

ORANGE COUNTY CHAPTER * CALIFORNIA SOCIETY SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

Instituted October 22, 1875

Organized July 4, 1876, Incorporated February 17, 1930

GENERAL MEETING

January 12, 2019

The meeting was opened by President Gus Fischer at 11:30am. The Invocation was given by Richard Adams. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Sergeant-at-Arms Danny Cox. The SAR Pledge was led by Lou Carlson. President Fischer announced the Founder of the Day was Robert Morris. He gave a brief bio on him, gave the word of the day, wisdom of the founder and quote of the day...

We recessed for lunch at 11:40am.

We reconvened from lunch at 12:15pm

President Fischer inquired if the Paul or Pourfallah families were present. They were not.

Introductions were made. Those in attendance included: Don & Dianne Carlson, Lee Karjala, Daniel McMillan, Larry Hansen, Phil Mitchell, Hugh & Karen Richards, Mike Maertzweiler, Dan & Nancy Casey, Kent Gregory, Lou & Karen Carlson, Mark & Brenda Torres, Ted & Linda Carlson, Dick James, John & Liz Ferris, Dan & Karen McKelvie, John Dodd, Jim & Un Hui Yi Fosdyck, Danny & Tedi Cox, Patrick Cecil, Richard Adams, Paul Garcia, Bob Kazebee, Hammond Salley, Gus Fischer, Gus Fischer, III, Jay Pettibone, Doug Pettibone, Gene & Charmella Secrest, Tom Laswell, and Cole Zehnder. 30 SARs, 11 Guests.

The minutes from the December meeting were approved.

OFFICER REPORTS

Treasurer Cole Zehnder reported that as of December 31st our balance was \$14,242.09..

Corresponding Secretary Ted Carlson reported that with the completion of the reconciliation report for 2018 our membership ended the year and began the New Year at 160 members.

President Fischer thanked everyone for their support this past year.

Vice-President Mark Torres, Chancellor/ Parliamentarian Doug Pettibone and Chaplain Richard Adams had nothing to report.

Registrar Kent Gregory announced 4 ancestor Supplementals, 17 new Memberships and 5 Junior Memberships applications have been approved.

Sergeant-at-Arms Danny Cox thanked Ted Carlson for helping to get Danny's article in the "Flight Journal" magazine. Recording Secretary & Archivist Jim Blauer was absent so nor report was given.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Color Guard Commander Jim Fosdyck reminded the color guard members of the February 17th 2PM muster for the 3PM Massing of the Colors at Forest Lawn Memorial Park in Hollywood Hills.

Veteran Affairs Chairman Hammond Salley announced that we currently have 38 Vet Corps members. He announced that a Vietnam Wall exhibition would be coming to Orange County. It will begin on April 9 and continues until April 14. He is seeking volunteers to act as guides for the exhibit.

IT/Webmaster & High School Outstanding Citizen programs chairman Mark Torres had nothing to report.

Mark stated he had resent a reminder notice to high school principals for our Outstanding Citizenship Award.

Elementary Poster Contest Chair Patrick Cecil reported there have been no submissions as yet; yet he was confident several students would be submitting their posters soon. Karen Richards thanked Kent Gregory for his patriot chest presentation to the 5th graders at Whittmann Elementary.

JROTC/USNSCC chairman Gus Fischer reported he had contacted all 13 High Schools and has two programs scheduled for the awards in April.

Middle School Brochure Contest Chairman John Ferris had nothing to report.

Knight Essay Contest Chairman Dan McKelvie reported they had one contestant. He also reported he is collecting food donations for the federal government TSA and FBI workers at LAX that have been affected by the government shutdown.

Valley Forge Program chairman Cole Zehnder had nothing to report.

The Activity Contest, Newsletter, Flag Certificates, and Eagle Scout Chairmen were not in attendance.

NEW BUSINESS

- 1) President Fischer called on Karen Carlson to present her Fundraiser information for the NSSAR "Natural Disaster Search Dog Foundation". For a \$10 donation, you get an American Flag Pin.
- 2) President Fischer stated that Jim Blauer donated \$200.00 to the Quilt reaction force. He asked if the chapter would consider a similar donation. A motion was made by John Dodd to donate \$250 to the Quilt Reaction Force. The motion was seconded and approved by the general membership.

AWARDS

The **Law Enforcement Commendation Medal and Certificate** was presented by Jim Fosdyck to Richard James.

The **Bronze Roger Sherman Medal and Certificate** were presented by Gus Fischer to Cole Zehnder, Doug Pettibone, and Ted Carlson.

The **Bronze Roger Sherman Oak Leaf Cluster and Certificate** were presented by Gus Fischer to Kent Gregory, Jim Fosdyck, Danny Cox and Richard Adams.

The **Martha Washington Oak Leaf Cluster** was presented to Charmella Secret.

The **Martha Washington Medal & Certificate** was accepted by Gus Fischer for his wife Marie A. Fischer, who could not attend due to a current illness.

The **Distinguished Service Certificate** was presented by Gus Fischer to Hammond Salley.

The **Distinguished Service Medal & Certificate** was presented to Mark Torres.

The **CASSAR Bronze Von Steuben Color Guard Medal & Certificate** was presented by Gus Fischer to Brenda Torres.

Certificates of Appreciation were presented by Gus Fischer to Dianne Carlson, Karen Carlson, Ted Cox, Liz Ferris, Un Hui Yi Fosdyck, Karen McKelvie, Karen Richards and Brenda Torres.

A **Certificate of Appreciation** was also presented by President Fischer to Ray Azfal, manager of the sizzler Restaurant.

Veteran's Affairs Chairman Hammond Salley presented the **VetCorps Certificate and Medal** to Lee Karjala.

INDUCTION OF 2019 OFFICERS

President Fischer called upon Jim Fosdyck, 2017 CASSAR President, to conduct the induction of officers elected to serve for 2019. They are;

President Mark Torres

Vice-President Phil Mitchell

Corresponding Secretary Dan McMillan,

Recording Secretary Jim Blauer (Absent)

Treasurer Dan Casey

Registrar Kent Gregory

Chancellor & Parliamentarian Doug Pettibone

Chaplain Richard Adams

Sergeant-at-Arms Danny Cox (appointed)

Past President Fosdyck presented the gavel of authority to newly inducted President Mark Torres. Mark's wife Brenda then draped the chapter President's medal and ribbon on President Torres.

President Torres then presented the Past President's Certificate and Pin to Gus Fischer. President Torres gave a brief acceptance speech and asked for everyone's continued assistance and support. He then called upon Rev. Lou Carlson to come forward and bless his President's medal with Holy Water.

John Dodd was called upon to conduct the Ben Franklin Raffle.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next meeting will be February 9th. He requested the Color Guard to present the Colors at this meeting in honor of George Washington's Birthday. He also stated that General Washington will make a brief statement.

President Torres also reminded everyone about the Massing of the Colors on February 17th.

A brief Board Meeting was to follow this meeting.

The Benediction was given by Richard Adams.

Lee Karjala led the SAR Recessional

The meeting was adjourned at 1:30pm

Respectfully Submitted

February 9, 2019

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Recording Secretary Pro Tempore

For James F. Blauer Recording Secretary