

March 21, 2026, Sacramento Chapter Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order by President Anderson at 9:45

President Anderson gave the invocation.

The Color Guard presented the colors; David Dance led the Pledge of Allegiance; and the Color Guard posted the colors. President Anderson introduced the color guard members to the membership.

Secretary Jim Faulkinbury announced that we had a quorum. President Anderson introduced chapter past presidents and guests.

Ernie Garcia, Ken Davis, and Dark Alvarado presented the historical flags.

Ken Davis, Ernie Garcia, David Dance, and Brian Alexander were presented with Bronze America 250 Medal by America 250 Chairman Jim Faulkinbury. President Anderson presented the Henry Knox medal to Brian Alexander for his service as Chapter Registrar. Color Guard Commander, Russ Kaiser, presented the SAR Youth Color Guard Medal to Dark Alvarado.

President Anderson nominated Compatriot Don Huffman for Chapter Secretary. The membership approved the candidate by unanimous vote. President Anderson administered the oath of office, then called up and introduced all members of the 2026 Sacramento Chapter Executive Board.

The Chapter 2026 meeting schedule and venue was discussed.

- Executive VP Ronnie Oates reported out on dinner meeting venues, and he recommended that we consider the Old Spaghetti Factory in Rancho Cordova. They had private meeting space and meal prices were reasonable.
- It was decided that we would continue our breakfast meetings on the third Saturday of every month except for June, July and December. It was further decided that we would schedule periodic dinner meetings for special events as needed. Our May meeting will be a Youth Awards dinner meeting, at the Old Spaghetti Factory, 12401 Folsom Blvd., Rancho Cordova, at 6PM on Wednesday May 20th.

America 250 Events were discussed:

- Memorial Day: More research will be conducted the various Memorial Day events.
- June Flag Day picnic: we would like to have this event in conjunction with the Carmichael Elks Lodge, but we need a chairman to coordinate this event. This event is paused until a chairman steps forward.
- Folsom Hometown Parade: The Chapter has been registered for this event, and those who are able are invited to attend.

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- Carmichael 4th of July Parade: We will register for this event; Color Guard Commander Russ Kaiser will chair this event. This will be a firing event so those who wish to participate and fire must successfully complete a NRA Black Powder training course. Color Guard Commander Russ Kaiser announced that there were spaces available in his May 16th training course, members should contact him if they are interested.
- Veterans Day Event: We will commit to participating in the Folsom Veterans Day Parade.
- December 14th Wreaths Across America Kick Off Event at the state capitol: We will participate in this event as organized by the Chief Solano Chapter DAR
- December 19th Wreaths Across America: Don will contact the Sacramento Valley National Cemetery to find out what plans they have for a ceremony.

President Anderson asked veterans present who are not registered in the SAR Veterans Corps to consider applying by providing their DD214 to the Veterans Recognition Committee.

President Anderson stressed that all members who work with youth or participate in SAR public events complete the SAR Youth Protection Training and forward a copy of their certificate of completion to him. This includes Executive Board Members, School Guard, and Color Guard members.

Don Littlefield was thanked for arranging the meeting venue, Phil Noble for being our cashier, and Ken Davis, Ernie Garcia, and Dark Alvarado for presenting the historical Flags.

Brian Alexander led the recessional, and President Anderson gave the benediction.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:20AM