

## ORANGE COUNTY CHAPTER \* CALIFORNIA SOCIETY

### SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

Instituted October 22, 1875

Organized July 4, 1878, Incorporated February 17, 1930

General Meeting

June 13, 2015

**Call to Order.** The meeting was called to order by the President Jim Klingler at 11:30AM. President Klingler reminded everyone to sign the attendance list and to silence their cell phones.

**Invocation.** The Invocation was given by Chaplain Richard Adams.

**Pledge of Allegiance.** The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Sergeant-at-Arms Danny Cox.

**Pledge to the SAR.** The SAR Pledge was led by Larry Hansen.

**Founder of the Month.** Nathaniel Fanning served on the Bonhomme Richard under John Paul Jones. President Klingler provided historical background information regarding Nathaniel's life. President Klingler continued with:

1. A **Quote of the Month** from James Madison's speech to the Virginia Ratifying Convention, June 6, 1788.
2. Month of **June Historical Events** that included:
  - A. The founding of the U.S. Army on June 14, 1775.
  - B. June 14, 1777, the U.S. Congress made the Stars & Stripes the national flag, which is commemorated by Flag Day, established by the U. S. Government in August 1949.
  - C. The British defeated the patriots from Breed's Hill at the Battle of Bunker Hill in Boston, MA on June 17, 1775.

**Lunch Recess.** We recessed for lunch at approx. 11:45AM

**Call to Order.** We reconvened at 12:15 PM. A motion was made, seconded & passed to allow the Guest Speaker to "Go out of Order".

**Introductions.** Vice President John Ferris gave the introduction for the Guest Speaker, Major Derek Abbey, USMC retired.

**Program.** Major Abbey provided an overview covering the makeup, work and history of the Bent Prop Project. Upon completion of the presentation, President Klingler presented Major Abbey with a Certificate of Appreciation. The Quilts of Valor Group then presented Major Abbey with a quilt & certificate for his service to the country.

**Special Guests.** Russell Bennett, Derek Abbey, Joseph Torres, Hazel Torres & Mark Torres were introduced.

**Self-introductions** were given. Those in attendance included: Jim Klingler, Dan & Karen McKelvie, Dan Shippey, Marcus Deemer & family, Hammond Salley, Richard Adams, Dan Henry, Jim & Un Hui Fosdyck, Leonard Chapman, Danny & Tedie Cox, John & Liz Ferris, Lou & Karen Carlson, Bill & Jackie Gaumer, Hugh & Karen Richards, Larry & Nicole Hansen, Larry & Sharon Wood, Arthur Koehler, John Beall, Ashley & Andrew Beall, Elisabeth Beall, David Beall, John Beall, Kathleen Beall, Richard Beall, George & Lawrence Beall & Gus Fischer.

**Chapter Business.**

**Approval of the May 2015 Meeting Minutes.** It was moved to accept the minutes & seconded. The motion passed.

**Treasurer Report.** Arthur Koehler advised the Chapter's checking account stood at a balance of \$4,605.46. He also advised that the Chapter received a \$991.73 profit from the State SAR Spring meeting held in Irvine. He closed by stating the Ben Franklin Fund received \$134.00.

**Corresponding Secretary Report.** Gus Fischer reported that we had one transfer & one re-intstatement completed in May along with the approval of ten (10) new members. Chapter membership now stands at 126.

### **Officer Reports.**

Chancellor & Parliamentarian John Dodd was absent.

President Klingler reminded the group of the upcoming July 4<sup>th</sup> Huntington Beach Parade, the July 4<sup>th</sup> Let Freedom Ring event in Cerritos & no Chapter meetings in the months of July & August.

Vice President Ferris advised he was trying to reschedule the May guest speaker for another date in the Fall in addition to scheduling speakers for the remainder of this year.

Recording Secretary/Archivist Jim Blauer was absent.

Registrar Kent Gregory was absent.

Chaplain Richard Adams had nothing to report.

Sergeant-at-Arms Danny Cox advised of a TBN July 5<sup>th</sup> airing of the Shepherd's Grove filming which included the Chapter's Color Guard.

Color Guard Commander Jim Fosdyck advised the Color Guard participants for the Huntington Beach Parade needed to meet @ PCH & Goldenwest by 9:15AM. The Let Freedom Ring Event in Cerritos begins at 4PM and is a National Color Guard event. Larry Wood interjected that a volunteer who could attend in period clothing was needed to read & portray the proclamation signing for the Cerritos event. Jim Fosdyck then advised the Color Guard was going to present at the Col. William Cable DAR Chapter on August 1<sup>st</sup> to commemorate their 65<sup>th</sup> anniversary. In closing, Commander Fosdyck presented President Klingler with the Von Stuben Color Guard Medal.

Commander Fosdyck & President Klingler then made a request to the group for a member to volunteer to host the "Outstanding Citizenship Award" for local high schools. The program requires making contact with the local schools and asking the school's principal to name a deserving student. The program chairman then makes arrangements for a lapel pin to be made available to the school for their presentation to the student.

### **Standing Committee Reports.**

Veterans Affairs Chairman Dan Henry stated he was working to identify new candidates for future recognition.

ROTC/JROTC Chairman Gus Fischer reported that as of June 12, presentations for 2015 have been completed. In all, fourteen (14) presentations were made to local ROTC/JROTC Programs including one (1) new addition Naval Sea Cadet Corps in Irvine. Gus also advised he is working with the Senior Air Force ROTC Advisor at Esperanza High School to include them in the 2016 Awards Program.

Eagle Scout Contest Chairman Jim Blauer was absent.

HS Knight Essay Chairman Dan McKelvie had nothing to report.

MS Brochure Contest Chairman David Beall had nothing to report.

ES Poster Contest Chairman Hugh Richards had nothing to report.

High School Oration Contest- Need a Chairman for next year. Dan McKelvie advised that Chapter & State winner Harrison W. Middleton was set to compete at the National contest.

Flag Certificate Chairman Hans Hunt was absent.

### **Award Presentations.**

President Klingler inducted two new members, John Lawrence Beall & Leonard Burt Chapman. Jim Fosdyck, sponsor for both new members, pinned each with the SAR Rosette.

New members yet to be inducted and not in attendance today include: David Noell, William Noell, Christopher Noell, Matthew Noell, George William Kridner, George Worthington Kridner, Charles Kridner, Michael Kridner, Walter Funk & Dean Babcock.

President Klingler presented Eagle Scout Pins to George, John, Lawrence & Richard Beall.

President Klingler & Karen Carlson presented the Martha Washington Medal to Marisol Rivera, Sizzler staff employee, for her years of excellent service to the Chapter.

President Klingler presented two (2) Supplemental Certificates to John Ferris for his patriot ancestors James Eubank & Henry White.

**New Business.**

Dan Henry motioned to donate \$100.00 to the Bent Prop Project. The motion was seconded & passed by the membership. A check was handed over to Major Abbey.

The Ben Franklin Raffle was administered by Lou Carlson. The raffle winners for this month included: Un Hui Fosdyck, Larry Wood, Jim Blauer, Hugh Richards, Marcus Deemer, Danny Cox, John Ferris, Dan McKelvie, Gus Fischer, Arthur Koehler (?) and a Beall family member.

**Announcements:**

President Klingler advised the next meeting will be Sept 12, 2015. There are no meetings in July & August.

President Klingler reminded everyone again of the upcoming Color Guard Events for the July 4<sup>th</sup> Huntington Beach Parade, the July 4<sup>th</sup> Let Freedom Ring in Cerritos and the August 1<sup>st</sup> DAR Chapter 65<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in Costa Mesa.

President Klingler also reminded everyone to leave a “tip” for the Sizzler food servers.

President Klingler also stated there would be an executive board meeting immediately following the general meeting.

**Benediction.** Chaplain Richard Adams presided.

**SAR Recessional.** New member John Beall led the group in the SAR Recessional.

**Adjournment.** The meeting was adjourned at approx. 2:10 PM.

Respectfully Submitted

June 15, 2015

Gus Fischer

Corresponding Secretary