

ORANGE COUNTY CHAPTER
SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION
GENERAL MEETING
October 11, 2014

The meeting was called to order by President Dan Shippey at 11:30am. The Invocation was given by Rev. Lou Carlson. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Danny Cox. The SAR Pledge was led by Mike Shanahan.

We recessed for lunch at 11:35am.

We reconvened at 12:20pm.

Hammond Salley introduced our speaker by reading his biography to us on Richard Suttie and his topic for the day was the "Life of Louis Zamperini. Mr. Suttie showed us interviews he conducted with Mr. Zamperini several years ago. He was a runner in the 1936 Olympic who was asked to meet with Hitler. He was a WWII bombardier. When he was shot down he survived at sea for 47 days until he reached an island which was controlled by the Japanese and became a prisoner of war at that time.

Upon his return home Mr. Zamperini found he had not been registered as a POW and was not registered with the Army as being alive until that was changed when he was 91 years of age. Mr. Zamperini wrote a book called "Devil at My Heels". He went to Japan for the Nagano Olympics and carried the torch along the route to the stadium. He met some Generals in Japan and was able to visit a memorial to the Prisoners of War the Japanese had erected.

Mr. Suttie was presented a Certificate of Appreciation by President Shippey for speaking to us today.

President Shippey announced that our Founder of the Day was Polish Freedom Fighter Casimir Polaski. He was a Polish nobleman who fought for American Independence. He is known as the Father of the U. S. Cavalry and is one of only 7 foreigners to be granted honorary U.S. Citizenship.

The minutes from the September meeting were brought up for approval. Jim Blauer noted two corrections where the word Chaplain was misspelled. Lou Carlson moved that we accept the minutes as corrected. This was seconded and approved.

Treasurer Arthur Koehler announced we have \$3,397.21 in the checking account. We took in \$45 in the Ben Franklin Raffle.

Corresponding Secretary Jim Klingler announced we had 8 new members in September from the Beall family and that brings us up to a total of 113 members.

Chancellor John Dodd spoke on the meeting in Louisville last month. They have gone from building the building to now building the museum. There is a new capital campaign to raise money by selling square feet of the museum to members. The price per square foot is \$1,776.

Vice-President Lou Carlson had no report.

Recording Secretary Jim Blauer reported on the new jacket from the merchandise department as well as an educational kit filled with books for young students. He also announced his 2015 calendar was now available and that he had copies with him today if anyone wanted one. The \$20 per copy will be donated to the Center for Advancing America's Heritage. He noted that from last year's calendar he was able to donate \$1,000 to the Center. This year with lower costs and more calendars he could raise as much as \$4,000 if he sells them all.

Chaplain Adams reported on his 50th anniversary Reunion and that only one classmate died in Vietnam. They had a service for him at his grave in Loma Linda Cemetery. A Patriot Guard was in full force, JROTC was present as well as a bugler, firing detail, and a piper. There was also a pass in review. His sister and daughter attended the service.

Introductions were made. Those in attendance included; Arthur Koehler, Heather Henson, Jim Townsend, Gus Fischer, Doug (Pros.) and Linda Carlson, Jim Wallace, Jim Quinnelly, Jim Klingler, Hugh & Karen Richards, Don & Diane Carlson, Jim & Un Hui Yi Fosdyck, Jim Blauer, John Dodd, Larry & Sharon Wood, Jeff La Marca, Craig and Liz Matheny, Mike Shanahan, Hammond Salley, Danny & Tedi Cox, Dan & Karen McKelvie, Lou & Karen Carlson, Marcus & Carol (dau.) Deemer, Richard Adams and Edward and Theresa Behnke.

Color Guard Commander Jim Fosdyck announced we had the following events coming up. They included, October 25th the 120th anniversary celebration of the Southern California Society SAR. He asked that the Color Guard be there by 10:30am. For those not attending the State Meeting in Petaluma, there will be an event in Huntington Beach where our Color guard is requested to attend, Jim Klingler, Dan Henry and Dan McKelvie will hopefully be able to attend this event. On November 11th there will be a Veteran's day event in Yorba Linda. On December 13th in the morning at 9am we will have the wreaths Across America at Brea's Memorial Gardens Memorial Park in the Soldier's Plot. This is a National Color Guard Event for those who wish to be a part of the Color Guard as we remember the men and women who have served our country and passed on.

In the absence of Registrar Kent Gregory, it was announced we had 8 new members from one family (Beall). There are 4 supplementals at Louisville. One for Kent, 1 for John Farris, and 2 for Jim Fosdyck.

Our next meeting will be on November 15th, the third Saturday since the State Meeting is on the second Saturday and many of our members will be in attendance. Our speaker will be a survivor of the Twin Towers collapse on 9-11.

The Ben Franklin drawing was held. Winners included; Jim Blauer, Jim Wallace, Karen Carlson, John Dodd, Marcus Deemer, Karen Carlson, Jim Quinnelly, Gus Fischer, Craig Matheny, Edward Behnke, Tedi Cox, Dan Shippey, Lou Carlson, Un Hui Yi Fosdyck, Liz Matheny, Larry Wood, Hammond Salley, Doug Carlson, and Carol Deemer. Winners were reminded that when you win a prize it is requested that you bring a prize to the next meeting. This does not preclude members who did not win from bringing a prize for the raffle. The more prizes the more fun for everyone.

Chaplain Richard Adams thanked Rev. Carlson for filling in for the invocation and gave the Benediction.

The Recessional was led by Don Carlson.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:40pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
November 15, 2014

James F. Blauer
Recording Secretary