

Sacramento Chapter Meeting Minutes

February 21, 2026

President, Craig Anderson, called the meeting to order at 9:45 am at the Cattleman's Steakhouse in Rancho Cordova. He read the SAR Mission Statement and a brief history of the SAR and the Sacramento Chapter, followed by the Invocation.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Dark Alvarado.

The SAR Pledge was led by Kenneth Davis.

Introductions of Past Presidents, DAR ladies, and ladies in the CA SAR Ladies Auxiliary were made.

A quorum was called and the Secretary, Jim Faulkinbury reported that we had a quorum.

The Treasurer's Report was presented by Don Littlefield who also gave a report of the status of the Bill we were trying to get through the State Legislature to place a bench in Capitol Park. The bill is now stalled since it included the DAR and the DAR has decided not to participate.

The Registrar's report was presented by Jim Faulkinbury.

Jim Faulkinbury presented and gave the history of George Washington's Commander-in-Chief flag.

President Anderson gave the America 250 minute: the contributions of John Glover to the American Revolution.

New Members: Robert Leidigh, Ryan Baum, and Donald Huffman were inducted.

Color Guard Commander, Russ Kaiser discussed:

1. The importance of the Color Guard
2. Upcoming events requested including a request from the DAR for a Color Guard at their "Spirit of 1776" event at the North Ridge Country Club on June 4th ,
3. The NRA Black Powder Training needed by any CG members firing muskets. This training will be held on May 16th and 17th and seating is limited so register early. The cost is \$175 per person.
4. The need for all CG member to hold a Youth Protection Training certificate.
5. The costs to procure a reasonably priced CG uniform and using EBay and some of the resources the chapter already has available.

That was followed by CG member Jim Faulkinbury, talking about the NSSAR and CASSAR Medals that members are eligible for, but due to the lack of any reporting to the CASSAR or NSSAR, none have been awarded in the past few years. One medal that at least 7 members already have qualified for is the CASSAR Bronz Von Stueben Medal, so Jim made a motion for the Chapter to purchase 10 of these medals for future presentation at \$38 each (\$380). The motion was seconded and carried.

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The School Guard Coordinator, Carl Ahlberg, discussed the Guard's program in 5th grade assemblies and how he would like to form three different teams to do a few assemblies per team so we can get back to support 12-15 schools each year with a individual volunteer commitment of less than 15 hours per year during the months of April, May, and June. This program is one of the Chapter's most important programs, educating our youth on the history of the American Revolution.

Following these reports, we opened up a discussion of the possible events that we could participate in during the rest of the year to celebrate our 250th Anniversary. Potential America 250 Events that were discussed were:

- Setting up a table at CSU Sacramento for an upcoming forum on the Revolution to be held on March 18-20. Kenneth Wilson is taking the lead on this. He is developing a brochure for this event.
- Sacramento Yacht Club Boat Parade (May 3rd) This is being developed by Russ Kaiser
- Mahon Ranch Civil War Days (May 7th) This is being explored by Russ Kaiser
- Memorial Day at the Sacramento Historical Cemetery. This is being developed by Jim Faulkinbury
- Flag Day Event (Picnic) at the Carmichael Elks Lodge. Jim Warrick is the liaison between the Elks Lodge and SAR on this event
 - One possibility was a DAR request to partner with the DAR at the Citrus Heights Veterans Center Flag Day event they will be having.
- Folsom Hometown Parade: We will need a lead for this event.
- 4th of July Carmichael Parade: Russ Kaiser will be filing the entry forms for this parade,
- Veterans Day Event TBD. We need a committee to explore activates for this event.
- Wreaths Across America Kick off at the state capitol Monday December 14th
- Wreaths Across America Event December 19th

Our goal should be finalizing our events for 2026 at the March meeting.

President Anderson called on everyone present to provide feedback on the Saturday meeting at Cattlemens: Many of the members present were in favor of the Saturday breakfast meetings; however, there was input from many that a mix of Saturday breakfast meetings and evening dinner meetings would be desirable.

Notice was given that the SAR Youth Protection Training available through the SAR University is required of all chapter officers, members of the Color Guard, and any member who is involved in any of our Youth programs. President Anderson thanked the members who have completed this training. Completed certificates should be forwarded to Craig Anderson (craigandersonsar@gmail.com)

President Anderson invited members present to consider attending the state meeting in Visalia in April of 2026. It's a great opportunity to meet others from different chapters throughout California. Jim Faulkinbury also told members that they are welcome to attend the National leadership meetings in Louisville, KY and the National Congress in N. Carolina in July. Details are on the respective websites.

President Anderson again challenged all members to present at least one flag certificate in 2026. Presenting members should provide him with the recipient's name, and he will provide the certificate.

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President Anderson thanked the attendees for their energy and ideas during the meeting; Don Littlefield for arranging the meeting venue; and Phil Noble for being our cashier.

A motion to adjourn was made. The SAR Recessional was led by Don Huffman followed by President Anderson who gave the Benediction. The meeting was adjourned at 11:51 AM.