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## **The Redlands Guardian**

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The February 2014 Chapter meeting, held at the Univ. of Redlands Cafeteria was attended by ten members and four guests. SAR Essay Contest Chairman, Charles Kiel, introduced the winner of the Redlands Chapter Essay Contest, Ahmad Yehir, who is an eleventh grade student at Redlands High School. His essay will be forwarded to the State Essay Committee for judging. The winner of the State contest will be invited to attend the CASSAR Spring Conference where he/she will be recognized and presented the State award. Charlie Kiel, has been a stellar chairman the Chapter Essay Contest for a number of years. With the support of local teachers, there are many essay responses from students of schools in Redlands each year which Charlie Kiel and his committee read and select the best essay.



Ahmad Yehir reads his essay to Chapter members.

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## ChapterNews

**Attendance:** The number of members attending our monthly meetings has been slowly dropping this year. A Saturday meeting often competes with other priorities and events; however, our meetings begin early and usually end within two hours. Plan ahead and start your Saturday with a hearty breakfast, fellowship, and interesting programs. Your support is vital to the Chapter.

**Membership:** Recently inducted: **Ted Nelson Buchanan**, son of Compatriot Bill Buchanan, and **Nathan Jolley Price**, son of Compatriot Shawn Price. Bill Buchanan has been a member since 1995 and has served as Membership Chair. Shawn Price, a Charter Member in 1990, has served as President and is the Chapter genealogist. **Ted Buchanan** lives in Tujunga, CA with his wife, Karyn and daughter Clare. He works as a Field Supervisor in the Security Industry. **Nathan Price** is a 2013 graduate of Redlands High School and is attending the University of Arkansas in Fayetteville. He is currently preparing himself to serve a two year mission for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

**Treasurer's Report:** The Chapter fund totals \$3685.98. The John Ford Memorial Fund - \$2292.88.

**Color Guard:** The Redlands Guard took part in the Azusa Pacific University Annual History Day event on March 1. This is only event that the Guard is paid for their appearance - based on the number that participate; so maximum attendance by Guard members is needed. Roger Cooper, Riverside Chapter member, is the coordinator as well as the negotiator with the University for the participation of the Riverside and Redlands Color Guard units. His efforts bring needed money to the chapter's coffers and helps in obtaining equipment. Extra hands are always needed to assist with the setup of the encampments. Call Mel Harrell for information and directions.

**Boy Scouts:** Shawn Price reported Scouts, Garrett B. Lake - Troop 17, Yucaipa; and Jason Michael Kamath - Troop 220, Chino Hills; received the rank of Eagle Scout at the Court of Honor held on 19 April.

**Notable Quote:** "Don't interfere with anything in the Constitution. That must be maintained, for it is the only safeguard of our liberties." Abraham Lincoln. (To date, 27 Amendments have been ratified.)



The Redlands' SAR Color Guard marches in the Redlands' Christmas Parade

### Color Guard Activities

- Feb 16 - Massing of the Colors. Forrest Lawn
- May 17 - Armed Forces Day Parade
- May 26 - Memorial Day at Redlands Hillside Cemeta
- Jul 4 - Incampment at Redlands Sylvan Park
- Dec 6 - Redlands Christmas Parade (TBA)



The Mountain Fife and Drum Corps parade at the 2014 *massing of the Colors*, Forest Lawn Cemetery.

## Significant Dates & Events of the American Revolution

**March 1765** – Parliament passes the *Stamp Act* to offset the cost of the French and Indian War. The Act levies a tax on all printed materials. This is the first time in the 150 years of British Colonies in America that the Americans will pay a tax directly to England, rather than to their local legislatures. The act causes an uproar and the Colonies to unite in opposition to the Tax. The Parliament also passes the *Quartering Act*, which requires the colonists to house British troops and supply them with food. The colonies refuse to comply.

**March 1766** - King George III signs a bill repealing the *Stamp Act* after much debate in the English Parliament. Ben Franklin, who was in London on business, makes an appearance in the Parliament and argues for repeal of the *Stamp Act*, warning of the possibility of a revolution in the American colonies if the *Act* is enforced by the British military. On the same day the Parliament passes the *Declaratory Act* – which declares that the British Government can pass any laws governing the colonies in all cases.



**March 5, 1770** – The Boston Massacre occurs when British soldiers fire their muskets into a mob of protesters - killing three men instantly and mortally wounding two others. Future President and lawyer, John Adams defends the soldiers, partly to show that Americans were a law-abiding people.

**March 4 - 17, 1776** - American forces capture Dorchester Heights which overlooks Boston harbor. Captured British cannon, brought on sleds through winter snow from Fort Ticonderoga, are positioned on the Heights to enforce the siege against the British force occupying Boston. The British, realizing their position is indefensible, soon evacuate Boston and set sail for Halifax, Nova Scotia. George Washington, anticipating the British plan to invade New York City, quickly moves his Army to New York to set up defenses.

**February 6, 1778** - American and French representatives sign two treaties in Paris: a Treaty of Amity and Commerce, and a Treaty of Alliance. France now officially recognizes the United States and will become the major supplier of military supplies to Washington's army. Both countries pledge to fight until American independence is won.

Sources: The History Place.org; National Geographic Almanac of American History - James Miller and John Thompson Authors

## First Blood of the Revolution – The Boston Massacre

On the cold, snowy night of March 5, 1770, a mob of American colonists gathered at the Customs House in Boston and began taunting the British soldier guarding the building. The mob were protesting the occupation of their city by British troops who were sent to Boston in 1768 to enforce the taxation measures passed by the British parliament, with no American representation. British Captain Thomas Preston, the commanding officer at the Customs House, ordered his men to fix their bayonets and join the guard outside the building. The colonists responded by throwing snowballs and rocks at the British regulars. One soldier, Private Hugh Montgomery, was hit leading him to discharge his rifle at the crowd. The other soldiers began firing a moment later, and when the smoke cleared, five colonists lay dead or dying - Crispus Attucks, Patrick Carr, Samuel Gray, Samuel Maverick, and James Caldwell – with another three more injured.



ENGRAVING BY PAUL REVERE

The British soldiers were put on trial. Patriots **John Adams** and **Josiah Quincy** agreed to defend the soldiers to show that Americans were a law-abiding people. When the trial ended, two British soldiers were found guilty of manslaughter, and the remaining had their thumbs branded with an "M" for murder as punishment. The Sons of Liberty, a Patriot Group, advertised the "**Boston Massacre**" as a battle for American liberty and a just cause for the removal of British troops from Boston. Patriot **Paul Revere** made a provocative engraving of the incident, depicting the British soldiers lining up like an organized army to suppress an idealized representation of the colonist uprising. Copies of the engraving were distributed throughout the colonies and helped reinforce negative American sentiments about British rule. (Ref: The History Place.com; *Almanac of American History*, James Miller & John Thompson.)

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## Registrars Report

### New Members

Ted N. Buchanan  
Nathan Price

### Applicants

David Palmer  
Robert organ

## Notable Quote



"They that can give up essential liberty to purchase a little temporary safety, deserve neither liberty nor safety." -- Ben Franklin, 1759

## Looking Ahead

Feb 16 Massing of the Colors.  
Forrest Lawn

May 17 Armed Forces Day Parade

May 26 MemorialDay Redlands  
Hillside Cemetary

July 4 SAR at Sylvan Park

Dec 6 Christmas Parade



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