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THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

BY CHAPTER PRESIDENT
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Dear Gold Country Compatriots, Associates, and Friends,

I hope that everybody had a wonderful Christmas and New Year's holidays with your family and friends.

The Gold Country Chapter had the opportunity to participate in the Wreaths Across America Ceremony held on December 14th, 2013, at the Sacramento Valley National Cemetery in Dixon, California. Six of our members performed Color Guard Duties for the event. I would like to thank and recognize the following people: Keith Bigbee, Ron Barker, Gordon Clark, Bill Graber, Barry Hopkins, and myself. What an honor and privilege to participate in this ceremony.

We had the Gold Country Chapter Awards Ceremony and lunch after the Wreaths Across America Ceremony. Dave Gilliard was recognized with a Meritorious Service Plaque for his outstanding commitment to the Poster Contest. Congratulations Dave on doing the chapter's poster contest. Everybody had a wonderful lunch and a chance to come together and talk about the upcoming holidays.

The January meeting will be held on Saturday January 18th, 2014 at Lou La Bonte's Restaurant in Auburn, CA. I welcome you to bring a friend to the meeting to hear our special guest speaker, Richard Nowatski. He is going to speak about surviving the sinking of the U.S.S. Hornet CV-8 and his participation in the Doolittle Raid. He has published a book called Memoirs of a Navy Major. I can hardly wait to hear about his adventures in the Navy. This should be an exciting presentation.

The Gold Country Chapter submitted an Eagle Scout entry to Gary Jensen, state chairman for California Society Sons of the American Revolution. Congratulations to Eagle Scout Erik Domak for submitting his Eagle Scout Packet. He is out of Troop 394 located in Sacramento, CA.

There will be an Executive Board Meeting after the January General Meeting. I am currently working on an agenda. Please feel free to e-mail or call me with any ideas or suggestions for the Executive Board Meeting.

Yours in Patriotic Service,

President Dale Ross

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Calendar of Events

National
SAR.org

February 28 to March 1, 2014
Spring Leadership Meeting
Louisville, KY

July 18-24, 2014
124th Annual Congress
Greenville, SC

State
CaliforniaSAR.org

April 11-12, 2014
139th Annual Meeting of Membership
Embassy Suites
Sacramento, CA

Chapter

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January 18, 2014
Richard Nowatzki, guest speaker
Executive Board Meeting after

February 15, 2014
To be announced

**The next Gold Country Chapter meeting is
Saturday, January 18th at 9:00 am
at Lou La Bonte's Restaurant in Auburn**

The Gold Country Chapter's 2014 regular meetings will be held on the 3rd Saturday of each month. All regular meetings are held in the banquet room of Lou La Bonte's Restaurant, 13460 Lincoln Way, Auburn, (530) 885-9193, at 9:00AM. See you there!

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**The submission deadline for the February edition of
The Forty-Niner is January 31, 2014**



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Chapter News

Wreaths Across America



Dale Ross, Gordon Clark, Jim Faulkinbury, Barry Hopkins and Bill Graber





Dale Ross, Gordon Clark, Barry Hopkins and Bill Graber



Christmas Potluck



Dave Gilliard receiving his award at the Christmas meeting



The Gold Country Chapter Sons of the American Revolution

Minutes of the December 14, 2013 Annual Meeting in the Rose Room at the Auburn, CA Civic Center.

President Dale Ross presided over the meeting and called it to order at 12:40 PM. Secretary Greg Hill was taking minutes.

Opening: The meeting began after a period of socializing at the annual Christmas potluck. As Chaplain Barry Hopkins had already given the invocation, we began with Compatriot Keith Bigbee leading the SAR Pledge.

Attendance: There were 8 members and 9 guests in attendance.

Minutes: The minutes were approved as posted on the website without objection.

Old Business: Compatriot Ernie McPherson reported \$14 in flag sales.

A discussion was held on the issue of participating in the Polling Places for the 2014 elections. It was established that six people are needed for a polling place. No formal decisions were reached regarding planned participation at this time.

Poster Contest Chairman Dave Gilliard announced that Poster Presentations begin in January. Interested participants are encouraged to contact him.

Secretary Hill provided a Chapter Roster that contains contact information for all paid members for the 2014 year. The roster will not be available online for privacy reasons, but will be brought to later meetings for those who are unable to take a copy today.

Awards: President Ross presented Compatriot Greg Hill with a bronze oak leaf for his second award of the Meritorious Service Medal for his service as Chapter Webmaster and Secretary.

President Ross presented Compatriots Gilliard, Hill, Hopkins and Barker with a Certificate of Appreciation for their service as Chapter Officers. Certificates for others not present were held to give at a later date.

Compatriot Gordon Clark and his wife Jeanette Clark were also presented with Certificates of Appreciation for their service to the Chapter.

President Ross presented Compatriot Dave Gilliard with a customized eagle plaque commemorating his continued service to the chapter. Compatriot Gilliard served previously as Chapter President and currently serves as Treasurer. He is also the Chapter and State Poster Contest Chairman. A medal for Compatriot Gilliard was delayed and not able to be presented at this time.

Additional medals for those absent were held to be given at a later date.

Closing: Compatriot Bigbee led the SAR Recessional. The meeting was adjourned at 1:00 PM.

