

ORANGE COUNTY CHAPTER * CALIFORNIA SOCIETY SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

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GENERAL MEETING

May 9,, 2015

The meeting was called to order by President Jim Klingler at 11:28am. The Invocation was given by Chaplain Richard Adams. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Sergeant-at-Arms Danny Cox. The SAR Pledge was led by Dan McKelvie.

Ethan Allen was the Founder of the Month and a quote was given by Ethan Allen.

We recessed for lunch at 11:40am.

We reconvened at 12:18pm.

Special Guests were introduced Barbara & Don Winkler from Quilts of Valor and Karl Jacobs from the Harbor Chapter.

Self-introductions were given. Those in attendance included; Jim Klingler, Dan Shippey, Clarence (Skip) Shippey & Kathryn, Blythe and Sloane Shippey, Marcus Deemer & daughter Carol, Kevin Hamblin and his sons, Christopher & Noah, Richard Adams, Larry & Nicole Hansen, David Beall, Vic Butler (Guest), John Paul Beall, Dan Henry, Karl Jacobs, Dan & Karen McKelvie, John Dodd, Lou & Karen Carlson, Jeff La Marca, Danny Cox, Bill & Jackie Gaumer, Larry & Sharon Wood, Leonard Chapman, Don & Diane Carlson, Hans Hunt, Jim & Un Hui Yi Fosdyck, Jim Blauer, John & Liz Ferris, Kent Gregory, Phil Homme, John Dahl, Ted & Linda Carlson, Hugh & Karen Richards, Joseph & Joyce Clifton, Charles & Lori Ingoglia, Arthur Koehler, Heather Hansen, Doug Milliken, Mike Shanahan, and Gus Fischer. 35 SARs, 20 Guests.

First up was the approval of the Minutes from the April Meeting. They had been emailed out by Recording Secretary Jim Blauer. It was moved by Lou Carlson to accept and seconded. The motion passed.

Treasurer Arthur Koehler was absent, but it was reported that we have \$3, 959.72 in our checking account. We took in \$180 in the raffle.

Corresponding Secretary Gus Fischer reported that we had 1 transfer, 1 reinstatement, 7 new since January 1st. We are up to 115 members.

President Klingler reminded the members about the President General's initiative of sending a bio on your ancestor(s) for placement on the SAR website in hopes that those who visit may find one of their ancestors and encourage them to seek membership in our society.

Vice-President John Ferris announced that Derek Abbey will be our speaker in June.

Jim Blauer spoke about the Eagle program and that Danny Cox's grandson has passed his Board of Review and will be presented his Eagle badge at an upcoming Court of Honor. Compatriot Blauer presented Danny with a Certificate of Recognition from the SAR and a Certificate of Commendation from the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War along with letters of Congratulations for his grandson that he can present to his grandson at the Court of Honor. Compatriot Blauer also noted that today the parents put together a book of congratulatory letters and certificates honoring the Eagle's achievement. Then showed the attendees what they did back when he became an Eagle back in the 1960s. An Eagle Board made up of all the patches and merit badges from Cub Scouts through Eagle Scout.

Registrar Kent Gregory also noted the PG's initiative on the bios of our patriot ancestors. He reports we have had 7 new and 2 supplementals approved. We have 5 more applications in the queue and 3 supplementals at National. He spoke of the State Meeting we hosted in April. It was a success and we made \$900 on the event. He thanked Dan Shippey and Arthur for all their help. He presented Arthur with a pin.

Chaplain Richard Adams reported that members are doing well. He noted that Col. Jim Quinnely was not present today. He is not sure why.

Sergeant-at-arms Danny Cox reported that in July he is going to be at Kings Mountain, Cowpens and Andersonville.

Color Guard Commander Jim Fosdyck reported on the upcoming Field of Honor. He reported that there will be 1776 flags at Castaways Park and one can buy a flag for \$45 and it will be theirs to keep and can be picked up on Sunday or have them mailed for a \$10 charge. Ladies are encouraged to wear colonial dress. Friday is Children's Day as there will be busloads of children brought in from all over Orange County for this day's event. We will be an honor guard as the Buena Park High School JROTC presents the Colors. Saturday we will be an honor Guard with the United States marine Color Guard that presents the Colors that day.

We will have the annual Tri-City Memorial Day service on Memorial Day. Here we will present a wreath and colors at the ceremonies held at the Old Santa Ana Cemetery in Santa Ana. Also Compatriot Lou Carlson will be emceeing the ceremonies at Fairhaven just a walk across the two cemeteries.

On June 11th there will be the Aliso Viejo encampment. This is a Thursday and Color Guardsmen will be there to take on various roles that would have been a part of the American Revolution.

Veteran's Affairs Chairman Dan Henry announced he was going to try and have a Wounded Warrior for our June Meeting.

ROTC/JROTC Chairman Gus Fischer reported that we are half way through our presentations for the year. We have 12 High Schools and will have done 10 by the end of May with 2 to go in June. It was announced by Jim Fosdyck that last year's state and National winner Cameron Hoover opted for the Air Force Academy after being bombarded by members at Congress to get him to sign up with their choice of academy.

Brochure Contest Chairman David Beall announced this year's winner was Blythe Shippey. She was voted honorable mention at State last month and he presented her with a check for \$100.

President Klingler announced that we do not as yet have a chairman for the Orations contest.

Flag Certificate Chairman Hans Hunt reported he presented a Certificate to Mike & Carla Coyle Family for the displaying of the Flag properly.

Vice-President John Ferris noted that our speaker for the month did not make it.

President Klingler inducted two new members, John Dahl and Philip Homme. John is Phil's nephew.

Arthur Koehler was presented the Military Service Veterans Corps Certificate.

President Klingler presented Gus Fischer with two Supplemental Certificates.

Commander Jim Fosdyck requested that the members of the chapter Color Guard come forward. At State the chapter received streamers for our Flag from the state for participating in the Wreaths Across America Event, Massing of the Colors Event and Best Very Large Chapter Color Guard. Members gathered around as the streamers were placed on the flag pole streamer holder.

Karl Jacobs from the Harbor chapter and past State President asked that members consider getting the bios of their ancestors in by the June 1st deadline. He also invited members and their family to attend the September 12th Chapter meeting of the Harbor Chapter aboard the USS Iowa for a large meeting and meal. They will have an admiral speaking to those in attendance and they will celebrate the fact that they now have 50 members.

State President and chapter Registrar Kent Gregory thanked the chapter for the bust of George Washington that the chapter presented to him at the State Meeting.

Jim Blauer had Barbara Winkler come forward from Quilts of valor and announced he had figured out how he could purchase fabric on line since the Joann's near his place closed up. He presented Barbara with several yards of fabric in patriotic colors and designs for her ladies to use in their making of the quilts for our wounded warriors. Barbara announced that they presented 475 quilts last year and to learn more members can go to socialgov.org for more information on their group.

While John Dodd conducted the raffle he noted the SAR Exchange program and encouraged members with children or grandchildren to consider hosting a young French person and they in turn could send their young person to France for a couple weeks. He announced that the 2019 Congress will be at the Costa Mesa Hilton.

Those winners this month in the raffle included; John Dahl, Kent Gregory, Slaone Shippey, Hugh Richards, Jim Klingler, Phil Homme, Jeff La Marca, Richard Adams, Karl Jacobs, Carol Deemer, Kevin

Hamblin, Dan McKelvie, Jim Blauer, John Dodd, Diane Carlson, Linda Carlson, David Beall, Bill Gaumer, Danny Cox and Barbara Winkler.

President Klingler announced our next meeting will be June 13th, there is the Field of Honor on May 15th and 16th, Memorial Day May 25th and June 11 encampment.

There will be a Board Meeting following this one.

The Benediction was given by Chaplain Adams.

The Recessional was led by John Dahl.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:45pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
June 13, 2015

James F. Blauer
Recording Secretary