

ORANGE COUNTY CHAPTER
SONS OF THE
AMERICAN REVOLUTION
General Meeting
April 19, 2014

The meeting was opened by President Dan Shippey at 11:35am. The invocation was given by Chaplain Richard Adams. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Danny Cox. The SAR pledge was led by John Dodd. President Shippey noted the Founder of the month was Levi Preston of Danvers, Massachusetts. Word for the day is Freedom. He noted a display of the Lexington Green where the first shots were fired that began the American Revolution. He then read a passage from a book on Paul Revere's ride by Fisher.

We recessed at 11:50am for lunch.

We reconvened at 12:25pm.

President Shippey announced today's guests; Col Greg Raths his wife Luci and their friend Darla English and Rick Alvarez.

Lou Carlson moved that the minutes from the March meeting be accepted as transmitted by Recording Secretary Jim Blauer. The motion was seconded and passed.

Arthur Koehler reported that we took in \$152 in the raffle so far today. He reported that we have \$2,495.49 in the checking account.

John Dodd reported that the National Society is in the process of moving from the Fourth Street building to the new one on Main Street. They hope to be settled in by June. Until then things may be a bit slow to happen at National. He also mentioned the Congress in July will be in Greenville, South Carolina.

Chaplain General Lou Carlson had no report.

Jim Blauer reported that we are doing the Eagle Certificates on a weekly basis now and not every 6 months and that at [present we have passed the 11,000 mark in those issued to Orange County Eagles since 1989. He also spoke on the July 4th Parade and mentioned the Cerritos "Let Freedom Ring" ceremony that evening.

Registrar Kent Gregory reported that we have 3 new members and 2 supplementals approved this month. There are others at National awaiting approval.

Chaplain Adams reported the passing of Ralph Shannon and we will have a service for him in the future.

Sergeant-at-arms Danny Cox reported that the Hour of Power is hoping we will return with our Color Guard this year.

Veteran's Affairs Chairman Dan Henry reported he hopes to have a veteran at next month's meeting.

ROTC/JROTC Chairman Jim Fosdyck reported that we are in the season for awarding medals to Cadets of 12 high schools and one military academy. If anyone is interested in attending these award ceremonies contact Jim for information on time and place of these awards ceremonies.

No report on the Knight Essay Contest.

Hugh Richards reported that our chapter winner took third place at the State Meeting.

Self-introductions were made at this time. Those in attendance included; Gary Richards, Bill Gaumer, Bob Baxter, Marcus Deemer and wife Jane, Dan & Karen McKelvie, Hammond Salley, Richard Adams, Mike Shanahan, Jeff La Marca, Danny & Tedi Cox, Lou & Karen Carlson, John & Lacy Dodd, Jim Blauer, Jim & Un Hui Yi Fosdyck, Don & Diane Carlson, Hugh & Karen Richards, Larry & Sharon Wood, Jim Quinnelly, Jim Wallace, John & Liz Ferris, Kent Gregory, Tony Roter, DR Ed Behnke and wife Teresa, Dan Henry, Arthur Koehler and Dan Shippey and Charmella Secrest from Quilts of Valor.

New members were inducted. President Dan Shippey inducted Tony Roter and Donald Carlson. Jim Fosdyck as sponsor pinned the rosette on Tony and Kent Gregory sponsored Don and pinned on his rosette.

Awards were presented. DR. Ed Behnke was presented the Lamplighter Award. Sharon Wood received a Certificate of Appreciation from Ladies Auxiliary President Cyndy Bigbee. Larry Wood received the State Meritorious Service Award for his proposal of having the "Let Freedom Ring"

Ceremony be a National Color Guard Event. Marcus Deemer was presented the Korean War Service medal & Certificate. Jim Fosdyck and Hammond Salley each received a certificate for their approved supplementals.

Hammond Salley read the bio of our speaker Col. Greg Raths. He spoke to us about being a pilot in war and commercial airlines. His father was a pilot in WWII which influence him to do the same. He wrote a book about the nine times he almost was killed, in "9 Lives of a Fighter Pilot". He spoke about his involvement is student government in high school, his military career, having served on the USS Midway and the USS Abraham Lincoln, serving in Desert Storm and his stint as Chief of Staff to the White House military from 1996-1999. He noted his book was for sale and had copies of it on hand today. He was presented with our Certificate of Appreciation and received a quilt from the Quilts of Valor organization.

Dan McKelvie showed off our awards from the State Meeting. We took all nine categories making us the Best Large Chapter once again. We also received three flag streamers for Wreaths Across America participation, Best large Color Guard Chapter, and one for the Massing of the Colors participation.

Lou Carlson showed off his uniform. He plans to be more involved with the Color Guard now that he has retired.

It was announced that Karen Carlson was the new state Ladies Auxiliary President. Karen reported that we are planning to host the National Congress in 2019 and the Ladies are attempting to raise enough money to cover all the expenses particularly with the Hospitality Suite. They are going for \$30,000.

The raffle was conducted and prizes were won by Danny Cox, Lacy Dodd, Bill Gaumer, Richard Adams, Jim Blauer, Don Carlson, John Farris, Jane Deemer, Hugh Richards, Tony Rotero, Gary Richards, Teresa Behnke, and Hammond Salley.

Arthur informed us we have been hit by the Google virus. If someone tries to Google our chapter they will be sent to a shoe site not ours. This does not bother our website. People just do not get sent to it.

Our next meeting will be on May 10th.

The benediction was given by Chaplain Adams. The Recessional was led by new member Tony Rotero

The meeting was adjourned at 1:50pm.

Respectfully Submitted
May 10, 2014

James F. Blauer
Recording Secretary