

ORANGE COUNTY CHAPTER * CALIFORNIA SOCIETY SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

Instituted October 22, 1875

Organized July 4, 1876, Incorporated February 17, 1930

GENERAL MEETING

December 13, 2014

The meeting was called to order by President Dan Shippey at 11:30am. The Invocation was given by Chaplain Richard Adams. The Color Guard presented the Colors. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Sergeant-at-Arms Danny Cox. The SAR Pledge was recited.

Our Founder of the Day was Billy Flora of the Virginia Militia. A free black man Billy guarded a bridge. As the British approached he fired one round of buckshot and stayed. He continued to reload and with two others kept the British at bay. After the War he operated a livery stable. In 1782 he purchased his wife's freedom. In 1810 he owned three large wagons, and six horses he was paying taxes on. He served with white soldiers. He died in Portsmouth in 1820.

We recessed for lunch at 11:35am.

We reconvened at 12:15pm.

It was announced our special guests included FPG Larry Magerkurth and his wife Barbara and Dan Miller who photographed the Wreaths ceremonies.

Today we will hold our election for officers for 2015.

Introductions were made by those in attendance. They included; Ed & Teresa Benhke, Richard Adams, Larry & Barbara Magerkurth, John & Liz Ferris, John & Lacy Dodd, Hammond Salley, Matthew Noell, Gus Fischer, Danny & Tedi Cox, Dan & Karen McKelvie, Skip & Kathleen Shippey, Kelli & Dan Shippey, Jim Blauer, Jim & Un Hui Yi Fosdyck, Don & Diane Carlson, Kevin Hamblin, Dan Henry, Jim Quinnelly, Hugh & Karen Richards, Ted & Linda Carlson, Kent & Lisa Gregory, Allan & Sue Browning, Bill & Jackie Gaumer, and Arthur Koehler. 22 SARs, 17 Guests.

Under business, it was noted that Recording Secretary Jim Blauer sent out the notes from last meeting (November) via email to the membership to read over. It was moved and seconded that they be accepted as written. The motion passed.

Treasurer Arthur Koehler reported we had \$6,149.21 in the checking account.

Corresponding Secretary Jim Klingler, reported that we have 47 Paid members, 40 life members, 3 dual members and one junior member. There are 16 who have not yet paid their dues at this time. They have until the end of the year when the membership report has to be sent in to State and National. After December 31, they will have to go through the reinstatement process.

Chancellor John Dodd spoke on the wreaths across America ceremonies we attended earlier this morning. He noted that it was a National Color Guard event. He pointed out that Elaine Brittain who spoke was a Gold Star Mother. He spoke on the new capital campaign to raise money for the museum back in Louisville. It is the 1776 society where anyone who donates \$1,776 will own a square foot of the library. The donations can be in one lump sum or over a three year period. The new Campaign will need 5-6 million to take care of the museum. He noted that our own Larry Magerkurth was a member of the Foundation Board.

Compatriot Jim Blauer discussed the Eagle Scout Program. Besides the issuing of the Eagle Scout Recognition Certificate we also have an Eagle Scout Scholarship Contest. We received one application this year, so Russell Cecil has been declared our chapter winner and his application was sent to State Eagle Chairman Gary Jensen for consideration on the State level of this contest. We should know something on the State level of this contest by February as they have to have the State winner into National in January. Jim Also spoke on his calendar. He has plenty left and since he has made back his investment, all monies received will go to the Center for Advancing America's Heritage. Lastly he brought up the distribution of Constitution, Declaration of Independence and Flag Etiquette booklets that Walter Davis has been handing out a various groups he meets with. Jim noted that Walter is now house

bound and can no longer make his groups' meetings so is not able to hand out the booklets for which we receive 1 point for each one handed out in the State Activity Contest. He showed a picture of the article that got Walter to join the chapter.

Chaplain Richard Adams had nothing to report.

Sergeant-at-arms Danny Cox reported that on the American Heroes channel starting this evening will be a three part series on the American Revolution. It starts at 6pm.

Veteran's Affairs Chairman Dan Henry reported that 2014 was a rough year in trying to get wounded warriors to attend our meetings to be recognized for their service and sacrifice. Many cancelled out after having agreed to attend. For January he has lined up an Arizona survivor from WWII's Pearl Harbor attack.

Commander Jim Fosdyck spoke on upcoming events for our Color Guard. We have three events in February. 1) On February 21 the DAR Mojave Chapter will celebrate their 90th anniversary at 11am at the Howard Johnson's in Fullerton up the street from our Sizzler meeting place. That is to be at 11am. 2) February 15th is the Massing of the Colors at 2:30pm at the Forest Lawn Mortuary in Burbank (Hollywood Hills). 3) We have been invited to present the Colors on February 20th at the CAR State Conference in Long Beach on the Queen Mary at 6:30pm.

Commander Fosdyck then presented John Ferris with his Color Guard Pin as the newest member of our Lee's Legion Color Guard.

Former President McKelvie swore in new member Alan Browning as his wife Sue looked on. Kent Gregory pinned the SAR Rosette on him.

Elections were held. The slate of officers recommended by the Nomination Committee included;

President-- Jim Klingler

Vice-President—John Ferris

Corresponding Secretary Gus Fischer,

Recording Secretary—Jim Blauer

Treasurer—Arthur Koehler

Registrar—Kent Gregory

Chaplain—Richard Adams

Chancellor—John Dodd

FP McKelvie asked if there were any nominations from the floor. With none it was moved and seconded that we accept this report and elect these members to office. The motion passed.

John Dodd moved that we accept this slate by acclamation. This motion was seconded and passed. We have our officers for 2015.

Kent Gregory presented Dan Henry with the Meritorious Service Medal for his work with Veterans.

The Gift Exchange was held. We had some 36 gifts received by members whether selected off the table or by stealing a gift already unwrapped. Good fun was had by all.

January we will have our installation of the new officers and any new members who may be in attendance. Our speaker will be a retired Air Force Colonel who served with NATO.

The Benediction was given by Chaplain Adams.

The Recessional was led by Allan Browning

The meeting was adjourned at 1:40pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
January 10, 2015

James F. Blauer
Recording Secretary