

ORANGE COUNTY CHAPTER * CALIFORNIA SOCIETY SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

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GENERAL MEETING

October 8, 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 Dan McKelvie. The SAR Pledge was led by Hammond Salley.

The Founder of the month was Samuel L. Webb. He served as secretary to Silas Deane. He was at Bunker Hill, was wounded in the head and served as an aide to General George Washington. He was at White Plains, crossed the Delaware, and was a part of the Rhode Island 9th regiment a decoy regiment in British uniforms. He held the Bible that Washington swore on to take the Presidential Oath of office. President Ferris then read off several date of historical significance to the Revolutionary/Constitutional eras and credited Jim Blauer as it was from his calendar that he obtained these dates. His quote of the day was once again by George Washington.

We recesses at 11:41am.

We reconvened at 12:15pm.

Introductions were made. Those in attendance included; John Ferris, Larry Hansen, Doug Bradley, Hammond Salley, John Blake and his friend Julie Bruton, Marcus & Jane Deemer, Phil Mitchell, Hugh & Karen Richards, Dan McKelvie, Danny Cox, Kent Gregory, Eric Padget, Mark, Hazel, Joe, Brenda & Lacy Torres, Doug Pettibone, David Beall, Jim Klingler, Dan Shippey, Jim & Un Hui Fosdyck, Jim Blauer, Don & Diane Carlson, Ted & Linda Carlson, Paul Fellman, Leonard Chapman and Richard Adams. 24 SAR and 10 Guests

Hammond Salley then introduced our speaker for this month, Danny Cox. Danny spoke about his years as an Air Force Test Pilot talking about the various planes he flew. After his talk he was presented with a Certificate of Appreciation and a quilt from Quilts of Valor.

A motion was made to accept the minutes from the last meeting as mailed out by Recording Secretary Jim Blauer. The motion was seconded and it passed.

Treasurer Don Carlson reported we took in \$185 for the Ben Franklin Raffle this meeting. He also reported that we have a \$4,767.01 balance.

Corresponding Secretary Gus Fischer reported we have 142 members and there are some transfers in progress.

President Ferris announced that there will be a Board meeting next Saturday.

Jim Blauer reported that Eagle Scout Applications for the Scholarship Contest are due by November 1st. He will then get copies of the applications to the judges and have a winner to be sent to Gary Jensen at State by December 1st. He also reported that due to the excessive amount of coupons and disproportionate number of points we would not be allowed to count them for the State Best Chapter Contest. It was determined by the State Referee, Phil Hinshaw that these Coupons we donated to the military base in Misawa, Japan counted for 72% of our overall total and was not representative of an overall balanced activities. Phil suggested that maybe the state should consider some sort of award to the chapter for their accomplishment. Compatriot Blauer stated that we will continue with this program as it helps our military keep costs down.

Registrar Kent Gregory reported we have 2 new members and one new supplemental approved by National. We currently have 5 more supplementals waiting for action at National.

Color Guard Commander Jim Fosdyck reported that we have the November (Friday) 11th event at the Field of Valor in Orange. We will be a part of the closing ceremonies sometime between 2-4:30 pm. On December 17th the third Saturday of the month we will have the Wreaths Across America ceremony at the Brea Memorial Gardens Soldier's Plot. He pointed out that it is usually the second Saturday and we

head to the meeting afterwards. Not so this year. We will have our meeting on the 10th and the Wreaths ceremony on the 17th of December.

Veteran's affairs Chairman Hammond Salley reported he has 32 veterans on our Military Service rolls and 3 potential for a total of 35. He also announced that Craig Van Doren would be our November Speaker.

It was announced the Eagle Scholarship applications need to be in by November 1st.

The High School Good Citizenship Awards will start in March of next year.

It is hoped that we will be able to have some events with the local CAR Society.

Mark Torres our Web master noted he had placed an item for donations in an effort to raise money for our youth programs.

Jim Klingler announced he was taking nominations for the 2017 election of officers. Those offices up for election are: President, Vice-President, Corresponding Secretary, Recording Secretary, Treasurer, Registrar, Chancellor and Chaplain.

Jim Fosdyck announced the quilt on display at the meeting was done by his wife Un Hui Yi and she is selling raffle tickets to raise money for the state to send to national for the Youth Programs. The quilt has a California motif and is called "California Dreaming". So far with the sales of tickets Un Hui Yi has collected \$595.00. That is over half way to the \$1,000 challenge PG Tomme made for all states.

New Member Eric John Padget was inducted by President Ferris. Kent Gregory was his sponsor and placed the SAR Rosette on Compatriot Padget's lapel. President Ferris presented Compatriot Padget with his Membership Certificate.

Veteran Recognition Awards were presented by Veteran's Affairs Chairman Hammond Salley. John Blake was presented the Military Service Award. He served in the Air National Guard. Douglas Howard Bradley was in the Army and received the Military Service Medal. Both were recognized for having joined the Veterans Corp. Leonard Chapman was in the USAF at Hickham and has also joined the Veterans Corps.

Jim Fosdyck spoke on the 50th Anniversary of the Vietnam War and the attempt to recognize all veterans who served from 1955- 1975. There are 7.2 million vets from that era. In California there are three co-chairs. Two are from our chapter One is Hammond Salley and the other is Doug Bradley. They were presented a pin and challenge coin for their work with veterans.

Commander Jim Fosdyck called Dan Shippey forward and presented him with the SAR Silver Color Guard medal & Certificate.

It was announced that the Spring meeting of 2017 would be at the Wyndham Hotel. It will be \$118/night. It will be \$4.00/day for parking. Registration will be \$145.

The Ben Franklin Raffle was conducted and winners this month included; Jim Blauer, Eric Padget, Linda Carlson, Phil Mitchell, John Blake, Hazel Torres, Paul Fellman, Dan Shippey, Jim Klingler, Lacey Torres, David Beall, Danny Cox, Un Hui Yi Fosdyck, Doug Pettibone, Brenda Torres, Richard Adams and Ted Carlson.

Final announcements were made. Congress will be in Knoxville, Tennessee this next July. Our November 12th meeting's speaker will talk about the Honor Flight program. The Fall Board of Managers meeting will be in Burlingame. Finally, there will be a board meeting next Saturday, October 15th.

Richard Adams thanked all the veterans and gave the benediction.

The Recessional was led by Jim Klingler.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:09pm.

Respectfully Submitted
October 8, 2016

James F. Blauer
Recording Secretary