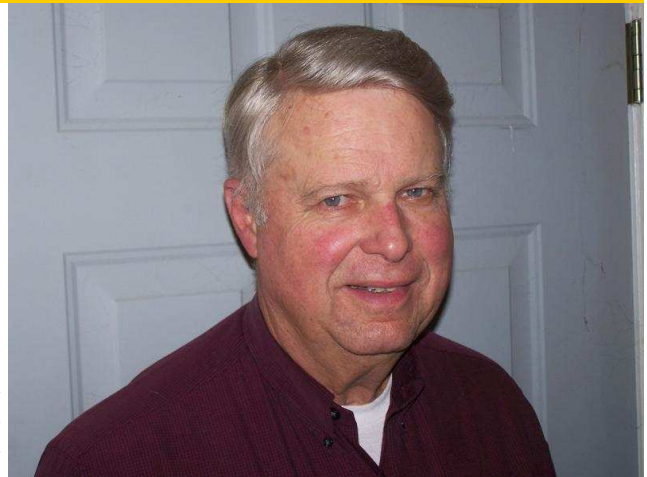
### Kenneth J Allen

1 Was born in Oakland California, 1941, graduated from Castlemont H.S. in 1959. Kenneth earned a B.A. in Industrial Arts/Geology in 1971. He continued his education and in 1972 earned his General Secondary Teaching Credential, and in 1975 a Vocational Automotive Teaching Credential.

2 Prior to his pursuing his college degrees he joined the USAF in 1961 and trained B-52 and KC-135 pilots at the Link Trainers/Simulators Instrument Ground School. Kenneth was Honorable Discharged October 1, 1965.

3 For 32 years he taught Vocational Automotive general repair, in the Central Sierra Regional Occupation Program. Kenneth also taught 14 years of Freshman Physical/Earth Science at Ponderosa H.S., 3 years as an automotive instructor at El Dorado H.S., 2 years of similar instruction at Union Mine H.S. Kenneth retired in 2004.

4 Kenneth enjoys a number of activities in his retirement. He joined "Friends of the Nevada RR Museum" and has worked as a crew member on the steam trains since 2004. He is a charter member of the Clarksville Area Historical Society, a member of the Lincoln Highway Association, the Trails West Inc. and the Johnson's cut-off research group giving small group tours within the Hwy 50 and Hwy 88 corridors.



The chapter meeting for November will be held at Denny's, Tuesday November 23, 2010 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

**President**

Jim Young

**1st Vice President**

Vacant

**2nd Vice President**

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**Secretary**

Tom Douglas

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**Dispatch Editor**

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**Eagle Scout Program**

Tom Douglas

**ROTC Program**

Vacant

**Knight Essay Contest**

Tom Douglas

**Valley Forge Program**

Vacant

**Law Enforcement Program**

John Krahn

**Flag Certificate Program**

Vacant

Here we are again, it's November. The Mother Lode Chapter will hold its annual November election meeting at which time we nominate candidates for the 2011 calendar year. This is the perfect opportunity to introduce new ideas and nominees for leadership offices of our chapter. For those of you that have never been in a leadership role for a heredity society chapter such as ours, please take time and consider how rewarding this opportunity can be. We have no fewer than five former SAR Chapter President's to seek advice and direction. In addition to the President's job, there is first and second Vice President. So please give some thought for Tuesday evening and who you would like to nominate. Also, there are still programs that are in need of a lead chair position. Please consider offering your area of interest. Thank you and I look forward to our meeting.



In Patriotic Service,  
Jim Young, President

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## The American Revolution – Month By Month - November 1780

by Andrew J. Stough III, Edited by Harold Rogers

November was a month mainly of reflection as to where each partisan group belonged. Tories, who after Charleston, had so rapidly rushed to embrace the cause of King George and trained as British Regulars and then imposed the British Will upon the southern states, were taking a second look at the situation. King's Mountain had changed everything. It was now obvious that British Regulars and Tories, equally well trained, were no longer supreme in Georgia and the Carolinas. There would be few pitched battles, but American guerilla hit and run tactics would be like a pack of jackals, constantly ripping the backside of the British Lion.

The trial and conviction of some 40 Tory prisoners from King's Mountain, and the hanging of ten of their number, warned Tories that their unbridled and inhumane treatment of prisoners and innocent civilians would no longer be tolerated. General Sir Henry Clinton had threatened that if Andre was hanged, then American prisoners would also pay the price by hanging. Washington's steadfastness and his warning to Clinton that many Britons who were prisoners of war would suffer an identical fate as any Americans who were hanged or ill treated by the British was a promise, not a threat. In light of the certainty that Loyalist prisoners of war would be treated in kind for any mistreatment of Americans, Clinton failed to make the promised reprisals for Andre's hanging. From King's Mountain onward it would be a new kind of war - one in which the Lion would suffer more than the Jackal.

Tarleton sent to reinforce Ferguson, failed to arrive in time for the battle at King's Mountain. Returning to Cornwallis' camp at Charlotte, he gave the news of Ferguson's defeat and a rumor that 3,000 Americans from King's Mountain were now en-route toward Ninety-six and Camden. Cornwallis delayed his grand design to capture and control the South to go to the support of his western bases. His march south was fraught with exposure from constant rain, flooded marshes, mired roads, hunger, and disease. Cornwallis, himself, was stricken with a fever and transported in a wagon during the march. Not only was nature turning on them, but bodies of militia, emboldened by the recent success at King's Mountain and now the retreat of Cornwallis, were constantly harassing his rearguard, frequently making off with a supply wagon or two further reducing much needed British equipment and rations. Reaching Winnsboro, South Carolina, Cornwallis went into camp for most of the remaining days of October and into November. The Americans remained at Hillsboro, North Carolina, attempting to reconstitute what had been an army before Camden.

After Gates defeat at Camden, he still had Congress' trust and confidence in his ability. But he did not have the support of the people, or the trust of the army as a leader. Washington was given the task of appointing a new commander for what remained of the Southern Army. On November 14, Washington appointed Nathaniel Greene to relieve Gates. Greene was a veteran general who, along with Washington, had learned the art of war by practicing it from the Siege of Boston. Newly assigned to command at West Point, Greene had looked forward to a period in which he could be reunited with his wife, Kitty. Unfortunately, Kitty arrived at West Point to find that her husband had departed for his new assignment several hours before her arrival.

Greene, upon his departure from West Point, made stops at numerous places to ask dignitaries to assist in the reconstitution of the army by supplying men, weapons, uniforms, and food for the troops at Hillsboro, and above all, for a continuing supply of necessities for his army. He was not particularly successful. Most states considered themselves as affiliated with the Continental Congress, but not as subservient to the Continental Congress. Instead, they saw themselves as sovereign entities with their own military, naval forces, and privateers, any and all to be used as they saw fit. And, of course, there was the continuing lack of hard cash. Both the Continental Congress and the States had resorted to printing their own money – all of which by now was either worthless or almost so. Under these conditions, it is remarkable that Greene could build and rebuild an army that appeared always to lose, but could recoup time after time, gaining new troops who came back to fight courageously another day. On November 27, Greene was at Hillsboro preparing for the change of command of the Southern Army. The actual change of command would not occur until December 2.

## The American Revolution – Month By Month - November 1780 (Continued from page 3)

While the two armies lay encamped, Morgan, Marion, and Sumter were busy with plans of their own. Morgan had raised a new crop of riflemen, and set off to capture Rugeley's mills in South Carolina. There they found a log barn well fortified and manned by Tories. Determining that the fort was impregnable to sharpshooters or assault by cavalry or men, he resorted to guile. Nothing but cannon could reduce the fort. Having no cannon, Morgan determined to build one fashioned from a log of correct proportions and supported on a set of wheels. When completed, it was rolled into position and an ultimatum issued to the fort, "Surrender, or be blown asunder by cannon fire!" The commander and garrison surrendered. With the aid of the "Quaker Cannon", as it was dubbed, Morgan led the entire command, a colonel, a major, and 107 privates back to his camp at New Providence.

Marion, with his Irregulars, was raising recruits in the area between Charleston and Camden. Cornwallis, who saw this as an attempt to cut his supply line, sent Tarleton to suppress Marion. Marion, rather than fight a superior force, simply disappeared into the swamps of South Carolina. Sumter, also active in the area, was subjected to a cavalry attack by other troops sent out by Cornwallis. On 9 November, the British commander, Major Wemyss, thought that he could surprise Sumter in his camp at Fish Dam Ford. Sumter was not surprised, and the hunter became the hunted. Major Wemyss was captured along with 25 of his men. The remainder retreated, leaving the field to Sumter, who now appeared to be moving toward Ninety-six.

Cornwallis recalled Tarleton, and sent him after Sumter, who, aware of Tarleton's orders, had secured a site for an assault. Tarleton, outrunning his foot soldiers, attacked with 250 cavalry. Sumter, with no intention of facing the British and Tories in the European manner, had set up his force of 420 men to fight from cover at Blackstock's plantation. When Tarleton appeared, he saw that he was outnumbered and decided to wait for his foot soldiers to arrive. Sumter, unwilling to fight the consolidated force, sent 100 men to prevent the British foot from joining with Tarleton. Forced into action, Tarleton led several charges up hill against fortified buildings. Unable to breach the fortifications, he was forced to withdraw. Sumter lost 3 killed and 4 wounded. Tarleton admitted the killing or wounding of 51 of his 250 man force. Sumter, fearing an attack by Tarleton's recombined force, withdrew to a safe area across the Tiger River. Tarleton claimed victory since Sumter abandoned the field of battle. This was a foreboding of what was to come. The British would claim victory, but they would pay a high price in men and materiel.

Either on 20 November (Encarta 2000) or 20 December (Schlessinger), Britain declared war on the United Netherlands to prevent them from joining the League of Armed Neutrality. The League had been created by Russia on March 10, 1780, for the purpose of refusing Britain the right to stop, search and, in some cases, seize the League's ships on the high seas. This did nothing directly for the United States in the land war with Britain, but it kept the Royal Navy and some soldiers occupied and unavailable in America. The war with the Netherlands was short, ending with the loss of some Netherlands possessions in the East Indies, and a general loss of power.

December will see continuing activity by Morgan, Sevier and other irregulars.

References: Schlessinger's "Almanac of American History"; Wards "The War of the Revolution"; Lancaster's "The American Revolution"; Encarta 2000.

## The American Flag A True Symbol of Freedom

A favorite story of Senator John McCain comes from his five years as a prisoner of war in Vietnam. A cellmate at the Hanoi Hilton was a fellow named Mike Christian. “Mike came from a small town in Alabama, and didn’t wear shoes until he was 13”, tells Senator McCain. “At 17, he joined the Navy, and later earned a commission. He was shot down and captured by the Vietnamese in 1967.”



President Jim Young (right) accepts the American Flag from Chapter Secretary Tom Douglas. The flag is a gift to the Mother Lode Chapter from Compatriot Douglas and his wife Joyce.

“The uniforms we wore consisted of a blue shirt, trousers that looked like pajamas, and rubber sandals made from automobile tires. In a change of treatment, the Vietnamese allowed some prisoners to receive packages from home. In some of the packages were handkerchiefs, scarves, and other items of clothing.”

“Mike got himself a piece red cloth and fashioned himself a needle out of bamboo. In two months, he had made an American flag, sewn on the inside of his shirt. Each evening, the prisoners would hang Mike’s shirt on the wall and recite the Pledge of Allegiance.”

One day, the Vietnamese searched our cells and discovered Mike’s shirt with the flag sewn inside. Later, they came and took Mike Christian just outside the door, where we could hear them beat him severely for two hours.

“Then they opened the cell door and threw him back inside. He was not in good shape. After things quieted, I went to lie down for sleep and happened to look in the corner of the room.”

There beneath a dim light, with a piece of white cloth, a piece of red cloth, another blue shirt and his bamboo needle was my friend, Mike Christian. His eyes were almost shut from the beating, but he was already starting another American Flag.”

## **A Brief Synopsis of the 2010 CASSAR Fall Board of Manager's Meeting**

**By Tom Chilton (Sacramento Chapter Member and CASSAR Registrar)**

The 135<sup>th</sup> Fall Manager's Meeting (BOM) was held November 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> at the Embassy Suites Hotel in Santa Clara. Those in attendance representing the Sacramento Chapter included Don and Mary Ann Littlefield, Jim and Karen Faulkinbury, Tom and Marilyn Chilton, and Jeff and Mary Ann Goodwin. CASSAR President Wayne Griswold opened the business meeting shortly after 9:00 AM on Friday, after it was established that a quorum was present. After introducing the distinguished guests (NSSAR Officers) and Past CASSAR Presidents, the elected CASSAR Officers gave brief oral reports of their activities. That was followed by reports from the National Officers present: Larry Magerkurth – Secretary-General, Joe Dooley - Genealogist-General, Lindsey Brock – Registrar-General, Chuck Lampman – Historian-General, and Steve Renouf - Vice President-General.

After the General Officers' reports, Committee and Program Administrators reports were given. Jim Faulkinbury is Records Committee Chairman, and Don Littlefield is Chairman of the Wreaths Across America Program. Both gave brief reports on their activities as committee chairmen.

The Chapter Presidents in attendance then gave oral reports of their chapter activities. Don gave a very impressive report of all the things that the Sacramento Chapter had done over the last six months.

Under Unfinished Business, the minutes of the April 2010 Spring Meeting of the Membership were approved as amended. Chancellor Jeff Goodwin then gave a briefing on "Whistleblower" and "Conflict of Interest" policies.

Under New Business, the BOM approved Steve Renouf as Investment Funds Trustee. (CASSAR President Wayne Griswold had appointed Steve on an interim basis earlier in the year.)

Many of us have experienced a downturn in the value of our assets and income as a result of the recent downturn in the economy. The funds held by the CASSAR have not escaped this downturn. These funds include the Life Membership Fund. To avoid any additional exposure to underfunding life memberships, the sale of CASSAR life memberships was suspended on August 29, 2010. Based on the current value of the fund and the current rate of return, the fund is underwater. After a lengthy discussion, a number of actions have been taken. The CASSAR recognizes its contractual obligations to CASSAR Life Members, and intends to fulfill them. However, all new Life Memberships will be sold based on one's age and on current actuarial tables. More information will be made available to this subject at a later date.

Chancellor Jeff Goodwin presented three minor bylaw changes for approval by the BOM. (Contact me if you are interested in knowing more about these changes.)

Executive Vice-President John Dodd presented the proposed budget for 2011. After some discussion, the budget was approved for the year 2011.

The candidates for National Office were then introduced. No one opposing Larry Magerkurth (President-General), Lindsey Brock (Registrar-General), or Chuck Lampman (Historian-General) attended the meeting, and a motion to endorse Magerkurth, Brock, and Lampman was passed unanimously. Joe Dooley and Timothy Bennett are both running for Treasurer-General, and Paul Hays and Larry Cornwell are both running for Genealogist-General. All four men were given three minutes each to present their arguments as why the CASSAR should endorse them. After their presentations, a secret ballot was held, and Joe Dooley was endorsed for Treasurer-General, and Larry Cornwell was endorsed for Genealogist-General.

The business meeting was closed at about 2:00 PM on Saturday.

Both the Friday and Saturday luncheons were held in the hotel. Friday was the Community Service Luncheon. At that time, Santa Clara Sheriff's Lieutenant Timothy Reid was presented with the SAR Heroism Medal for his bravery and heroism during the gas main fire in San Bruno on September 9, 2010. Lt. Reid, who lives just a few houses away from the fire, has been credited with helping to save many lives during this fiery inferno. Saturday was the Youth Awards Luncheon. Molly Schutzenberger, CSSCAR (CAR) President, was awarded the SAR CAR Medal of Appreciation. She spoke about her activities in the CAR. The Young American Patriots Fife & Drum Corps then treated us to a performance of Revolutionary War period music.

Saturday night's Banquet featured Craig McDonald as the speaker. Mr. McDonald is a historian and author, specializing in books on the Gold Rush era. After his presentation, President Griswold made a number of awards. Those from the Sacramento Chapter receiving awards were Jim Faulkinbury (NSSAR Silver Color Guard Medal) and Tom Chilton (NSSAR Liberty Medal - Oak Leaf Cluster). The meeting ended about 9:30 PM.

### Photos from the October 27th Mother Lode Chapter Meeting



Guest speaker Harold Kiser talked about his service in the US Army Air Corp and his time spent in China, Burma and India



President Young reads the Certificate of Appreciation before presenting it to guest Harold Kiser



President Young with Harold Kiser as he holds the patch worn by the Army Air Corps pilots to identify them to friendly people on the ground if they were shot down.



A close up of the patch with different languages and flags to identify the US Army Air Corps Pilots. This one was worn by Mr. Kiser while he was flying over China, Burma and India.



Have a very Happy Thanksgiving.

## More October Photos



Guest speaker Harold Kiser and wife Joyce



L to R Doug Keefauver guest and potential member, Marilyn Chilton DAR, and Tom Chilton Associate Member



On the left is Mother Lode treasure Roy Tougaw and on the right is Tom Adams CASSAR and Mother Lode Chapter Youth Activities Chairman



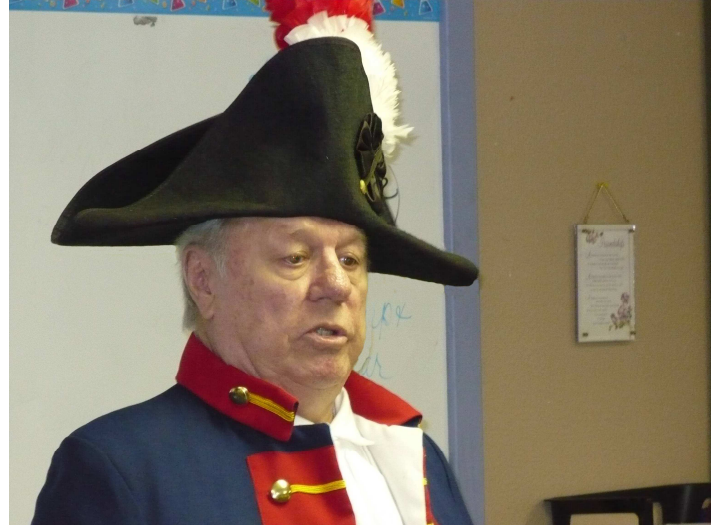
Member Bob Conover and his wife Marcia, faithful attendees to Mother Lode Meetings.



## Mother Lode Chapter

October 27<sup>th</sup>, 2010 Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order by President Jim Young at 11:30 AM. After the Invocation by Chaplain Gene Myers, the Pledge of Allegiance led by Roy Tougaw and the Pledge to the SAR led by Bob Conover the guests of the afternoon were introduced. Marilyn Chilton of the Sacramento DAR, Marcia Conover, wife of member Bob Conover, Joy Krahn (Ladies Aux) wife of member John Krahn, Doug Keefauver potential member, Tom Chilton, Sacramento Chapter Member Mother Lode Associate Member and CASSAR Registrar, and Wayne Griswold Gold Country Chapter Member, Mother Lode Associate Member and CASSAR President. The minutes of the June meeting were approved.



## Reports;

Treasurer Roy Tougaw reported there was a total of \$1302.00 in the checking account. That total included \$150.00 in the Eagle Scout program and \$75.00 in other youth programs.

Jim Young, acting registrar, was still working on applications for Purdy, and Leach. The newest application came from today's guest Doug Keefauver.

Tom Adams, Youth Activities mentioned that Tom Douglas was in the process of acquiring a period uniform to start a Mother Lode Chapter Color Guard. Bob Conover is also looking to get a uniform to fit his patriots unit. The 8<sup>th</sup> grade brochure contest is to start this year. There was discussion of the relationship between the SAR and the CAR. Tom Adams and Jim Young are active in the CAR and help to bring the two groups together.

Law Enforcement program Chair John Krahn presented two candidates for the Law Enforcement Medal. Ballots were passed out to vote on these two candidates. There was a motion to honor both entrants since they were from different organizations. It was seconded and passed. There will be a presentation in the near future for the awards.

Guest and Associate Member and CASSAR President Wayne Griswold gave an overview of the November Board of Managers meeting in Santa Clara.

Tom Chilton presented four period flags. The Culpepper flag, Bennington Flag, Philadelphia Lighthouse Flag and the Bucks of America Flag that the Freeman of Color Carried.

Harold Kiser gave his talk on his service with the US Army Air Corps, and flying over China, Burma and India. His talk was informative and held the attention of the chapter throughout his talk.

Chaplin Myers had to leave due to the time so Secretary Tom Douglas gave the Benediction. After the SAR Recessional the meeting was adjourned.

# Mother Lode Chapter's 2010 Calendar of Events

January 22 - Poster Contest presentation at Jackson and Holly Trinity Schools in El Dorado Hills and Cameron Park

January 26 - Regular meeting at Denny's

February 23 - Regular Meeting at Denny's

March 23 - Regular Meeting at Denny's

April 9 & 10 - CASSAR Annual Meeting  
Embassy Suites Hotel in Sacramento

April 27 - Regular Meeting at Denny's

May 25 - Regular Meeting at Denny's

June 23 - Special Lunch Meeting at Denny's

July - No meeting

August - No meeting

September 28 - Regular Meeting at Denny's

October 26 - Regular Meeting at Denny's

November 5 & 6 - CASSAR Fall Manager's Meeting  
Santa Clara, CA

November 23 - Regular Meeting at Denny's

December 11 - Wreaths Across America  
Sacramento Valley National Cemetery in Dixon

December 19- Eagle Scout Presentation

December 28 - Regular Meeting at Denny's

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