

ORANGE COUNTY CHAPTER * CALIFORNIA SOCIETY SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

Instituted October 22, 1875

Organized July 4, 1876, Incorporated February 17, 1930

GENERAL MEETING

November 12, 2016

The meeting was called to order by President John Ferris at 11:33am. The Invocation was given by Chaplain Richard Adams. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mark Torres. The SAR Pledge was led by Gus Fischer.

The Founder of the month was Peter Harris. He was born in 1757 and after his parents died he was raised by the Catabwa Indians. He was the only person from the Catabwa Tribe to serve in the American Revolution. He served as a Captain. In 1818 he received an \$8.00 pension from Congress. He also received \$60/ year from the state of South Carolina. His quote of the day was once again by George Washington.

President Ferris noted several important dates for the month of November and the American Revolution.

In honor of our veterans this Veterans Day the armed forces medley was played and those from each branch were asked to stand. This included the Merchant Marines which one of our members served in. They were founded on June 12, 1775 when the HMS Margarita revolted when privateers interrupted the British supply lines.

President Ferris then read a message given by President Woodrow Wilson at the end of WWI.

We recesses at 11:53am.

We reconvened at 12:25pm.

Introductions were made. Those in attendance included; John, Liz & Meagan Ferris, Gus Fischer, John Blake, Larry Hansen, George Kridner and wife, Bill & Jackie Gaumer, Marcus Deemer & daughter, Jim & Doug Bradley, Phil Mitchell, Hugh & Karen Richards, Dan & Karen McKelvie, Kent Gregory, John Dodd, Mark & Brenda Torres, Dan Henry, Richard Adams, James Townsend, Jay Pettitbone, Peter Moriarty, Ted & Linda Carlson, Jim & Un Hui Yi Fosdyck, Jim Blauer, Jim Klingler, David Beall, Doug Milliken, Don & Diane Carlson, Larry & Sharon Wood, Jim Quinnelly and aide, Leonard Chapman and Barbara Winkler, Paul Fellman, William Watkins, Linda Wallace, Bob Ruiz, Gary(Guest) and Craig Van Doren (Speaker). There were other guests with some of the recipients, but did not get the sign in sheet. 31 SAR, 17 Guests.

David Beall read the introduction/bio on our Guest Speaker Craig Van Doren. He is part of the Southland Honor Flight organization that works to send WWII vets to Washington D.C. to see the WWII Memorial before they die. This is an all-volunteer organization with 130 airport hubs used around the country to fly these veterans to D.C. He showed some clips of veterans at the airport and some at the monument. Craig received the Certificate of Appreciation from President John Ferris for being our speaker today.

Executive Vice-President Jim Fosdyck reported that the State meeting next Spring will be April 7-8 at the Wyndham. It will be \$118.00 per night, \$4.00 per day for parking and registration will be \$145 for the weekend.

Mark Torres reported that in his effort to raise money for the youth contests there were some eggs and other edible items over in a box on the side. Take what you want and leave a donation.

Paul Edward Fellman was inducted as our newest member.

William Watkins was presented the Wounded Warrior Coin and Certificate. He was also presented with the 50th anniversary pin for having served during the Vietnam War and his wife received a button. He was also presented with a quilt from Quilts of Valor by Barbara Winkler.

Linda Wallace was a Navy Nurse. She worked at the Long Beach Naval Hospital where she tended to our Vietnam vets coming home from the war. She received a quilt from Quilts of Valor and the 50th Anniversary Vietnam War Pin.

Compatriot Phil Mitchell received a Quilt from Quilts of Valor for his service during the Vietnam War.

Roberto "Bob" Ruiz was in WWII. Dan Henry read his bio. Dan noted that Bob was in the same bomber group as his uncle was. He was presented with a quilt from Quilts of Valor.

Donald "Pete" Moriarty was in the army and received the Vietnam 50th anniversary Memorial Pin.

Others honored included; Doug Milliken, Gary (a guest) and Bill Gaumer. Diane Carlson and Jackie Gaumer received Vietnam 50th anniversary buttons.

The raffle was held and winners included; Jim Blauer, Terry Watkins, Un Hui Yi Fosdyck, Liz Ferris, Brenda Torres, Meagan Ferris, Don Carlson, Phil Mitchell, Bill Gaumer, Jim Quinnelly, Barbara Winkler, John Blake, Kent Gregory, Marcus Deemer, Jim Fosdyck, David Beall, Ted Carlson, and Richard Adams.

Barbara Winkler announced the winner of the raffle for the quilt used to raise money for materials and fabrics. For the second year in a row it was won by a member of our chapter. This year's winner is Jim Blauer.

Announcements were made. The next meeting is December 10th. Wreaths Across America will be on December 17th. There will not be a Board Meeting. Gus thanked those who had paid their dues.

The Benediction was given by Chaplain Richard Adams.

The Recessional was led by Jim Klingler.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:56pm.

Respectfully Submitted

December 10, 2016

James F. Blauer

Recording Secretary