



***June-July 2017* SONS OF THE
AMERICAN REVOLUTION (SAR) Eagle
Chapter Newsletter**



YOUR HISTORY AND EAGLE CHAPTER
from Memorial Day to the 4th of July
(Declaration of Independence)



**A Newsletter for the Eagle SAR Chapter of the CA. State
Society of the Sons of the American Revolution**

The Eagle Chapter meet the 1st Saturday of the month, every Saturday Morning, between 9:00 AM and 11:00 AM at the Pala Mesa Resort on 2001 Old Highway 395 (just off I-15 Scenic Corridor) --in Fallbrook, California. Our next meeting June will be in the Sunroom Room and later from August on to December will continue to be in its Fireside room,

Our next meeting of the Eagle Chapter will be **June 3rd**, this Saturday at the Pala Mesa Resort, Fallbrook, CA, at 9:00 a.m, with Wayne Rogers as our speaker , on *Tracing Huguenots, Where America Begins and Democracy Starts*. Also present at the June meeting will be CASSAR President Jim Fosdyck

Again, it is a breakfast meeting and it is important for you to make your reservation at once as we must give a headcount to the Resort on Monday prior to the meeting. The cost is \$21.00 and you should give your check or cash for this amount to Robert Martin, our Treasurer, at the door on the day of the meeting.

Wayne Rogers dd not present the last program, tentatively David Ott will make a presentation on FireArms at the next meeting in August

Call Wayne Rogers if you are interested in presenting , joining, talking or more, the Eagle Chapter of the SAR at 951-795-8704 or email roger-wayne1@hotmail.com or providing a Bio

WHO ARE OUR CHAPTER OFFICERS and WORKERS FOR 2017?



Isaiah 40:31

But they that wait upon the
LORD shall renew their strength;
they shall mount up with wings
as eagles; they shall run, and not
be weary; and they shall walk,
and not faint.

Everything must be what its own qualities determine; so please determine your what your qualities are

EAGLE SAR CHAPTER OFFICERS FOR 2017

President: Frank Kebelman

VP Programs: Wayne Rogers

VP Membership: Ed Morris

VP Americanism: David Ott

Secretary: Bill Bishop

Treasurer: Robert Martin

Registrar: Wayne Rogers

Chaplain Dave Sanders/Wayne Rogers

Other:

Boy Scouts/Jrotc: Frank Kebelman,

Newletter Co editors: Wayne Rogers and Ray Raser

New Prospective Member Bill Frederic, Ed Stutler . Wes Scarorough

Agenda for June Meeting



Eagle Chapter

California Society, Sons of the American Revolution

Saturday, 3rd June – Pala Mesa Resort, Fallbrook CA

- Call to Order & Welcome- Wayne Rogers
- Color Guard- Ernie McCaughlum, Ray Raser, Frank Keberman
- Invocation – wayne rogers
- Pledge of Allegiance
- **SAR Pledge:** *We descendants of the heroes of the American Revolution who, by their sacrifices, established the United States of America, reaffirm our faith in the principles of liberty and our Constitutional Republic, and solemnly pledge ourselves to defend them against every foe*

- “Breakfast is Served”
- Introductions & Patriot Ancestors
- Approve Minutes of the June 2017 meeting
- Recognitions- Ernie McCaugham, Ray Raser
- Officer Reports
- Old Business

1. Chapter Banner
2. Chapter Bylaws were voted on at Jun meeting
3. 4th of July Activities

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- New Business -

- Guest Speakers included Jim Fosdyck, Ray Raser and Color Guard Commander of SD Chapter. –**Decoration Day Address, 1868**



FANTASTIC: The new Eagle Banner, created by Bill and Faye Bishop; THANKS

CASSAR EAGLE CHAPTER

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING HELD ON

Saturday, 3 June 2017

The regular meeting of the CASSAR Eagle Chapter was held at the Pala Mesa Resort, Fallbrook, CA on 3 June 2017 with 23 attendees, including State President Jim Fosdyck and his wife, Un Hui.

The meeting was called to order by Vice President Wayne Rogers



with the Chapter President serving in the Color Guard. Those in uniform serving as the color guard were: Frank Kebelman, Ray Raser, Ernest McCullough and Skip Cox from the San Diego Chapter, and after the colors were posted, Wayne Rogers gave the invocation; the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag and the SAR Pledge were recited by the attendees.



The President introduced the CASSAR President Jim Fosdyck and his wife, Un Hui, then each member introduced himself and his guest. The meeting was recessed for breakfast.

When the meeting was reconvened, the President called for Officers Reports:

Treasurer Robert Martin reported the Bank had refunded the amount of the stolen check which they cashed, and in light of the theft thought it best we

open a new bank account, which had a beginning balance of \$2,423.73 plus deposits of \$687.00 less expenses of \$123.91, leaving an ending balance of \$2,985.82

Vice President – Programs Wayne Rogers stated since the July meeting would be participation in the Temecula July 4 parade, there wasn't a need for a program. At a future meeting a program would be given on firearms.

Registrar Wayne Rogers stated the Chapter gained a member last month with the transfer of Steve Wright, and he had sent two applications to National – one for Bill Frederick and one for Ed Studler. There are two new prospectives, Wes Scarbrough and Kent Smith.

Vice President – Membership Ed Morris reported that prospective member Ed Studler wanted to attend the meeting but had paid for some classes on Saturday until next month.

Secretary Bill Bishop reported Steve Wright's transfer had been sent on to the State Secretary, as instructed, which gave us 21 members.

President Frank Kebelman reported he had one Eagle Scout ceremony on Saturday and two more on Sunday.

Wayne Rogers reported he had presented the first JROTC medal on behalf of the Chapter at San Marcos. It was decided the Eagle Chapter would present future JROTC medals at San Marcos, Vista, Oceanside Camino Real after a motion was made, seconded and passed.

MEMORIAL DAY AT RIVERSIDE NATIONAL CEMETERY ACROSS FROM MARCH AIR BASE, WHERE WAYNE ROGERS' COUSIN, BUDDY ROGERS, TRAINED DURING WWII, BUT HIS BODY IS STILL MISSING FAR AWAY IN TARAWA (MIA)



Wayne and some of his grandchildren with the Color Guard.

Wayne also reported on his participation in Memorial Day at Riverside National Cemetery.

The minutes of the May meeting were approved as printed in the Chapter newsletter.

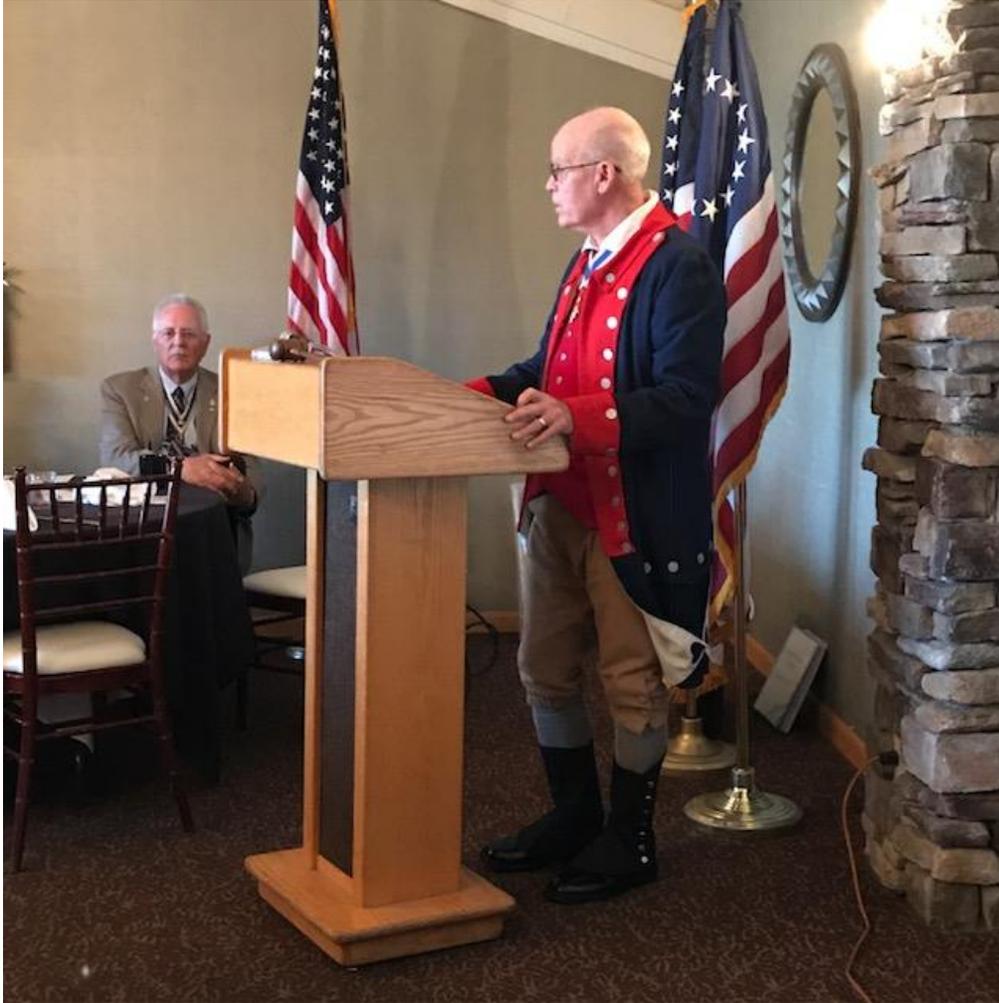
New Business:

The President stated the revised Chapter Bylaws had been forwarded to all members, explained the changes made and asked for approval. The motion was made, seconded and approved that the Chapter Bylaws as revised and reviewed passed unanimously.

President Frank Kebelman reported he would march in the Color Guard in Oceanside parade on July 1 and with the DAR entry in the Temecula Parade on July 4.

Ray Raser reported on the activities on the USS Midway on Flag Day, Saturday June 10, with color guard; everyone is invited to attend. (*Wayne wasn't able to attend because his wiewas in the hospital*)

It was also stated the Eagle Chapter Color Guard would march in the Murrieta Veterans Day Parade on November 11.



The President stated he would like to award the Good Citizenship medal to Chuck Atkinson. Jim Fosdyck explained the silver medal has to be on the State level but the bronze medal could be presented at chapter level. Motion was made, seconded and passed to present the medal to Chuck Atkinson.

President Kebelman invited the State President Jim Fosdyck to give remarks to the meeting.



He stated he had brought various medals with him, and presented prospective member Kent Smith and his wife, Martha, the 50th Anniversary Vietnam War medals.



He also presented Ray Raser a coin for his work as the Chairman of the Best Chapter Award Committee. He encouraged the Chapters in the State to have socials away from meetings, he stated the Orange County Fountain Valley chapter would host a picnic and all were welcome to attend but should RSVP, the State Fall meeting in Irvine at the Wyndham Hotel on November 3, 4 where there would be color guard events, Field of Honor, and Armed Forces weekend.





His wife, Un Hui presented Ernie McCullough with a Quilt of Valor for his service, She also said they would collect Toys for Tots on November 30 and if Eagle

Chapter is participating, bring an unwrapped gift costing a minimum of \$10 to the State meeting.



Skip Cox, of the San Diego Color Guard, spoke about the Resolution for the preservation of Princeton Battlefield-Maxwell Field. It was felt the Eagle Chapter should adopt its own resolution rather than that of San Diego Chapter. The

President would draft a resolution for the Eagle Chapter. Once the Resolution is adopted, the Eagle Chapter will consider making a donation.



Everyone gathered for a photograph with the framed Assembly Resolution and the new Eagle Chapter banner (minus Wayne Rogers taking the photo).

It was decided the program that Wayne Rogers would have given at this meeting would be moved to August meeting: If you were to ask the average American, who were Huguenots?, they wouldn't know

- Huguenots (descendants) include many Revolutionary Patriots AND Founders, such as : Alexander Hamilton, John Jay, Henry Laurens, Paul Revere, Frances Marion (the Swamp Fox), and George Washington's whose Great grandfather was a Huguenot, who owned part of Yorktown. It is said that 1/3 rd. of all revolutionary patriots were of Huguenot descentance. In my family, I have four: Samuel and Levi Jerome, Miles DeForest*

The SAR Recessional was recited by all, the benediction was given by Wayne Rogers, and the President adjourned the meeting..

SAR Recessional: *Until we meet again, let us remember our obligations to our forefathers who gave us our Constitution, the Bill of Rights, an independent Supreme Court and a nation of free men.*

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- Benediction

Adjournment – **God Bless America – *God bless America; land that I love. Stand beside her and guide her, through the night with the light from above. From the mountains to the prairies to the oceans white with foam. God bless America, my home sweet home. God bless America, my home sweet home.***

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The Eagle stands for greath strength ,long life, and survivability . With the Romans the Eagle was a symbol of power, and per Egyptian history the Eagle represented eternal Life. For Officers of the Revolutionary Service, it symbolizes within, they gave up all to serve the republic THE EAGLE NEWSLETTER IS PUBLISHED MONTHLY AND IS VERY INFORMATIVE, AS FOLLOWS:

The American Revolution (1775-83) is also recognized as the American Revolutionary War and the United States. War of Independence. The conflict arose from growing tensions between residents of Great Britain’s 13 North American colonies and the colonial government, which represented the British crown. Skirmishes between British troops and colonial militiamen in Lexington and

Concord in April 1775 kicked off the armed conflict, and by the following summer, the rebels were waging a full-scale war for their independence. France entered the American Revolution on the side of the colonists in 1778, turning what had essentially been a civil war into an international conflict. After French assistance helped the Continental Army force the British surrender at Yorktown, Virginia, in 1781, the Americans had effectively won their independence, though fighting would not formally end until 1783.

Honor your patriots, submit some supplements!

Each Month I look forward to an article or bio from our members to input into our newsletter. While many of us have submitted articles about our ancestors in the revolutionary war, it is suggested, for a refresher to the Eagle, newsletter, that we begin submitting an article or bio about our parents (our mothers and fathers), who started us.

Many of them went through World War II. Let's remember in writing and publishing them before it is too late. Honor your mother and father by submitting an article of bio about them to Wayne Rogers: roger-wayne1@hotmail.com ; or 28482 Scenic Bay Cove Menifee, California 92585; or call me 951-795-8704.

According to Emerson, the truest form of history is biography:

JOHN HANCOCK

by Wayne Rogers

John Hancock was a true and unique form; most often, remembered for his grandiose signature on the Declaration of Independence, but he also was a successful business man, who had a fleet of ships in the New York harbor. He was one of the richest men in New England. Some say, he wanted to be the Congressional Commander of the Army, which George Washington was given. He was a friend and patriot of Samuel Adams until their relationship became rocky over the years. Because of HIS Revolution Activities and Experiences, he became a *Statesman*.

He served as President of the 2nd continental congress (prior to George Washington) and was the 1st first and 3rd third Governor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, but most of all remembered for his signature on the Declaration of Independence.

He was a Bainiac. He graduated from Harvard at only 17 years of age. (Note we do not elect US President' based upon IQ but on their popularity. Hancock was one, the other was Alexander Hamilton) He witnessed history in the making, while in London on a business trip, he saw the coronation of King George III. One of his childhood friends was John Adams.

He had a heart of gold donating money to churches, schools, organizations and he was concerned about the impoverished and his community. Not sure, Washington, Adams, or Jefferson were so Philatrophic.

While he dressed well, he was a rabble-rouser. He protested the Stamp act and the Sugar Act and was part of the Sons of Liberty, attending meetings during the Boston Tea Party, with Samuel Adams. He famously said, *Let every man do what is right in his own eyes* to insight the colonist against the British.

He was in Boston on the night of Paul Revere's famous ride, and the British were coming to arrest him and John Adams. They (he and John) escaped from Lexington, MA *just in time* to go to Philadelphia, PA

British accused him of being a *smuggler*, but he got the charges lifted when his sloop *Liberity*, was seized by the British. He was among the wealthiest among the colonists.

He was a successful merchantile business man, before becoming a political activist and Statesman.

While some think he was mad at Washington for getting the Supreme Commander in Chief of the Army , he named his only son after George, *John George Washington Hancock*

He wrote his signature on the Declaration of Independence , so large so that King George could read it, and he recognized as the first and only delegate to sign it on the 4th of July, while the other delegates signed it later. He was its leader.

His legacy lives on: Of **The date of his burial in 1793**, his name became a state holiday, **and an insurance company is named after him . Six Navy ships are named after him **and numerous streets, cities, and counties carry his name. Additionally there is a John Hancock center in Chicago and a John Hancock tower, the tallest building in Boston.****

So while we remember George Washington, John Adams, and THomas Jefferson, let us not forget John Hancock. While he never became President as they did, he was a brainic(as my Japanesee roommate said, we never vote in a genius, only popular people), but based upon his total history, his contributions, experiences and life, he was right up there with George Washington, John Adams and Thomas Jefferson.

Unfortunately through out much of his life, he had health issues, which if he hadn't had, he may well have become another President, like Washington, Adams, or Jefferson, his peers, after his service as President in the 2nd Contiential Congress before the US Constitution President and George Washington. He died much earlier and younger than Washington, Adams, and Jefferson.

Prospective and New Members

Each month I look forward to genealogy and SAR applications for new members and supplemental for existing members.

We have two prospective members whose applications have been sent from CASSAR to NSSAR:

Bill Frederick (Mureitta) ,

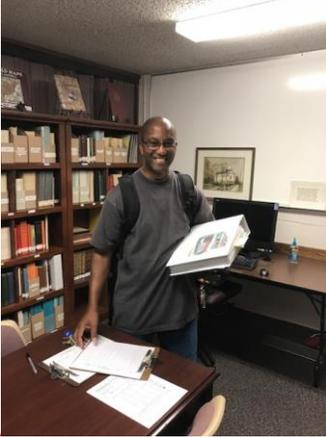
Ed Stutler (Menifee),

Currently we have A FEW INQUIRIES, two prospective members:

Kent Smith (Escondido) and

Wes Scarbrough (Murietta)

Another future prospective member may be Frank Jones of Menifee,



CA with his genealogy book.

We have two new members:

Bruce Plummer and

Transfer Steve Wright from the San Diego Chapter member

Remember genealogy is not fatal, but it is a grave disease.

Again Our next July meeting of the Eagle Chapter will be **Saturday, July 4th , at **the Temecula parade.****

Revised Eagle Chapter Calendar

The following list of events and activities is provided to assist Eagle Chapter compatriots & their family members in the planning of personal calendars for hereditary/patriotic events.

If you have an activity you would like added to this list, please email me the contact information at kebelman@gmail.com. Feel free to share this list with other hereditary societies and let them know they

are always welcome to participate in Eagle Chapter events or have their events listed here.

MONTH	DATE/DAY	TIME	ACTIVITY
May 12	Tuesday	5-7PM	Wayne Rogers present JROTC San Marcos HS
May 27	Saturday	10:30 AM	Memorial Day at Fall brook Oddfellows cemetery- Jerry Sayre.
May 30th	Tuesday	5 PM	Wayne Rogers-Memorial Day at RNC
June 3rd		9:00 AM	Wayne Rogers-presentation on Tracing Huguenots and Democracy
July 1	1st Saturday	10 AM	Ocean Side-Independent Parade
July 2nd	Sunday	2 PM	Celebrate America Concert at Presb. Church 2001 S, El Camino Real Blvd Oceanside Color guard and declaration of Independence
July 4	Tuesday	10 AM	Temcula Parade
August 5	1st Saturday	9 AM	David Ott-Firearms
September 2	1st Saturday	9 AM	
September 16	Saturday	8 AM	Discovery Faire, Menifee, CA
September 16	Saturday		Constiution Day
October 7	1st Saturday		
November 4	1st Saturday		
Nov 4-5			CASSAR at Harbor,

			CA
			Murietta Vet Prade
December 2	1st Saturday		
			Fallbrook Parade

New and Revised Web Site

Eagle Chapter member David Ott is making good progress with the new rebuilt Eagle Chapter website. If there is anything specific you would like him to include please communicate. **The website is SAR Eagle.org.** *Dear Wayne and David,*

*The website is looking good. Thanks for you hard work in making it so.
We need to add our February and March 2017 newsletters to the website.
Thanks. Warmest regards, Frank*

When doing some research on a Revolutionary War Patriot there is this branch of the Federal Archives Records in Perris, CA, virtually in our back yard.

The branch office has access to all the files housed in Washington DC and Maryland vis micro-film going back to what is available for the Revolutionary War and who served and if a land grant was issued or a pension.

The address is:

NARA

Federal Archives

Federal Service Records

23123 Cajalco Road

Perris, CA 92570-7298

(951) 956-2000

Open Monday to Friday 8-4

Thursday there is a genealogist available to help with research.

Not open on weekends or Federal Holidays.

This might be something the general membership would be interested in. So, I am printing this in the newsletter.

On Line Registration

WAYNE ROGERS

As chapter Registrar, I have been assigned Eagle Chapter Registrar permissions **on-line** to view, edit, save and print all started applications that designate the Eagle Chapter, SAR. After I login to the NSSAR Online System, on the left side of the computer screen, there is a "stacked paper" icon with the words "Chapter Dashboard" which I click. A new screen will display that shows five of the most recently saved Eagle Chapter applications and I can click the gray "View" button to the right of that list of applications to access any of those applications for viewing, editing and printing. Also, I can click on the "Applications" tab above the list of most currently saved Eagle Chapter applications and then click on "Regular," "Supplemental," "Junior" or "Memorial" lists of started Eagle applications, click the blue "Edit/View" button to the right of the application that you want to view, edit, save or print.

Sometimes when I change from "Regular" to "Supplemental" or from "Regular" to "Junior" there are no applications displayed and to refresh the list of applications I need to click the "Chapter Dashboard" icon again and then click "Applications" and then click the category of Eagle applications that I want to view.

Contact me if you need clarifications, on **how you too can get on line for new or supplemental applications.**

Wayne Rogers roger-wayne1@hotmail.com

Bruce Plummer accepted into SAR April 7th

Ed Stutle – application completed to CASSAR and forwarded to NSSAR

William Fredericks – his application complete sent to CASSAR

Several years ago Wayne Rogers reached West Granville, MA, where his Patriot Ancestor Aaron Coe, a descendant of his Puritan Founder Robert Coe, was supposed to be buried.

Looking up the road leading to the Cemetery, the first tombstone he found was the grave stone of Captain Aaron Coe's second wife., Widow Mary Coe. Wayne Rogers had descendants from Aaron Coe by his first wife (Pvt Ithamar Coe) and by his second wife

(Ensign Seymour Coe). The greatest find was the tombstone of Captain (Deacon) Aaron Coe.

The grave stone of Captain Aaron Coe had an SAR Grave Marker, and it also had an epitaph on his stone, which reads as follows (with some correction of old English to new):

*SACRED To the Memory of Decⁿ Aaron Coe who died October of the 20th 1794 in the 61st year of his Age. **Thou death hath sealed in the grave the religious Truth. Tis but an endure Vaulded Kind When the last trumpet shall rend The tomb shall Burst the Sleeping, doth arise.***

After Ticonderoga, Captain Aaron Coe returned to Granville MA and took care of the invalid that returned after the end of the war. He was well liked by his Militia and his townsmen. Per history, Captain(Deacon) Coe was buried 1794 with military honors, but there is no mention of his rank on his tombstone, or that he served in the Revolutionary War.

Still the hand of history weaves and I learned through genealogy and family history to come humbled by the lives that have pre-existed mine and that I am not really as great as I may have imagined that he is mere bone and flesh that has been born from their spirit, of their pre-existence beliefs of life beyond their mortality.

In reality I have “really no great patriot notables published in great history books, but merely a large number of very hard working patriots (30) who sacrificed, secured and survived so that he might exist eventually that their spirit might persist beyond their earthly time of existence. So men do not merely live by bread alone but something much more beyond our earthly beliefs. To look back to them, with the slight and almost unimportant things of , is to get a glimpse of them in their contingencies and endeavors.”

[Bio of Private Ithamar Coe son of Captain Aaron Coe, P-135671, #155490, CASSAR and Eagle Chapter \(previously in Riverside Chapter\).](#)

[Wayne Rogers](#)

Private Ithamar Coe was born September 19, 1755 in Durham, Conn. At 20 years of age he moved to Granville, MA, 1775.

In the Revolutionary War he served from Sept. 23, to Nov 16 1755 and July 9 to Aug 12 1777. In Capt. Cooley's Co. and Col John Mosely's regiment of Hampshire Co. militia, reinforcing the northern army in New York State as his father Captain Aaron Coe did. On July 10th 1780 he enlisted in the Continental army being described as Ithamar Coe of Granville, 24 years of age, stature of 5 feet and seven inches., complexion light and was discharged Dec 7th 1780.

In 1783 Ithamar Coe removed from Granville Mass. to Ballstown, MA, where he marries Sarah Ball, daughter of Major Lebbeus Ball, during which time George Washington was present according to Martha Washington's diary. Washington's mother's maiden name was Ball.

In 1786 he was commissioned Ensign in the Albany Co., located in Paris Oneida Co., NY where he was appointed justice of the peace 4 april 1799. From thence he removed in 1801 to Pompey, Onondaga Co., and finally to LeRoy, Genesee Co., NY where he and his wife Sarah Ball Coe both died August 26th, 1826.

I visited this patriot grave, that I never knew existed but only a few miles from the church I attended and grew up in as a youth. Then I didn't know I had any Revolutionary War ancestors, but thanks to the SAR and DAR I now know.



This is the tombstone of Pvt Ithamar Coe, who married Sarah Ball, daughter of Major Lebbeus Ball, and sister of Elizabeth Ball, the great great mother of

Winston Churchill. Again Ithamar Coe was the son of a Captain Aaron Coe who was buried with military honors in Western MA, Granville. Major Lebbeus Ball was also from Granville, MA.

Ithamar Coe had a younger brother Seymour Coe who was in the War of 1812. Bio of Private Ithamar Coe P-135671, #155490, CASSAR and Eagle Chapter (previously in Riverside Chapter).

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Seymour Coe:

Seymour Coe Sr. was born in **Granville, Hampden, Massachusetts, USA** on **21 Jul 1787** to Aaron Coe and Mary Seward and was half brother to Ithamar Coe. . Seymour married Phebe Jerome and had 7 children. He passed away on **22 Apr 1877** in Volney, **Oswego County, New York, USA**. **Seymour Coe was an Ensign in the War of 1812, as leader of Grenadiers. Later after the war he was promoted to Quarter master** . Seymour Coe, Sr. born in Massachusetts, lived later in Onondaga County, NY settled in Palermo in 1818, and removed to Oswego town in 1831 or 1832 on lot 12 Seymour Coe passed away, in his ninetieth (90th) year of his age. He is supposedly buried on the family farm.

His s grandson, **Jerome Hadden Coe**, was a **1st Lt in the Civil War, provost marshal of Petersburg, and Quartermaster**. After the war warrior Jerome Coe per his obit, became a doctor. He was commander of the **Grand Army of Republic in Syracuse New York**, as well as **President of the American Medical Association in Syracuse New York**



He communicated genealogy with Jenny Jerome, american mother of Winston Churchill.

Like Churchill he was a writer, painter historian and a warrior, but differently a medical Doctor, not a prime minster or politican per se. . His company never lost a battle. He sent into each battle, with a beautiful christian voice from one of his soldiers who sang in the midst of battle, and where they all knew where to converge. He had faith. As an artist he drew up miliitary plans and drawings for his company.

The Coes appear to have been warriors way back into England and Rome , under the **Black Prince of England**. The name Coe appears to come from jackdaw possible norweigian name meaning cook from Vikings and like the small sleek

blackc crow bird. Per my ancestry DNA I have over 20% Scandanvian, the rest of it Irish and predominantly Wester European. Years come and years go, and my gand uncle fought in Spanish American War and WWI and was a Lt Colenel of Ordiances, but My uncle whose middle name was Jerome, fought in World War I as an ambulance driver; his son with a middle name died in Tarawa in the Army Air Corps. And I did not die during the Vietnam Era, with the middle name Jerome. Just happy to be here, and am in the medical field just as my great grand father and grand uncle who studied microbiology at Syracuse University and I am a microbiologist (sterilization engineer, consultant and historian) and biologist (biocompatability of materials). .

Per Emerson, the best historical essay is biographical

Our 13th President of the Month: Millard Fillmore (January 7, 1800 – March 8, : 1874) became the **13th President of the United States** (1850–53): he was the last to be a member of the **Whig Party** while in the **White House**. As a former congressman from New York, Fillmore was elected the nation's 12th **Vice President** in 1848, and was elevated to the presidency **by the death of Zachary Taylor**. He was instrumental in getting the **Compromise of 1850** passed, a bargain that led to a brief truce in the battle over **slavery**. Filmore failed to win the Whig nomination for president in 1852; he gained the endorsement of the **nativist Know Nothing Party** four years later, and finished third in **that election**.



Fillmore was born into poverty in the [Finger Lakes](#) area of [New York state](#); his parents were tenant farmers during his formative years. **He rose from poverty** through study, and became a lawyer though he had little formal schooling. He became prominent in the [Buffalo](#) area as an attorney and politician, was elected to the [New York Assembly](#) in 1828, and to the [U.S. House of Representatives](#) in 1832. Initially, he belonged to the [Anti-Masonic Party](#), but became a Whig as the party formed in the mid-1830s; he was a rival for state party leadership with editor [Thurlow Weed](#) and Weed's protégé, [William H. Seward](#). Through his career, Fillmore decried slavery as an evil, but one beyond the powers of the federal government, whereas Seward was not only openly hostile to slavery, he argued that the federal government had a role to play in ending it. Fillmore was an unsuccessful candidate for [Speaker of the House](#) when the Whigs took control of the chamber in 1841, but was made [Ways and Means Committee](#) chairman. Defeated in bids for the Whig nomination for vice president in 1844, and for New York governor the same year, Fillmore was elected [Comptroller of New York](#) in 1847, the first to hold that post by direct election.

Fillmore received the Whig vice presidential nomination in 1848 as Taylor's running mate, and the two were elected. He was largely ignored by Taylor, including the dispensing of patronage in New York, on which Taylor consulted Weed and Seward. As vice president, Fillmore presided over angry debates in the Senate as Congress decided whether to allow slavery in the [Mexican Cession](#). Fillmore supported [Henry Clay's](#) Omnibus Bill (the basis of the 1850 Compromise) though Taylor did not. After President Taylor died in July 1850, Fillmore dismissed the cabinet and changed the administration's policy. The new president exerted pressure to gain the passage of the Compromise, which gave legislative victories to both North and South, and which was enacted by September. The [Fugitive Slave Act](#), expediting the return of escaped slaves to those who claimed ownership, was a controversial part of the Compromise, and Fillmore felt himself duty-bound to enforce it, though it damaged his popularity and also the Whig Party, which was torn North from South. In foreign policy, Fillmore supported [U.S. Navy expeditions to open trade in Japan](#), opposed [French](#) designs on Hawaii, and was embarrassed by [Narciso López's](#) filibuster expeditions to Cuba. He sought election to a full term in 1852, but was passed over by the Whigs in favor of [Winfield Scott](#).

as the Whig Party broke up after Fillmore's presidency, many of Fillmore's conservative wing joined the Know Nothings, forming the American Party. In his 1856 candidacy as that party's nominee, Fillmore had little to say about immigration, instead focusing on the preservation of the Union, and won only Maryland. In his retirement, Fillmore was active in many civic endeavors. He helped to found the [University of Buffalo](#), serving as its first chancellor. During the [American Civil War](#), Fillmore denounced secession and agreed that the Union must be maintained by force if necessary, but was critical of the war policies of [Abraham Lincoln](#). After peace was restored, he supported the [Reconstruction](#) policies of President [Andrew Johnson](#). Obscure today, Fillmore has been praised by some for his foreign policy, but he is criticized by others for his enforcement of the Fugitive Slave Act and for his association with the Know Nothings.

If you have any activities bios, events, or news to be inputted into the Rivulet, \for example, I am working on several patriots from the Mohawk Valley, Stone Arabia-Sergeant Jacob, Adolph Jacob, and Private Adolph a Walrath Jr. and as well Lieutenant Hendrick Ostrander. Roger-wayne1@hotmail.com

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Singing the *Battle Hymn of the Republic* for the Memorial Day 2017

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History is best remember through documentation and records; but according to Emerson, the truest form of 'history' is biography . So please write a bio of your ancestor and yourself

Eagle Chapter will participate in the following July Events

July 1	1st Saturday	10 AM	Ocean Side-Independent Parade
July 2nd	Sunday	2 PM	Celebrate America Concernt at Presb. Church 2001 S, El Camino Real Blvd Oceanside Color guard and declaration of Independence
July 4	Tuesday	10 AM	Temcula Parade

Our Next Chapter Meeting: Saturday July 4th will be at the Temecula Fourth of July Parade. Those in Uniform will march and we have a new Banner.

If you have ancestor to be submitted, color guard, JROTC, Boy Scout, ancestor's bio, or other event, or genealogical article you would like to be presented in the Eagle Newsletter let me know .

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