

ORANGE COUNTY CHAPTER * CALIFORNIA SOCIETY SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

Instituted October 22, 1875

Organized July 4, 1876, Incorporated February 17, 1930

GENERAL MEETING

September 9, 2017

The meeting was Called to order: 11:30 am. The Invocation: Chaplain Richard Adams. The Pledge of Allegiance: Sergeant-at-Arms Danny Cox. The Pledge to the SAR: John Faris
The Founder of the month: Samuel Prescott, born August 19, 1751

Word of the day: midnight ride

Wisdom of the founder: Keep riding forward

A quote for our time: "No matter what you do, you'll never run away from you." –Paul Revere

Lunch recess: 11:45 am-12:15 pm

President David Beall welcomed guest speaker Tim Corbett before starting the introductions of members and patriot ancestors.

The move to approve the previous meeting's minutes was made and seconded.

OFFICER REPORTS

Treasurer Cole Zehnder reported an income of \$230 in July-August, and expenses of \$261. The Sept. 9 Ben Franklin Raffle made \$150.

Corresponding Secretary Ted Carlson reported that it is time to renew dues, and renewals are due Nov. 15. Dues have not increased.

Kent Gregory reported that over the summer, 8 new members and 2 supplementals were approved by National. Still awaiting approval are 3 new members and 13 supplementals. It is taking about 6 weeks for National to approve new members, and 26 weeks to approve supplementals.

Danny Cox reported experiencing an upsurge of people telling him, "Thank you for your service," and pointed out that we could use more of this recognition of veterans.

Hammond Salley reported that there are 38 veterans in the chapter: 20 Army, 6 Air Force, 8 Navy, and 4 Marine Corps. He noted that at the November meeting, the speaker will be Ronnie Guyer, who was a radio operator in the Battle of the Ia Drang Valley during the Vietnam War (the subject of "We Were Soldiers Once... and Young").

Dan McKelvie reported that the California State oration winner, who is from Riverside, won at the national level.

Brochure chairman John Faris made some contacts over the summer in preparation for marketing the brochure contest. He welcomes more contacts.

Poster contest chairman Patrick Cecil reported that he and John Faris are working on building a network of educators to make announcing both contests simpler and more effective in the future.

Mark Torres announced that the following day, at Reverend Carlson's church, the color guard would be present for a Sept. 11 event. Per Jim Fosdyck's request, he floated the idea of making the August picnic an annual event, since it seemed that everyone had a blast. President David Beall asked those present who would be interested in making the picnic an annual event, and many hands were raised. Mark also

announced that he and his wife Brenda had brought table runners and a selection of jellies and marmalades as a fundraiser for the chapter's youth programs. He also reminded the gathering about the Orange County Register fundraiser: if a person subscribes to a year of Sunday newspapers for the total price of \$1, the Register will donate \$15 to the chapter. Each person can subscribe to as many as 5 newspapers. Mark suggested subscribing to 5 papers, collecting all the coupons, and giving them to Jim Blauer to send to the military. Mark also reported that he and Cole are working on Amazon Smile.

Gus Fischer introduced the speaker, Tim Corbett, Deputy Director of Facilities, Operations, Maintenance, and Utilities for the County of Orange. A former Marine, Louisiana native Corbett spoke with passion about his approach to his job: as a steward of the county's land and resources. He focused more specifically on a power-generating plant the county built and operates. It was a very brief presentation but generated several very interested questions from the assembly.

Gus presented the speaker with a certificate of appreciation following his presentation.

President Beall awarded certificates of appreciation to Elisabeth Beall, Brenda Torres, and Mark Torres.

President Beall inducted two new members into the chapter: Eric Kincaid Olson II and Nathaniel Eric Kincaid Olson.

Mark and Brenda Torres presented two members with Quilts of Valor: Hammond Salley and Jim Klinger. Both seemed very moved by the presentation.

The first winner of the Benjamin Franklin Raffle was the speaker's wife, Lola, and the last winner was raffle-meister John Dodd!

President Beall announced that the next meeting will be October 14, and reminded the assembly to leave a gratuity.

Chaplain Richard Adams gave the benediction.

The Olsons jointly led the assembly in the SAR Recessional.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted
October 14, 2017

Elisabeth Beall
Recording Secretary Pro Tempore

James F. Blauer
Recording Secretary