ORANGE COUNTY CHAPTER

SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

General Meeting

 September 13, 2014

The meeting was opened by President Dan Shippey at 11:30 am. The invocation was given by Chaplain Richard Adams. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Sergeant at Arms Danny Cox. The SAR Pledge was led by Corresponding Secretary Jim Klingler. The Buena Park High School Jr. Air Force ROTC Color Guard posted the colors.

President Shippey noted the Founder of the Month is Capt. Jonathan Heraden. Capt. Heraden born 1744 in Gloucester Massachusetts was the most successful and audacious of the dread Salem privateers. Heraden covered his gun ports with canvas painted to match the sides of his ship and making it look like a vulnerable American merchantman. When a British ship saw this prize waiting to be taken it would move in close and be met with a crushing broadside. In 1780 on the moonless night cruise, his ship, The General Pickering, snuck up on the British armed brig, The Golden Eagle, in the darkness he called out for the brig to strike its colors immediately or be sunk, because he was captain of an American frigate of the heaviest class. The British captain was most distressed when he found out that he had surrendered without a shot to a vessel of equal size, Captain Jonathan Heraden never lost a ship, and it is estimated he captured more than 1000 cannon for the American cause as well as untold stocks of other weapons, powder, ammunition, numerous other vessels and goods.

We recessed at 11:40 am for lunch. We reconvened at 12:20 pm.

President Shippey announced the guests at the meeting: CASSAR President, Jim Faulkinbury and his wife Karen, Harbor Chapter President, Jim Gill, Harbor Chapter Past President, Karl Jacobs, Harbor Chapter member, Jim Olds, Col. James Miller, USAF (Ret.), instructor, with Juan Alvarado, Jorge Jimenez, Daniel Rodriguez, and Juan Sandoval, members of the Jr. Air Force ROTC at Buena Park High School, and Dory Permoyer from Quilts of Valor. Recording Secretary Jim Blauer was not in attendance due to his attendance at the 200th anniversary celebration of the composing of the Star Spangled Banner at Ft. McKinley, MD.

Self-Introductions were made. Attending were: Richard Adams, John Beall, Kathleen Beall, Dr. Ed Behnke, Teresa Behnke, William Biggs, Joseph Boyer, Don Carlson, Diane Carlson, Lou Carlson, Karen Carlson, Joe Clifton, Joyce Clifton, Danny Cox, Teddy Cox, Marcus Deemer, Jane Deemer, John Dodd, John Ferris, Liz Ferris, Jim Fosdyck, Un Hui Yi Fosdyck, Phil Forbes, Kent Gregory, Lisa Gregory, Chuck Ingoglia, Lori Ingoglia, Jim Klingler, Arthur Koehler, George Kridner III, Bonnie Kridner, George Kridner IV, Craig Matheny, Liz Matheny, Eric Matheny, Dan McKelvie, Karen McKelvie, Matthew Noell, Jim Quinnelly, Hugh Richards, Hammond Salley, Mike Shanahan, Dan Shippey, Kelli Shippey, Blythe Shippey, Sloane Shippey, Clarence Shippey, Kathy Shippey, Jim Wallace, Larry Wood, Sharon Wood.

26 SAR’s, 36 Guests.

The minutes of the June 14, 2014 meeting as transmitted by Corresponding Secretary Jim Klingler were approved.

Treasurer Arthur Koehler reported that the current checking account balance as of August 31, 2014 is $3,395.51.

Registrar Kent Gregory reported that the chapter added 5 new members, 1 reinstatement and 1 transfer during the summer, which makes the total membership 105.

Chaplin Richard Adams reported that Compatriot Dan Henry was continuing to provide assistance to Compatriot Walter Davis, who sent a letter of gratitude to the Chapter. Chaplin Adams also noted September 12 was Compatriot Jim Wallace’s birthday.

John Dodd requested, and the motion was made and passed, to approve him as a Trustee of the CASSAR Investment Fund.

Commander Jim Fosdyck reported that the upcoming Color Guard events are: October 25 in Carlsbad to commemorate the 120th anniversary of the CASSAR, November 9 in Huntington Beach for the Surf City Veterans Day Car Show, and November 11 in Yorba Linda for the Veterans Day Memorial.

President Dan Shippey inducted the following new members of the Orange County Chapter:

1. William R. Biggs (sponsored by Kent Gregory). Mr. Biggs also received the U.S. Marine service medal for service in Iraq and Afghanistan, a Wounded Warrior Certificate, and a Quilt of Valor.
2. Phillip E. Forbes (sponsored by Jim Fosdyck). Mr. Forbes also received the Law Enforcement service medal.
3. Eric M. Matheny (sponsored by Craig Matheny)
4. Clarence B. Shippey (sponsored by Dan Shippey). Mr. Shippey also received the U.S. Navy service medal and a Quilt of Valor.

President Shippey presented Certificates of Appreciation to Col. James Miller and the Jr. AF ROTC members Juan Alvarado, Jorge Jimenez, Daniel Rodriguez, and Juan Sandoval, for their participation in the Chapter meeting and the Field of Honor.

President Shippey presented the following awards:

1. Lamplighter Award to Dr. Edward Behnke.
2. Supplemental Ancestor Award to Hammond Salley.
3. Molly Pitcher Award to Karen McKelvie for participation in SAR Color Guard events in period dress.
4. The Baron Von Steuben Award to Dan and Kelli Shippey for their portrayal of George and Martha Washington.

President Dan Shippey then introduced our guest speaker, CASSAR President Jim Faulkinbury. President Faulkinbury spoke about the history of the SAR. The Sons of the American Revolution was incorporated in Connecticut on January 17, 1890 and later chartered by the United States Congress on June 6, 1906.  Prior to 1890 a number of state societies were formed. These were led by the Sons of Revolutionary Sires, which was organized July 4, 1876 in San Francisco, California. Acting on a resolution by the New Jersey Society, delegates from thirteen state societies met at Fraunces Tavern in New York City on April 30, 1889 in celebration of the one hundredth anniversary of the inauguration of George Washington.  It was on this date that the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution was organized. The NSSAR is currently headquartered in Louisville, KY.

President Faulkinbury stated the goals of the NSSAR are to: honor our patriot ancestors, inspire patriotism, and educate the citizens and youth. He noted that three living U.S. Presidents are members of the NSSAR. Also, the NSSAR initiated the founding of Flag Day on June 14.

President Faulkinbury described a number of educational programs currently sponsored by the NSSAR:

1. U.S. History Poster Contest for 5th Grade students
2. U.S. History Brochure Contest for 8th Grade students
3. U.S. History Oration Contest for High School Students
4. Knight Essay Contest for High School Students
5. Eagle Scout Essay Contest
6. Jr. ROTC Contest
7. Teachers to Valley Forge Trip
8. Conference for College Professors

President Faulkinbury concluded his remarks by discussing the new NSSAR Headquarters center in Louisville, KY and the museum which is included in the center.

The Benjamin Franklin raffle was conducted by Karl Jacobs. The raffle raised $202.00.

Members were reminded that a Board meeting will be held immediately after the General meeting.

The benediction was given by Chaplain Richard Adams.

The recessional was led by Compatriot William Biggs.

The meeting was adjourned at 2 pm.

Respectfully Submitted

October 7, 2014

Jim Klingler

Corresponding Secretary