Sacramento Chapter Meeting Minutes May 20, 2026

President Anderson Called the meeting to order at 6:30PM

President Anderson gave the Invocation

Steve Bowman led the Pledge of Allegiance and Josh Drazil led the Pledge to the SAR:

President Anderson provided opening remarks and introduced guests of honor Alena Panina and Cadet Collin Haughey. He introduced California SAR President Randy Dhindsa, Vice President North, Danny Shurtz, and California SAR Historian, Steve Belden and Past Chapter Presidents: Jim Faulkinbury (2005, 2006); Don Littlefield (2010, 2011, 2017, 2018); Russ Kaiser (2013, 2014, 2022); Jon Wroten (2024); DAR members present: Kimm Richwine, Regent of the Charlotte Parkhurst DAR, Starla Studer, First Vice Regent of Chief Solano DAR, Karen Faulkinbury, Gold Trail DAR, Lori Laramore, Charlotte Parkhurst DAR, and Staci Kendrick DAR Member at Large.

President Anderson and Jim Faulkinbury Inducted of new members: Joshua Drazil, Stephen Studer, William Pepoon, and Jeremiah Mergenthaler.

President Anderson presented a SAR Military Service Certificate and Medal to Patrick Harback. Patrick Harback, as the veterans recognition chairman, presented a SAR Military Service Certificate and Medal to Ken Wilson and a SAR War Service Certificate and Medal to Ronnie Oates.

Don Littlefield, California SAR President Randy Dehindsa and VP North Danny Shurtz presented the chapter and state SAR Americanism Poster Contest award to Alena Panina

Jon Wroten, Jim McGraw and CA SAR President Randy Dehindsa and VP North Danny Shurtz presented the SAR Enhanced JROTC chapter and state awards to Cadet Collin Haughey.

Jon Wroten gave the America 250 Minute: Passage of the Intolerable Acts and the Mecklenburg Declaration

Jim Faulkinbury presented Bronze America 250 Medals to Jim McGraw, Ryan Baum, Joshua Drazil, Mark Laramore, and Jeremiah Mergenthaler.

President Anderson and CA President Randy Dhindsa and VP Danny Shurtz presented SAR Silver Good Citizenship Awards to Lt. Col Kevin Houdek and Russ Kaiser.

A Meritorious Service Medal was presented to Gary Morgan for his work as chapter secretary in 2025.

President Anderson asked an American 250 trivia question: Who was Christopher Seider? No one was able to answer.

Ryan Baum reported out on a SAR Bench Project proposal to install a SAR Bench at the National Cemetery. Two options were submitted. One was priced at $4800 and the other was priced at $2300. A motion was made by Jon Wroten and seconded by Mark Laramore to opt for the $4800 design with the

provision that we solicit contributions from our members and other Northern California chapters to help pay for it. The motion was passed unanimously.

President Anderson made closing remarks:

- President Anderson gave an overview of the Heroism awards given to a paramedic and EMT at Sac Metro Fire station 105

- President Anderson gave an overview of Sacramento "School Guard" activities and recognized members, Carl Ahlberg, Kimm Richwine, Steve Belden, Mark Laramore, David Dance, David Hulbert, Tom Carpenter, and Craig Anderson.

- President Anderson gave an overview of coming events:
    - May 23rd Pre Memorial Day event at Sacramento's Historical Cemetery
    - June Color Guard event: "The Spirit of 1776 at North Ridge Country Club" June 4th 7AM.
    - Flag day picnic at Rusch Park, Citrus Heights on June 13th 10am to 2pm. Organized by the Gen John A Sutter DAR.

- Our next breakfast meeting will be on Saturday August 15th at Cattlemen's

President Anderson thanked Executive VP Ronnie Oates for arranging the meeting venue; Phil Noble for being our cashier and host. Our committee chairmen, Jon Wroten, Jim McGraw, and Don Littlefield for presenting our youth awards. Thank our guests for joining us: Randy Dhindsa, Danny Shurz, CA SAR, and Kimm Richwine, Regent of the Charlotte Parkhurst DAR

Jim Parsegian made a motion to adjourn the meeting

Jim Parsegian led the recessional:

President Anderson gave the Benediction:

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00PM