

ORANGE COUNTY CHAPTER * CALIFORNIA SOCIETY SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

Instituted October 22, 1875

Organized July 4, 1876, Incorporated February 17, 1930

GENERAL MEETING

June 10, 2017

The meeting was called to order by President David Beall at 11:30am. The Invocation was given by Chaplain Richard Adams. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Danny Cox. The SAR Pledge was led by Kent Gregory. Guests were welcomed.

Due to the need for our Eagle Scout to leave after lunch there was a change in the agenda. Eagle Scout Chairman Jim Blauer called Alex Best to the front introducing him as our Eagle Scout winner from last Fall. Alex was asked to read his essay and afterward Chairman Blauer noted that one of the sources used was that of our own Dan Shippey.

Alex was congratulated and presented his medal for being the winner at the chapter level. Chairman Blauer had his mother Christine pin it on his uniform. Chairman Blauer then presented Alex with three patches from the SAR. Since our Treasurer was absent Chairman Blauer told Alex they would send him his check for \$100.

We recesses at 11:45am.

We reconvened at 12:15pm.

The founder of the month was George Mason born December 11th, 1725

Special Guests in attendance were Derek and Janet Brown, Alex Best and his mother Christine Suh, and our speaker John S. Meyer.

Introductions were made, Those in attendance included; Gus Fischer, Hammond Salley, Larry Hansen, John Blake and Julie Bruton, Dan & Karen McKelvie, Tom Laswell, John & Liz Ferris, Hugh & Karen Richards, David & Liz Beall, Kent Gregory, Jeanette and Brett Benson, Mark & Brenda Torres, Dan Henry, Phil Mitchell, Richard Adams, Doug Milliken, Ben Rausch, Dan Shippey, Ted & Linda Carlson, Jim & Un Hui Yi Fosdyck, Jim Blauer, Gene & Charmella Secrest, Jim Klingler, Danny & Tedi Cox, Don & Dianne Carlson, Eric Hardeman, Paull Fellman, Doug & Jay Pettibone, and Patrick Cecil. 29 SARs, 18 Guests.

The minutes from the last meeting had a motion to approve as written by Jim Klingler and seconded. The motion passed.

REPORTS

With the treasurer absent there was no Treasurer's Report.

Corresponding Secretary Ted Carlson reported we had 131 members and four dual members.

There was nothing to report from Chancellor Doug Pettibone, Vice-President Gus Fischer, Recording Secretary Jim Blauer, Sergeant-at Arms Danny Cox, and Chaplain Richard Adams.

Registrar Kent Gregory reported there were three newly approved applications since our May meeting. We have 6 new applications at National and 10 supplementals.

Veteran's Affairs Chairman Hammond Salley reported we were starting the day with 35 members in the Veterans Corps and would be adding one today to bring the chapter total to 36.

JROTC/ROTC Chairman Gus Fischer reported that we had done 13 presentations and there would be one more at the end of this month.

Essay Contest Chairman Dan McKelvie has no report on the Essay Contest. He did not that our state winner in the Orations Contest would be going to Knoxville, Tennessee for the National Congress and the finals there.

Brochure Chairman John Ferris had nothing to report.

Hugh Richard, past Poster Chairman reported that the state is supposed to give \$30 to the honorable mention, but did not receive it with the ribbon. He is going to look into it.

Color Guard Commander Jim Fosdyck reported that on Father's Day we will have four Color guardsmen to present the Colors at an event in Costa Mesa, Commander Fosdyck, Jim Blauer, John Blake and Mark Torres will participate in this event. On July 4th we have the "Let Freedom Ring" ceremonies in Cerritos.

Jim then called Karen McKelvie up to the front to receive a Certificate of Appreciation for her help with the State Meeting in April.

Hammond Salley introduced our speaker John S. Meyer. John is a Purple Heart recipient and has authored 2 books on his experiences in Vietnam. He told about some of his experiences. President David Beall presented John with a Certificate of Appreciation for speaking to our group today. Charmella Secrest then read the explanation of what the Quilts of Valor is and along with Karen Richards and Un Hui Yi Fosdyck presented him a quilt to say thank you for his service to our country.

Jim Fosdyck then presented John with the SAR Wounded Warrior's Coin and Certificate and lastly the 50th Anniversary Pin for Vietnam War era service.

Hammond Salley then called Gus Fischer to the front and read his bio on his service in the military. He served in the Merchant Marines and received the Military Service Medal & Certificate.

President Beall then assumed control of the festivities and inducted Brett Benson into the chapter as our newest member. Kent Gregory his sponsor pinned the SAR rosette on him. David Beall presented him with his membership certificate. Jim Fosdyck then presented Compatriot Benson with a Vietnam War 50th Anniversary pin for his service at that time.

Commander Fosdyck then called up John Blake and presented John with the Baron Von Steuben Bronze Color Guard Medal for his participation in the Color Guard.

President Beall then read a message from President General Mike Tomme on Flag Day. He noted several acts that were passed on how the flag should look with the stars and stripes. He encouraged members to fly their flags on Flag Day—June 14th.

Compatriot Jim Blauer then read the message on the plaque presented to the chapter for their participation in the Garden Grove Strawberry Festival Parade.

Mark Torres pointed out their items available for donations to our Youth Programs. He also expounded on the Fund Raiser with the Orange County Register and the Amazon Smile program.

BEN FRANKLIN RAFFLE

It was now time for the Ben Franklin Raffle. Winners this day included; Ted Carlson, Don Carlson, John Meyer, Derek Brown, Tedi Cox, Paull Fellman, Dan McKelvie, Jim Klingler, Brett Benson, Liz Beall, Phil Mitchell, Karen McKelvie, John Ferris, Jim Blauer, Richard Adams, Hugh Richards, John Blake, Un Hui Yi Fosdyck, Kent Gregory, Jeanette Benson, Tom Laswell, Danny Cox, and Liz Ferris.

We made \$160 in the Ben Franklin today.

Next meeting is September 9th.

Picnic is August 19th. Begins at 10am so sign up for the food you plan to bring.

The Benediction was given by Chaplain Richard Adams.

The Recessional was led by Jim Blauer.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:55pm

Respectfully Submitted
September 9, 2017

James F. Blauer
Recording Secretary