

ORANGE COUNTY CHAPTER * CALIFORNIA SOCIETY SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

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Organized July 4, 1876, Incorporated February 17, 1930

GENERAL MEETING

May 13, 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 Jim Blauer. Guests were welcomed.

The Founder of the month was Henry Knox.

We recesses at 11:35am.

We reconvened at 12:10pm.

President Beall introduced the Tran Family and our speaker Doug Milliken.

Self-Introductions were made. Those in attendance included; David and Liz Beall, Gus Fischer, Hammond Salley, Marcus & Jane Deemer, Paull Fellman, John & Liz Ferris, Hugh & Karen Richards, Doug Milliken, John, Anna & Evelyn Doan, Mark, Brenda & Spencer Torres, Cliff Hope, Christopher Keene, Ted & Linda Carlson, Paul Garcia, Jim & Un Hui Yi Fosdyck, John & Lacy Dodd, Jim Blauer, Jim Klingler, Kent Gregory, Danny & Ted Cox, Don & Dianne Carlson, Eric & James Hardeman, Richard Adams, Cole Zehnder, Larry Hansen & Daughter Nicole, Bill & Jackie Gaumer, John Blake and Julie Bruton, Matt & Ethan Noell, Leonard Chapman, Paul Gilbert, Eileen and Kathleen Ernst, and Tin, Ali, Toan & Thanh Tran. 30 SAR, 24 Guests.

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

OFFICER REPORTS

Treasurer Cole Zehnder reported we had \$6, 485.57 in our checking account as of today. The Ben Franklin took in \$200 today. He also reported that we made \$1,887.64 on the state meeting.

Vice-President Gus Fischer reported we have speakers lined up for the remainder of the year.

Recording Secretary Jim Blauer and Chaplain Richard Adams had no reports.

Sergeant-at-Arms Danny Cox reported that our Color Guard has been invited to attend and present the Colors at the Shepherd's Grove Memorial weekend service. This year they have asked that we do this at both services.

Gus Fischer announced that we have done 6 High Schools in the JROTC presentations.

It was announced that John Ferris has agreed to take over the Brochure Contest Chairmanship.

Hugh Richards reported that our poster entry took honorable mention at the state meeting. A certificate, medal and check will be presented to the artist in the near future at the school.

John Dodd reported that the Medals & Awards Committee at National have approved a new Life Saving medal & Certificate. This was three years in the making. It is for those rescues where the rescuer is not in danger.

Commander Jim Fosdyck reported that next weekend is the Field of Honor. Our Color Guard will be there on Friday and Saturday as presenters of the Colors or as an Honor Guard. The following Saturday we have the Garden Grove Strawberry Festival Parade. Sunday is the Shepherd's Grove Color Guard presentation. Monday will be the Memorial Day ceremonies at the Old Santa Ana Cemetery. We will present our colors and lay a wreath.

Jim Fosdyck reported on the state meeting and thanked many of the helpers, Gus Fischer and Mark Torres at the Registration Desk. Friday was the Youth Luncheon and Saturday we had the public Service Luncheon. At the latter we had presentations by the Quilts of Valor to several veterans. Matt Noell performed with 8-10 members of the LA Fife & Drum Corps at the banquet. Larry Wood did his Midnight Ride of Paul Revere performance. John & Liz Ferris ran the hospitality room with the assistance of Brenda Torres. Other helpers included Paul Garcia, John Dodd, Jim Klingler and Kent

Gregory. This also includes Larry Hansen, who was presented with a Certificate of Appreciation for his helping out as well.

President David Beall did his part by announcing that this year was the 50th anniversary of our chapter's charters every chance when he got the microphone.

Certificates of Appreciation were presented to Mark & Brenda Torres and Gus Fischer.

There was a proclamation from Dr. Stephen Choi and a resolution from the state assembly.

Registrar Kent Gregory reported we had 6 new members and there are still 8 new applications at National. There are 9 supplementals at National and we have four new members for induction today.

SPEAKER—DOUG MILLIKEN

Our speaker for the day was Compatriot Doug Milliken. He was introduced by Gus Fischer and spoke to us on "Faces of Freedom". This was in part about his service and his Vietnam experience. His military experiences were captured in his book, "Freedom Fighters" which won 3 book awards. President Beall presented Doug with a certificate of appreciation for having spoken to us today. Un Hui Yi Fosdyck, President of the State Ladies Auxiliary presented Doug with a challenge coin from former First lady of the National Society SAR.

AWARDS

Hammond Salley, Veterans Affairs Chairman presented Paull Fellman with the military service Veterans Corps certificate.

David Beall reported that at the State Meeting our chapter won best very large chapter and that included certificates for 6 of the categories in the contest.

Chapter Brochure Contest winner Tin Tran was presented his medal, and certificate as the 3rd place finisher at state. He received a check for \$100 from the chapter and \$150 from the state.

NEW MEMBER INSTALLATIONS

Paul Gilbert was inducted by swearing in Paul Gilbert who received his rosette from his sponsor Kent Gregory.

Eric and James Hardeman were inducted and Kent and with Jim Klingler's assistance pinned the rosettes on Eric and James.

Paul Garcia was inducted and he was pinned by sponsor Jim Fosdyck. He also received the War Service medal and a challenge Coin.

Kent Gregory reported a new listing of ancestors from the American Revolution who go back to Jamestown.

Mark Torres noted his items for purchase for raising money for the youth programs.

Un Hui Yi Fosdyck asked that members bring an unwrapped toy to the December meeting.

Gus Fischer thanked Mark and Brenda Torres for attending the JROTC awards. Mark has been showing up in uniform.

Jim Fosdyck reported that the Fall Board of Managers Meeting will be at the same hotel that we were just at.

BEN FRANKLIN RAFFLE

It was now time for the Ben Franklin Raffle. Winners this day included; Danny Cox, Lacy Dodd, Eileen Ernst, Jim Blauer, Spencer Torres, Tran Family, Tedi Cox, Don Carlson, Paul Garcia, Karen Richards, Tin Tran, Richard Adams, Doug Milliken, Jim Fosdyck, Mark Torres, and Un Hui Yi Fosdyck

The Benediction was given by Chaplain Richard Adams.

The Recessional was led by Eric & James Hardeman.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:44pm

Respectfully Submitted
June 10, 2017

James F. Blauer
Recording Secretary

