

ORANGE COUNTY CHAPTER * CALIFORNIA SOCIETY SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

Instituted October 22, 1875

Organized July 4, 1876, Incorporated February 17, 1930

GENERAL MEETING

March 12, 2016

The meeting was called to order by President John Ferris at 11:30am. 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 Cole Zehnder. The Founder of the month was John Laurens. He was from South Carolina and served at Yorktown. In 1782 he was at the Battle of Charleston and was shot while in the saddle. He was mourned by General Washington. President Ferris read a bio of Patriot Laurens. The quote for the day is "I hope I shall possess firmness and virtue enough to maintain what I consider the most enviable of all titles, the character of an honest man." George Washington. On history for March President Ferris noted five dates and their significance to the Revolutionary War/Constitutional eras.

We recessed for lunch at 11:40am.

We reconvened at 12:15pm.

Introductions were made. President Ferris introduced our speaker Yolanda Crowe. We then went around the room and introduced ourselves. Those present included; John Ferris, John Blake and friend Julie Bruton, Patrick, Russell and Bill Cecil, Dan Henry, Hammond Salley, Cole Zehnder, Dan & Karen McKelvie, Hugh & Karen Richards, Danny & Tedi Cox, Kent Gregory, Larry Hansen, Larry & Sharon Wood, Phil Mitchell, Leonard Chapman, Jim Klingler, Mark Torres, Jim Lally(Prosp.), Jim & Un Hui Yi Fosdyck, Jim Blauer, Don & Diane Carlson, Phil Hoge, Charles Beal, Jim Quinnelly, Richard Adams, Kim, Cecilia and Kieran Michael D. Valino(Essay Winner)and Bill & Jackie Gaumer. 26 SARs, 13 Guests.

SPEAKER

Our speaker for the day is Yolanda Crowe who is from the Riverside National Cemetery and spoke on its history. She passed out a handout on the cemetery which as she did gave us historical background on the cemetery. Pictures were included as well as information on Monuments & Memorials, The Fallen Soldier/Veteran's Memorial, and the POW/MIA Action National Memorial. She also spoke on the notable persons including Medal of Honor Recipients who are buried there. Also there are seven Tuskegee Airmen buried there. Several Pearl Harbor Survivors are buried here as well as 11 Generals and Admirals.

She noted how they bury between 34-52 military persons daily. It was 200,000 buried in 2000. Now they do about 240,000 per year. She noted that for Memorial Day and Veterans Day a flag is placed on every grave. Yolanda is a former Navy from Los Angeles.

President Ferris presented Yolanda Crowe with a Certificate of Appreciation.

BUSINESS/REPORTS

It was moved by Hugh Richards that we accept the minutes of the February meeting as written and emailed by Recording Secretary Jim Blauer. This was seconded and the motion passed.

Treasurer Don Carlson reported we had \$5,750 at the beginning of February and ended the month at \$5,529. That is \$220 less. He reported that the Ben Franklin took in \$215 today.

Corresponding Secretary Gus Fischer reported that the papers for the reinstatement of Rick Kunzler were being processed.

Registrar Kent Gregory reported we had 2 new supplementals approved and there are 2 new and 2 supplementals at National.

Chaplain Adams had nothing to report.

Color Guard Commander Jim Fosdyck announced that the State Meeting will be a National Color Guard event as President General Lawrence will be in attendance. There will also be a changing of the Guard at that time from Commander Fosdyck to the Current Adjutant to Commander Fosdyck, Mark Kramer.

Veteran's Affairs Chairman Hammond Salley thanked Jim & Un Hui Yi Fosdyck for presenting Herman "Bob" Robert Keitzman with his WWII military Certificate when they were in Yukon, Kansas. Hammond is working on a list of all our chapter veterans and working on applications for the Veterans Corps of the SAR for our Vietnam Veterans. The time period for this conflict is from 1965-1974.

JROTC/ROTC Chairman Gus Fischer reported that a Bronze Good Citizenship medal & Certificate were presented to a Navy Cadet in El Toro.

Medals & Awards Chairman Jim Fosdyck reported that while back at National they stocked up on what he feels we will need for the coming year.

Eagle Scout Chairman Jim Blauer reported he is waiting to hear from National on whether our entry who took state is in the top three.

Knight Essay Chairman Dan McKelvie introduced this year's winner Kieran Michael D. Valino. He was presented his winning medal and check for \$100. He then read his winning essay on Lexington and Concord.

Poster Chairman Hugh Richards reported that we will have posters to vote on next month. Besides Wittmann elementary he is hoping to see entries from schools contacted by Kent Gregory and Jim Blauer.

Valley Forge Teacher Contest Chairman Cole Zehnder reported he had received notification of interest from four teachers. Applications were sent out and one has been completed. They have until the end of March to get their applications in to him.

Jim Fosdyck Chairman of the High School Award noted it was a new one where a Good Citizenship Pin is presented to the top high school student (Valedictorian). Sharon Wayne of Buena Park High School is the first recipient of this award from our chapter.

Webmaster Mark Torres reported that there is a lot of information on our website and encouraged members to check it out and if they have any ideas or suggestions to let him know and will take them into consideration. We now have a counter on the site.

AWARDS

New members were inducted by President Ferris. The first was John Carlton Blake. Kent Gregory was his sponsor and pinned on the Society Rosette. President Ferris presented Compatriot Blake with his New Member Certificate.

Next were the Cecil Family, Patrick, Russell and William. They were sworn in by President Ferris and presented with their new members certificates. They also were sponsored by Kent Gregory. He enlisted the help of Don Carlson and Phil Hoge to help with the pinning of the rosettes. Kent pinned Patrick Cecil, Don pinned Russell Cecil and Phil pinned William Cecil.

The next award is not one that comes around too often. After reading the various positions Jim Blauer has held as a member of the chapter and his state offices, Jim was presented with his 35 year pin and certificate.

Three supplementals were presented; Charles Beal for ancestor Elijah Locke, Dan McKelvie for Thomas Phelps, and Jim Fosdyck for Christina Robinson.

RAFFLE

The drawing was held and the following were our winners; Hugh Richards, Tedi Cox, Hammond Salley, Dan McKelvie, Jim Lally, Larry Wood, Patrick Cecil, Un Hui Yi Fosdyck, Jim Quinnelly, Larry Hansen, Phil Mitchell, Jim Blauer, Danny Cox, Sharon Wood, Phil Hoge, Mark Torres, Russell Cecil and Charles Beal.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

April 9th will be our next meeting. Sharon Meigs will speak on the DAR.

April 14-16 will be the State Meeting in Sacramento.
A Board Meeting to follow.

The Benediction was given by Chaplain Richard Adams.
The SAR Recessional was led by Mark Torres.
The meeting was adjourned at 1:58pm.

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Respectfully Submitted
April 9, 2016

James F. Blauer
Recording Secretary