

ORANGE COUNTY CHAPTER * CALIFORNIA SOCIETY SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

Instituted October 22, 1875

Organized July 4, 1876, Incorporated February 17, 1930

GENERAL MEETING

December 8,, 2018

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 Dan McKelvie. President Fischer announced the Founder of the Day was William Ellery. He gave a brief bio on Patriot Ellery. The Word, Wisdom and quote of the day were given.

We recessed for lunch at 11:40am.

We reconvened from lunch at 12:15pm

President Fischer introduced new member Morgan Ferris, who will be inducted this day.

Introductions were made. Those in attendance included; Gus Fischer, Mark, Brenda, Spencer, Don & Dianne Carlson, Leonard Chapman, Tom Laswell, Ted & Linda Carlson, Danny Cox, Hugh & Karen Richards, Gus Fischer, III, Richard & Sukie Adams, Hammond Salley, Larry Hansen, Phil Mitchell, Alan Swift, Dan & Karen McKelvie, Paul Garcia, Dan McMillan, Jim Klingler, John & Liz Ferris, Jim & Un Hui Yi Fosdyck, Lou Carlson, Dick James, Will Chambers, Rick Olson, Charmella Secrest and Kent Gregory. 28 SAR, 10 Guests.

Phil Mitchell noted President George H.W. Bush was a member of the SAR and that his ancestor was Col. Samuel Herrick. President Fischer thanked Compatriot Mitchell for giving us that information and read the bio on Samuel Herrick to those in attendance.

It was moved and seconded that the minutes from the previous meeting be approved. The motion passed.

OFFICER REPORTS

Treasurer Cole Zehnder was absent. President Fischer announced that the October balance was \$8,914.56.

Corresponding Secretary Ted Carlson reported we now have 167 members. He noted that he assisted Danny Cox with getting an article published.

President Fischer, VP Mark Torres, Chaplain Richard Adams, had nothing to report. Sergeant-at-Arms Danny Cox thanked Ted Carlson for his assistance in getting Danny's article published. The remaining officers of Recording Secretary, and Archivist, and Chancellor and Parliamentarian were not in attendance. The Registrar arrived late.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Color Guard Commander Jim Fosdyck made reference to the new Color Guard Parade Banners that were on display and reminded Color Guard members of the December 15th Wreaths Across America program and to be there by 8:30am for a run through with the Color Guard. It is at Memory Gardens Memorial Park in Brea. The Program will begin at 9am.

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. Hammond then asked Compatriot Paul Garcia to talk about his trip to Washington, D.C. where

over a three day period he attended the Congressional Medal of Honor presentation at the White House for a member of his US Army Unit. They toured the Pentagon and attended a parade at the Marine Corps barracks. Paul brought some photos from the event if anyone wishes to see them.

JROTC/USNSCC chairman Gus Fischer had nothing to report.

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

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

Knight Essay Contest Chairman Dan McKelvie reported they had one contestant that needed additional information before he submitted by 12/31/2018.

The Activity Contest, Newsletter, Flag Certificates, Elementary School Poster, Eagle Scout and Valley Forge Program Chairmen were not in attendance.

Nominating Committee member John Ferris was called on to conduct the election of officers for 2019.

President Mark Torres

Vice-President Phil Mitchell

Corresponding Secretary Dan McMillan,

Recording Secretary Jim Blauer

Treasurer Dan Casey

Registrar Kent Gregory

Chancellor & Parliamentarian Doug Pettibone

Chaplain Richard Adams

Compatriot Ferris asked three separate times if there were any nominations from the floor. There were none. A motion to close the nominations was made and seconded. A motion to vote on the list of candidates was made and seconded. The vote was unanimous “ayes” for the slate. Chapter officers for 2019 are elected.

AWARDS

President Fischer presented Charmella Secrest with the Bronze Good Citizenship Medal that was accepted on her behalf by Dan McKelvie at the Fall Board of Managers Meeting in November.

Hammond Salley, Charmella Secrest and Un Hui Yi Fosdyck presented a Quilt of Valor to Tom Laswell.

President Fischer inducted Morgan Ferris and presented him with his membership certificate. Kent Gregory who sponsored Morgan pinned on the SAR Rosette on Morgan’s lapel.

President Fischer presented Color Guard Commander Jim Fosdyck with three streamers received by Dan McKelvie for the chapter at the Fall Board of Managers Meeting. The streamers were for Let Freedom Ring 2018, Field of Honor 2018 and Sgt, Moses Adams Brochure Contest.

President Fischer presented the Sgt. Moses Adams contest winner’s certificate and the original brochure to chapter Chairman John Ferris.

President Fischer displayed the Partners in Patriotism Certificate that was accepted at the Fall Board of Managers Meeting by Dan McKelvie. The Certificate will be passed on to Jim Blauer, chapter Historian & Archivist.

President Fischer presented two supplemental Certificates to Dan McKelvie for his patriot Ancestors William Henderson and John Wilson Sr.

The Gift Exchange was conducted by John Dodd.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next meeting will be January 12th. He reminded everyone about the Wreaths Across America ceremonies on December 15th. He announced there would be a very short Board Meeting following the general meeting.

The Benediction was given by Richard Adams.

A group photo of all those in attendance of the December 8th Christmas Meeting was taken.

There was no Recessional following the photo taking.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:40pm

Respectfully Submitted

January 12, 2019

Gus R. Fischer, III

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Recording Secretary Pro Tempore