

ORANGE COUNTY CHAPTER
SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

General Meeting Minutes

March 9, 2013

The Meeting was opened by President Dan McKelvie at 11:30am. The Invocation was given by Chaplain Richard Adams. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Sergeant-at-Arms Danny Cox. The SAR Pledge was led by Larry Wood.

President McKelvie noted the return of Compatriot Jim Blauer whose heart stopped the day before our February meeting and was hospitalized for a week. He was roundly welcomed back by the members of the chapter.

The founder of the month was Robert Treat Paine who was born March 11, 1731. He signed the Declaration of independence and prosecuted Captain Preston and his men for the Boston Massacre (March 5, 1770). The Word for the day was Sovereignty.

We recessed at 11:35am for lunch.

We reconvened at 12:15pm.

President McKelvie introduced special guests Barbara and Don Winkler from Quilts of Valor, Our speaker Michael Burns, and our Wounded Warrior Larry McAndress.

Self-introductions were made. Those also in attendance were; Dan McKelvie, Dan Henry, Archie McKelvie, Dennis McKelvie, Roger Marsh, Jon Vreeland, Daniel & Darcey Addicks, Lindsay McAndress, Michelle Mc Andress, Tiffany Esmond, Arthur Koehler, Ed & Teresa Behnke, Richard Adams, Richard & Carole Watkins, Larry & Sharon Wood, John Dodd, Jim Blauer, Jim & Un Hui Yi Fosdyck, Dan Shippey, Hugh Richards, Jim Klingler, Jim Oakes, Danny & Tedi Cox, and Gerry Ellington. 18 SARs and 12 Guests.

It was moved by Dan Shippey and seconded by Jim Fosdyck that we accept the minutes by Dan McKelvie for the February meeting. The motion passed.

Treasurer Arthur Koehler reported we have \$2,958.09 in our checking account and we made \$135 in the raffle today.

Richard Adams with the assistance of Vice-President Dan Shippey and President McKelvie conducted a memorial service for members H. Jess Senecal, Richard R. Pettit and Larry Gentry who passed away in 2012.

Corresponding Secretary Jim Klingler reported we had begun with 94 members, we had four reinstatements and three transfers out for an increase of 1. We are at 95 Members.

Chancellor John Dodd spoke on the recent Trustees meeting in Louisville. He noted that the Premium Medal Committee is planning to make a miniature medal, cuff links and tie tack in the future. He noted that part of the price for the Premium Medal (\$250) is given to CAAH. He noted that those who do give \$250 to the CAAH will receive a California 250 Pin. He noted that at present the State is at 20% which is what National wants from every state. He spoke on the upcoming State Meeting in Ventura. He pointed out you do not have to be a delegate to attend and you do not have to stay for all the meetings. He noted the workshop that was held by our chapter at the family history Center in Orange on Feb. 23 and conducted by our Registrar Kent Gregory. There were several prospective members there who were helped with their research to prove their lines back to the American Revolution. There is a new group forming, The Order of Founders of North America. For those who have ancestors who came over between 1492 and 1692 can join once they fill out the application and are accepted. There is a trip to Spain planned for October.

Vice-President Dan Shippey had nothing to report.

Registrar Kent Gregory was absent.

Jim Fosdyck reported on the Massing and the Laguna Beach Patriot's Day Parade.

Jim Blauer reported he had gotten caught up on the Eagle Certificates. Over 200 from November through January.

Chaplain Richard Adams reported that we should keep Compatriots Jim Wallace, Jim Quinnelly and Walter Davis in our thoughts and prayers.

Sergeant-at-Arms Danny Cox had nothing to report.

Veteran's Chairman Dan Henry had nothing to report.

JROTC/ROTC Chairman Jim Fosdyck said there was nothing happening until May with these awards.

Flag Certificate Chairman Jon Vreeland reported there were no Flag Certificates issued in March.

The Brochure Contest is over for 2013.

Poster Chairman Hugh Richards reported there were only 6 posters entered in this year's contest. One was disqualified. He chose the three best and brought them for judging to determine the chapter winner for this year. The posters were shown to the members and a vote was taken. Poster #1 by Taryn Ogasawara took first place. Poster #3 by Anling Su Vera took 2nd place and Poster #2 by Anastasia Sod took 3rd Place. The other two participants were Nathan Choi and Kofi Addo. The Awards Ceremony will be on March 21st at Wittmann Elementary School.

Guest Speaker Michael Burns spoke to us on trying to teach American History in the schools today. Where English and Math are emphasized and history is left out. 1 week on the Constitution and 3 weeks on the Civil War. Political correctness has gone too far.

President McKelvie presented Michael Burns with our Certificate of Appreciation for being our speaker today.

Awards were handed out. Richard Adams was presented the Meritorious Service Award. Dan Henry and Jon Vreeland received the Certificate of Distinguished Service. Jon Vreeland received his supplemental on Abraham H. King.

Barbara Winkler went through some of the Wounded Warriors they have given Quilts to from Quilts of Valor in the last month. 11 were presented and told about how each was different.

Veteran's Affairs Chairman Dan Henry introduced Larry McAndress and read his bio with particular emphasis on his military time. He was presented with the Vietnam pin and the Wounded Warrior Coin and Certificate. He received a quilt from Barbara Winkler as he was thanked for his service. Larry in turned thanked us for recognizing his service.

Next month, due to the State Meeting being held on the weekend of the Second Saturday, we voted to move the chapter meeting to the 20th, the 3rd Saturday in April. This motion was moved by Larry Wood and seconded by John Dodd. The motion passed.

Vice-President Dan Shippey announced that in April our speaker will be Dr. Roland, a British Surgeon in the American Revolution. He will explain the tools, some of which are from the period or reproductions from the original.

The raffle was held and the winners included; Larry Wood, Daniel Atticks, Don Winkler, Richard Watkins, Richard Adams, Jim Blauer, Ed Benhke, Un Hui Yi Fosdyck, Dan McKelvie, Larry McAndress, Tedi Cox, Dennis McKelvie, and Jim Klingler. We raised \$135 in the raffle today.

Final announcements were made. The Meeting on April 20th, State Meeting in Ventura April; 12-13, Board Meeting to follow, Raffle for the QOV to raise money for materials. It was noted if you have old cloth scraps (fabric remnants) at home to bring them to give to Barbara for use by the Quilts of Valor.

The benediction was given by Chaplain Adams.

The Recessional was led by Jon Vreeland.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:40pm.

Respectfully Submitted
April 20, 2013

James F. Blauer
Recording Secretary