

ORANGE COUNTY CHAPTER * CALIFORNIA SOCIETY SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

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Organized July 4, 1876, Incorporated February 17, 1930

GENERAL MEETING

November 14, 2015

The meeting was called to order by President Jim Klingler at 11:30am. The Invocation was given by Chaplain Richard Adams. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Larry Wood... The SAR Pledge was led by David Beal.

Alexander Hamilton was the Founder of the Month. He was a soldier who was an aide to General Washington, was one of the authors of the Federalists Papers and was the first Secretary of the Treasury.

The quote of the day came from General Pulaski was in a letter to George Washington. The quote of the day was from Hamilton. "There is certain enthusiasm in Liberty, that makes human nature rise above itself, in acts of bravery and heroism".

Veterans Day was celebrated as the songs for each service were played. The members of each branch were asked to stand when their song was played and cards were handed out to all those who have served our country. A small thank you for their service.

Besides Veterans Day and its history on Nov. 11th, there was also the signing of the treaty of Paris on November 30, 1782 to end the American Revolution.

We recessed for lunch at 11:45am.

We reconvened at 12:20pm.

It was moved that we go out of order so as to accommodate our speaker. The motion was seconded and passed.

John Ferris introduced our speaker Donald Peter Pete) Moriarty and read his bio to us. It was noted he is a retired Lt. Col. From the Army having served from 1957-1980.

Peter spoke on the Louisiana territory and its history and defense by France. Eventually leading to the Louisiana Purchase in 1803. This included fights with the British over the areas claimed by both and the eventual French & Indian War(Seven Years War) from 1756-1763.He spoke of the Acadians in Northern are of what would become Maine, but was then a part of Massachusetts.

President Klingler presented our Certificate of Appreciation to Compatriot Moriarty and the Quilts of Valor (Karen Richards) presented him with a quilt.

Dan Henry then introduced Wounded Warrior Robert McClaine and his wife Lois. Robert was presented with our Wounded Warr6ior Coin and Certificate and also received a quilt from Quilts of Valor. He served from 1966-1970 and rose to the rank of Captain. He thanked us for our efforts in doing this.

Business

The minutes had been emailed out earlier this month. Jim Fosdyck moved that they be accepted, John Ferris seconded. The motion passed.

Arthur Koehler our treasurer reported we have \$6,378.61 in the bank and have received \$ 150from the Ben Franklin raffle. It was noted the high amount in our account was due to dues which we have been collection for next year.

Corresponding Secretary Gus Fischer thanked all those who have sent in their dues. As of October 19 we had 104 paid members, 47 members have submitted their dues. He will be sending out notices by email and regular mail to get members to reup with our chapter. We have 1 transfer, 1 reinstatement, and 1 transfer/reinstatement. There have been 5 new members since November 4th and our current membership stands at 149.

Vice-President of the Western District John Dodd spoke about the joint district cruise to Alaska in May 2016. The dates are May 13-22. We will meet Seattle with the local chapter. We will take a bus to

Vancouver and get on the ship there. There will be a post trip to Denali. The range at present is around \$2800-\$2900.

President Klingler reported that the chapter had received the Partners in Patriotism Award as well as Streamers for the Field of Honor and Let Freedom Ring Events. We also made a donation of \$592 to the Center for the privilege of owning 1 square foot of the new complex. A Letter has been received from National concerning this donation and at the 2016 Spring Trustees Meeting (It is really a Winter meeting) they will present a streamer to our chapter for the donation.

Vice-President John Ferris reported that he is busy finalizing three speakers for early next year.

Jim Blauer reported that we have 2 entries in the Eagle Scout Scholarship Contest and have sent copies to be judge by three members who are all Eagle Scouts. Our entry is due to the State by December 1st.

Registrar Kent Gregory reported that we had 5 new members in October and 5 so far this month. We have 1 Application at National and 1 supplemental as well. We have 2 supplementals to send in.

Chaplain Richard Adams noted that Danny Cox had had surgery on a tumor in his pancreas and is in Hoag Hospital. Also that Jim Wallace is holding his own.

Color Guard Commander Jim Fosdyck spoke on the December 12th Wreaths Across America event in Brea at the Memory Gardens Memorial Park. Some of those to be present are DAR, Gold Star Mothers, and a JROTC unit from Sonora High School, along with several SAR chapters represented. They are looking for a bugler. The ceremony begins at 9am and he wants the Color Guard there by 8:30am for a run through. They are also expecting members of the LA Fife and Drum Corps to be present.

The Massing of the Colors is scheduled for February 14th next year.

Veterans Affairs Chairman Dan Henry he is working on a letter to have those who attend Honor Flight Airport events to be a National Color Guard event. He explained how these flights take WWII and Korea Veterans to Washington D.C. to see their Memorials. He plans to announce any known flights that are coming up so if members want to and have the time, they can attend these flights and thank these veterans for their service.

Dan also reported that they are trying to sign up those who either served in Viet Nam or during the Viet Nam Era. Hammond Salley is taking the lead on this effort. Dan also thanked the Quilts of Valor for their participation in recognizing our service men and Wounded Warriors.. He noted that a Veterans Page has been posted on our website.

ROTC/JROTC Chairman Gus Fischer reported he had sent out 15 packets to the various schools here in Orange County and has sent along information about the enhanced contest for JROTC Cadets.

Poster Contest was reported on by Karen Richards. Said she is going back to the school (Wittmann Elementary) to make a pitch for the program in hopes of changing their minds from last year. Jim Blauer spoke how he had checked out the schools in the Newport Mesa Unified School district and how he went on line to build packets to send off to all the elementary schools in his district. He explained he had received an email from an elementary teacher at Wilson Elementary. He also noted he had received interest from the Principal of Costa Mesa High for the Essay and Oration Contests. He encouraged members of the chapter to check the school districts they live in and see if they can do the same.

Flag Certificate Chairman Hans Hunt was absent, but President Klingler reported that he had presented a Flag Certificate to Sonora High School.

INDUCTION

Philip Mitchell was inducted by President Klingler. Kent Gregory pinned on his rosette as the sponsor of Compatriot Mitchell.

NEW BUSINESS

The Nomination Committee report was given. The slate for 2016 is President –John Ferris, Vice-President–David Beall, Corresponding Secretary–Gus Fischer, Recording Secretary–Jim Blauer, Treasurer–Arthur Koehler, Chaplain–Richard Adams, Sergeant-at-Arms–Danny Cox, Registrar–Kent Gregory and Chancellor–John Dodd.

The raffle4 was conducted by Compatriot John Dodd. Winners this month included; Un Hui Yi Fosdyck, Bill Gaumer, David Beall, Jim Blauer, Kent Gregory, Karen Richards, Pete Moriarty, Jim Quinnelly, John Ferris, Richard Adams, Richard Price, Dan McKelvie, Jim Klingler, Dan Henry, Don Carlson, Larry Hansen, Phil Hoge, Larry Wood, Mark Torres, John Dodd and Matthew Noell.

While doing the raffle John announced the 2019 Congress will be held in Costa Mesa. There is for those who want the Premium Medal for sale and \$250 goes to the Center for which you will receive a California 250 pin. He also announced that next Spring the SAR Conference on the American Revolution will be held here in California at the Huntington Library. Since it is local we may want to go up there and see what these academics have written on the American Revolution.

Awards presented to members at the recent state meeting in Riverside include the Meritorious Service to Jim Klingler, the Liberty Medal to Jim Fosdyck, and the Silver Roger Sherman medal to John Dodd.

It was announced that December 12th is our next meeting where we will have our annual Gift exchange. The rules will be published in the newsletter. And that prior to that we will have the Wreaths Across America Ceremonies in Brea. We will proceed directly to the meeting following the ceremonies.

The Benediction was given by Chaplain Richard Adams.

The recessional was led by Philip Mitchell.

The meeting was adjourned at 2pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
December 12, 2015

James F. Blauer
Recording Secretary