

# ORANGE COUNTY CHAPTER \* CALIFORNIA SOCIETY SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

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## GENERAL MEETING

February 13, 2016

The meeting was called to order by President John Ferris at 11:30am. The Invocation was given by Chaplain General Lou Carlson. The Color Guard was asked to advance the Colors. The Colors were presented and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Sergeant-at-Arms Danny Cox. The Colors were posted and the Color Guard retired. The SAR Pledge was led by Mark Torres. The Founder of the month was Enoch Crosby. President Ferris read a bio of Patriot Crosby... The quote for the day is "My mother was the most beautiful woman I ever saw. All I am I owe to my mother. I attribute all my success in life to the moral, intellectual and physical education I received from her." George Washington.

Events for the month is Feb. 11—George Washington was born in Westmoreland County, Virginia, Feb. 7, 1778—Daniel Boone and 27 others were captured by Indians at Blue Lick, Kentucky. February 22, 1778—General George Washington worked at his headquarters on his birthday with no celebration. February 5, 1783—Sweden recognizes Independence of the United States. February 1, 1790—The Supreme Court held its first session with John Jay as the first Chief Justice.

We recessed for lunch at 11:40am.

We reconvened at 12:27pm...

Introductions were made by members. Those in attendance included John & Liz Ferris, Larry & Nicole Hansen, Gus Fischer, Scot Trodick, George & Bonnie Kridner, Jonathan Alton, Phil Mitchell, Bill & Jackie Gaumer, Son-in-Law Manuel & daughter Ella Viera and their daughter(Bill's and Jackie's 5 month old Granddaughter), Hugh & Karen Richards, Cole Zehnder, Hammond Salley, Mark, Brenda, Joe, Spencer and Joseph & Hazel Torres, Dan & Karen McKelvie, Kent Gregory, Danny & Tedi Cox, John Dodd, Marcus & Jane Deemer, Richard Price, Ted & Linda Carlson, Phil Hoge, Lou & Karen Carlson, Jim Blauer, Doug Milliken, Don & Diane Carlson, Joseph Boyer, Jim Quinnelly, John Gregg(SF Chapter), Jim & Un Hui Yi Fosdyck, Jim Klingler, Jim Townsend, Dan Henry, Jesse Martin and parents Bart and Rochelle Martin, Barbara & Don Winkler, Dave & Peg Calef, Dave & Sharon DePoy, John DePoy, Debbie Calef, Steve & Glenda Snyder, Captaiin Fred Brockville, Sr.. 30 SARs, 35 Guests.

## SPEAKER

Hammond Salley introduced our speaker Steve Snyder. Steve is the Author of "Shot Down" a story of his dad's WWII experience as a bomber pilot. Shot down over Belgium and of his survival as one of five of a ten man crew. Spoke on his father's time in the military and how he got into flying. He spoke on the liberation of Belgium and the memorial to his dad and his crew. After answering several questions, Steve was presented with a Certificate of Appreciation for speaking to us today.

## BUSINESS/REPORTS

The minutes had been emailed out earlier this month. John Dodd moved that they be accepted, the motion was seconded by Lou Carlson. The motion passed.

Treasurer Don Carlson reported we had as of January 1st \$5,597. He reported the form for State and Federal Governments had been filled out and sent in. The Ben Franklin took in a record \$265 today.

Corresponding Secretary Gus Fischer reported we had one new member with us today, Scot Trodick. There were two (2) reinstatements putting our chapter at a membership total of 138!!!

President Ferris noted our need for volunteers as we have some chairmanships that need filling. In his President's Message he made mention of this need.

Recording Secretary Jim Blauer reported on the activity Contest from last year, noting where we did well and where we needed to improve. We had over 9,000 points in 2014 and last year had over 14,000 points. We will find out in April at the state meeting if it was enough to be the Best Chapter in the extra Large Division. Jim also mentioned the upcoming Patriot's Day Parade on Saturday March 5<sup>th</sup>.and that he had information for those who we interested in joining in the fun.

Registrar Kent Gregory spoke on our new and supplemental members in the last month.

Sergeant-at-Arms Danny Cox spoke had no report.

Chaplain Richard Adams was absent so there was no report.

Color Guard Commander Jim Fosdyck reported on the Massing tomorrow, The Laguna Beach Patriot's Day Parade and the Field of Honor as upcoming events for our color guard.

Veteran's Affairs Chairman Hammond Salley spoke on the finding that long time member Herman R. Keitzman, as reported by Jim Blauer, had moved recently to Yukon, Oklahoma and that he had never received any certificate from his participation in WWII. As the Fosdyck's will be in the area they plan to stop by and present Compatriot Keitzman with his Military Service Certificate.

Compatriot Salley mentioned the list of veterans we have in the chapter and is compiling a list of those who have joined the Veteran's Corps of the SAR. He will be contacting those who have yet to join this group within the SAR.

He mentioned the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Vietnam War and the Certificate from the society for those who served during the era, their spouses or families of MIAs. Reserves and National Guards also count. One does not have to be an SAR member to get one of these Certificates.

JROTC/ROTC Chairman Gus Fischer reported that we had 2 entries in the Enhanced JROTC Contest this year. The winner was a lady from Santa Ana High School and Gus hopes to have her here in March to be recognized.

Medals & Awards Chairman Jim Fosdyck asked that if members have received certificates and they do not need their folder to please bring them to him for reuse as they cost us \$1.00 each. It will save us money.

Eagle Chairman Jim Blauer reported that we had 2 entries in the Eagle Scout Scholarship Contest last year and that Jesse Martin was the unanimous choice as the chapter winner. Jim Called Jesse up who read his essay to the assemblage. Compatriot Blauer then presented Jesse with the patches for entering the contest. Compatriot Blauer noted that one of the patched was no longer produced and as such is considered antique and collectable. Jesse also received a check for \$100 from the chapter. Finally Compatriot Blauer requested that Jesse's mother come forward to pin the winner's medal on her son. Following all this Compatriot Blauer requested that any other Eagle Scouts in attendance to please come forward at which time a picture was taken of three Eagles, Compatriots Blauer and Phil Hoge with Jesse. It was also noted that Jesse's application was sent on to state for that part of the contest. It was reported that Jesse was selected as the winner of the State Contest so we will see him in Sacramento in April to receive his state awards. His application has been passed on to the National Society for selection for the big money on that level.

Essay Chairman Dan McKelvie reported that we will have the Essay winner at next month's meeting to receive their award from the chapter.

Poster Contest Chairman Hugh Richards says we will have a contest this year. He and wife Karen have gotten Wittmann Elementary in Cerritos to participate again. Kent Gregory is working on school in his district and Jim Blauer reported that he has heard from Wilson Elementary in Costa Mesa and the teachers are very excited about having their students do this.

Valley Forge Chairman Cole Zehnder reported he has three teachers interested in this program.

Flag Certificate Chairman Hans Hunt was absent, so no report.

The High School Outstanding Citizenship Contest was mentioned by Jim Fosdyck. The award goes to a member of the Senior Class.

Webmaster Mark Torres spoke on the changing website at [www.orangecountysar.org](http://www.orangecountysar.org). There has been new content added and hopes to place some genealogy and history on it.

## AWARDS

Dan Henry and Hammond Salley presented the SAR Military award to John DePoy and Fred Brockmiller and Wounded Warrior David Calef received our Wounded Warrior Coin and Certificate. All three veterans received quilts from Quilts of Valor by Barbara Winkler.

Hammond Salley asked Phil Mitchell to come forward and presented Phil with the Vietnam Veterans Medal.

New member Scot Trodick was then sworn in as our newest member by President Ferris and was pinned with the SAR Rosette by his sponsor Kent Gregory.

Two supplemental Certificates were presented to James Townsend for his ancestors Wingate and Talbot, Sr.

#### RAFFLE

While John Dodd conducted the raffle he spoke on several items. First was the cruise to Alaska which begins on May 13<sup>th</sup> and goes till about the 22<sup>nd</sup>. Also mentioned was the State Meeting in Sacramento in April. He noted that one does not need to be an officer to attend these meetings. You can just be an observer and learn about the process.

Winners in today's raffle included; Kent Gregory, Lou Carlson, Phil Marshall, Colonel Quinnely, Don Carlson, Karen McKelvie, Jim Townsend, Jim Blauer, Karen Carlson, Liz Ferris, Larry Hansen, Scot Trodick, Phil Hoge, and Bill Gaumer.

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

March 12<sup>th</sup> will be our next meeting.

The Massing of the Colors is tomorrow February 14<sup>th</sup>.

A Board Meeting is to follow.

The Snyder's will be selling his book at the table on the side.

The Benediction was given by Rev. Lou Carlson.

The SAR Recessional was led by new member Scot Trodick.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:34pm.

Respectfully Submitted

March 12, 2016

James F. Blauer

Recording Secretary