

ORANGE COUNTY CHAPTER  
SONS OF THE  
AMERICAN REVOLUTION  
General Meeting  
May 10, 2014

The meeting was opened by President Dan Shippey at 11:30am. The invocation was given by Chaplain Richard Adams. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Danny Cox. The SAR pledge was led by Jim Blauer. President Shippey noted the Founder of the month was Elizabeth Bergen. She gave medical attention and food to the prisoners on board the prisoner ships. Conditions were deplorable as 4-5 died each day and 1000s perished from their imprisonment. She helped over 200 prisoners escape.

We recessed at 11:40am for lunch.

We reconvened at 12:20pm.

President Shippey announced today's guests; Barbara Winkler from Quilts of Valor (QOV).

Self-Introductions were made. Attending were; Gary Richards, Hugh & Karen Richards, Dan McKelvie, Skyler Kressin, Hammond Salley, Craig & Liz Matheny, Gus Fisher, Dan Henry, Jim Klingler, Bill & Jackie Gaumer, Jim Blauer, Jim & Un Hui Yi Fosdyck, Don & Diane Carlson, Marcus & Jane Deemer, Jim Quinnelly, Joe Boyer, Kent & Lisa Gregory, Danny & Tedi Cox, Arthur Koehler, Barbara & Don Winkler, Capt. John Ryan(Speaker) and Dan Shippey. 20 SARs, 11 Guests.

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

Arthur Koehler reported that we took in \$131 in the raffle so far today. He reported that we have \$2,608.45 in the checking account.

Corresponding Secretary Jim Klingler reported that we have 5 new members this year and one reinstatement. That brings our total membership to 97. There are 2 transfers in process.

Jim Blauer spoke about the awards reported at last month's meeting. He did some checking and noted that our chapter has been the Best Large chapter for 2011-2013. We have also been the best Mid-sized chapter from 2008-2010, 2000, 1999(Spring Summer), 1998(Spring/Summer and Fall/Winter) and 1992(Spring/Summer). He asked that any members who participate in patriotic themed activities, that they notify him so that we can be credited with the points.

Registrar Kent Gregory reported that we have 3 new applications at National and 2 Supplementals. Noted he had a book on uniforms worn in the American Revolution and announced the donation of over \$3,000 worth of colonial clothing for our members to use when attending and participating in events.

Chaplain Richard Adams reported that Jim Wallace was recovering from skin cancer surgery.

Sergeant-at-Arms Danny Cox reported that Shepherd's Grove and the Hour of Power will have their annual patriotic program once again and the chapter Color Guard has been invited back to present the Colors. It will be taped on Sunday May 25<sup>th</sup> and will be broadcast the weekend before July 4<sup>th</sup>. Veteran's Affairs Chairman Dan Henry reported he had 6 wounded warriors set up at one time or another for this month and all backed out. He recently met with Jack Hammett who said he would assist Dan in getting Wounded Warriors for our recognition of their service and sacrifice for our country.

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. Hammond has attended the Army ones, Gus was at the Fullerton presentation and Bill & Jackie Gaumer attended the Sonora High School presentation.

Commander Fosdyck also reported on upcoming Color Guard activities. May 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> will be at the Field of Honor at Castaways Park in Newport Beach. On Memorial Day we have 2 events. The first at the Old Santa Ana Cemetery and it begins at 10am. The second one is in Yorba Linda at 2pm On June 14<sup>th</sup> in honor of Flag Day we will present the Colors at our meeting. July 4<sup>th</sup> Jim Blauer and Arthur Koehler will be in the Huntington Beach Parade. In the evening we will have the Cerritos "Let Freedom Ring" celebration where we will present and retire the colors.

Hammond Salley introduced our speaker Captain John Ryan. He read his bio and Captain Ryan spoke to us about submarines, their history in our military. President Shippey presented him with our Certificate of Appreciation for speaking to us today. Barbara Winkler presented Captain Ryan with a quilt from Quilts of Valor.

President Shippey inducted 2 new members into our chapter. Skyler Kressin and Gary Richards were sworn in by President Shippey and Jim Fosdyck who sponsored them, pinned on their society lapel pin.

Gary Richards was then presented our SAR Military Service certificate.

The raffle was held and winners this month included; Dan Henry, Jim Quinnelly, Danny Cox, Marcus Deemer, Dan Shippey, Dan McKelvie, Don Carlson, Tedi Cox, Gus Fischer, Hammond Salley, Jim Klingler, Diane Carlson, John Ryan, Jim Blauer, Barbara Winkler, Richard Adams and Hugh Richards.

Members were reminded about our June 14<sup>th</sup> meeting which will include celebrating Flag Day and the Army's birthday.

The benediction was given by Chaplain Richard Adams.

The recessional was led by Compatriot Kressin.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:05pm.

Respectfully Submitted

June 14, 2014

James F. Blauer

Recording Secretary