

ORANGE COUNTY CHAPTER
SONS OF THE
AMERICAN REVOLUTION
General Meeting
February 8, 2014

The meeting was opened by President Dan McKelvie at 11:45am. The invocation was given by Chaplain Richard Adams. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Danny Cox. The SAR pledge was led by Jim Wallace. The color guard acting as an honor guard entered and took their position as the ladies from the auxiliary entered and they were followed by General George Washington. General Washington addressed those in attendance. The General then assisted Past President Dan McKelvie with the presentation of medals. Marcus Deemer, Jr. was presented the War Service medal for his service during the Korean War. Bill Gaumer received the military service award as well. The Color Guard retired to the rear of the room. General Washington was then interviewed by Dan McKelvie of the Philadelphia Advisor. Following the interview General Washington thanked us for having him today and departed for the Valley Forge.

We recessed at 12:15pm for lunch.

We reconvened at 1pm.

Self-introductions were made. Those in attendance included; Gary Richards(Prospective), Dr. Edward & Teresa Behnke, Craig & Liz Matheny, Jeff La Marca, Larry & Sharon Wood, Richard Adams, Jim Klingler, Dan & Karen McKelvie, John Dodd, Lou Carlson, Jim Blauer, Dan Henry, Jim & Un Hui Yi Fosdyck, Bill & Jackie Gaumer, Marcus Demmer and daughter Kathleen, Hugh & Karen Richards, Jim Quinnelly, Jim Wallace, Jim Oakes, Danny & Tedi Cox, Garry Ellington, Arthur Koehler, Kevin & Mike Shanahan (Indiana), Joseph & Joyce Clifton , Lori Ingoglia and Dan Shippey. 24 SARs, 13 Guests.

It was moved by Jim Fosdyck that we accept the minutes as written and emailed out by Recording Secretary Jim Blauer. The motion was seconded. The motion passed.

Treasurer Arthur Koehler reported we have \$2,487.33 in our checking account. At present we have taken in \$135 in the raffle.

Corresponding Secretary Jim Klingler reported we have 91 members of which 40 are Life members. Membership cards have been mailed out and should be arriving this coming week.

John Dodd reported the new neck ribbon for the premium medal was available as well as a couple styles of cuff links. He noted the Congress will be in Greenville, South Carolina from July 17-24 this year and that there will be a trip to Ireland in May.

Recording Secretary, etc., etc. Jim Blauer noted how happy he was to be at this meeting as it was one year ago on this day that the event happened that almost took his life. He noted that the only surviving plant that he received that was still flourishing was the anthurium Dan McKelvie had sent on behalf of the chapter. He reported it was currently sporting four blooms. He reported that they had issued 868 Eagle Certificates in 2013. We were supposed to have our Eagle Scout there today for the presentation to our chapter winner of the Eagle Scout Scholarship Contest. He was not there and Compatriot Blauer said he would follow up on this. He also announced that as Parade Chairman he had entered the chapter once again in the Laguna Beach Patriots Day Parade. He noted he had copies of the information for anyone who wanted one. He also reported that he still had copies of his historical calendar for sale to help benefit the Center for Advancing America's Heritage.

Registrar Kent Gregory was absent

Color Guard Commander Jim Fosdyck reported on the upcoming season for the ROTC/JROTC awards this year.

Chaplain Richard Adams reported that he will be in contact with Compatriot Gregory with a get well note from him on behalf of the chapter.

Danny Cox had nothing to report.

Veteran's Affairs Chairman Dan Henry reported that next month our wounded Warrior presentation will be a family affair with three generations in attendance.

The Essay Contest is chaired by Dan McKelvie. He noted we have a chapter winner and he will be here at our March meeting.

Brochure Contest Chairman Paul Moore was absent.

The Poster Contest is administered by the Richards. They will have the top posters at the meeting in March to be voted on as the chapter winner. The winner's poster will go to the April state meeting in Sacramento for judging on that level.

It was noted we do not have any new members to announce at this meeting.

Chaplain Richard Adams conducted a memorial service for life member Father Charles E. Maier (Father Chuck) who passed away in December last year. He read compatriot Maier's bio and said a prayer for him.

It was announced by Commander Fosdyck that the annual Massing of the Colors will be on February 16 at Forest Lawn in the Hollywood Hills in Burbank. It is sponsored by the Sons of Liberty Chapter in Los Angeles.

He also announced that the Field of Honor will once again be held at Castaways Park in Newport Beach on May 16 & 17 this year. They have scheduled the JROTC unit to present the colors on Friday and the SAR Color Guard to do so on Saturday.

Following the business we went into the raffle. Winners this month included; Jim Quinnelly, John Dodd, Tedi Cox, Sharon Wood, Jim Oakes, Richard Adams, Un Hui Yi Fosdyck, Teresa Behnke, Gerry Ellington, Jim Wallace, Dan Henry, Kathleen Deemer, Danny Cox, and Dan McKelvie.

Commander Fosdyck presented Color Guard Pins to the newest members of our Lee's Legion Color Guard, John Dodd and Dan Henry

Our next meeting is March 8th.

The benediction was given by Chaplain Richard Adams.

The Recessional was led by Dan McKelvie.

It was moved by Lou Carlson that we adjourn. This was seconded. The Motion passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:50pm.

Respectfully Submitted

March 8, 2014

James F. Blauer

Recording Secretary