

ORANGE COUNTY CHAPTER * CALIFORNIA SOCIETY SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

Instituted October 22, 1875

Organized July 4, 1876, Incorporated February 17, 1930

GENERAL MEETING

February 14, 2015

The meeting was called to order by President Dan Shippey at 11:30am. The Invocation was given by Chaplain Richard Adams. The Color Guard presented the Colors. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Sergeant-at-Arms Danny Cox. The SAR Pledge was led by Hans Hunt. General Washington appeared and spoke to the members and guests in attendance. President Klingler gave the Founder of the Month as George Washington.

We recessed for lunch at 11:38am.

We reconvened at 12:20pm

First President Klingler introduced some of our special guests. These included; Eagle Scout Russell Cecil and his parents, Bill & Connie Cecil, Barbara Winkler from Quilts of Valor, new member Hans Hunt, Speaker Jim Townsend and wounded Warrior Bob Bankston and his wife, Solveg.

Self-introductions followed. Those in attendance other than our special guests included; Jim Klingler, Dan Henry, Hans & Sabrina Hunt, Marcus and Jane Deemer, Ed & Teresa Behnke, Richard Adams, Craig & Liz Matheny, Hammond Salley, Dan & Karen Mckelvie, John & Lacy Dodd, John Ferris, David & Liz Beall, Don & Diane Carlson, Jim & Un Hui Yi Fosdyck, Jim Blauer, Gus Fischer, Kent Gregory, Joe Boyer, Karen Carlson, Danny & Tedi Cox, Ted & Linda Carlson, Don Coker, Matthew Noell, Arthur Koehler, Heather Henson, Tom Gorla, (USN Ret.), Larry J. Hanson, Pat Otis, Herb Williams Palgart, and Leonard B. Chapman. 23 SARs 24 Guests.

It was moved by John Dodd that in order to accommodate our Eagle Scout who had to be in Whittier by 2pm that we go out of order of the planned agenda. This was seconded and passed.

Eagle Scout Chairman Jim Blauer introduced the winner of our Eagle Scout Scholarship Contest, Russell Cecil who read his essay from the contest. Following the reading of the essay, Chairman Blauer reported that as our chapter winner Russell's application was sent on to state for judging on that level. Chairman Blauer announced that Russell was the State winner as well, that he and his parents agreed to attend the Spring meeting where he will receive the state prize. Chairman Blauer then asked that Mrs. Cecil come forward to pin the chapter winner's medal on her son. He was then presented with a check for \$100 and three patches from the SAR for Eagle Scouts. It was announced that as the State winner his application from the Contest was forwarded to National for judging at that level where the grand prize is now \$10,000!!!

Following this presentation the chapter got down to business.

The Minutes from the January meeting had been written and emailed out by Recording Secretary Jim Blauer. It was moved by John Dodd that they be approved as written. This was seconded and the motion passed.

Treasurer Arthur Koehler reported we have \$3, 876.11 in our account. We took in \$122 in the Ben Franklin Raffle.

Corresponding Secretary Gus Fischer announced we were up to 110 members, 40 life and several dual members.

John Dodd reported on the Center and the 250 pin available for those who donated \$250 to the center. He also spoke on the Youth Exchange we have with France on children of our SAR members.

President Klingler reported on the open Chairmanships that are still available and need to be filled. Hans Hunt said he would take the Flag Certificate Chairmanship.

Jim Blauer spoke on the Eagle Certificates and how we are three away from the 12,000 mark in Orange County. He also noted that for those who did not have \$250 to donate to the Center (CAAH), he

still has copies of his calendar for sale for \$20.00. He also noted the Laguna Beach Patriot's Day Parade is coming up and all were welcomed to join us for the downhill walk.

Registrar Kent Gregory reported we have 8 new applications and four supplementals at National.

Color Guard Commander Jim Fosdyck reported the Massing of the Colors will be on February 15th. On February 21 there is the Mojave Chapter DAR Luncheon and the CAR Conference on the Queen Mary.

Veteran's Affairs Chairman Dan Henry reported that Compatriot Walter Davis is in failing health. Walter sends his best wishes and wished he could be here with us. Also a private presentation of the Wounded Warrior coin and certificate was presented to a survivor of the U.S.S. Arizona as he is unable to attend our meeting. There are just 8 left who survived the attack on the Arizona as the oldest one just recently passed away.

JROTC/ROTC Chairman Gus Fischer reported he had contacted 13 schools concerning the awards program and has so far received three yeses. There is one new one with the El Toro Navy Sea Cadets.

Dan McKelvie reported the Essay Contest will commence in the Fall.

At present we have no chairman for the Brochure Contest.

Poster Contest Chairman Hugh Richards reported that Wittmann Elementary which has been in the Poster Contest since the beginning has said no this year to letting the students do it. So, we need to get other schools to be involved in this contest for elementary schools 5th grade U.S. History classes. This year's theme is Lexington and Concord and the school principal and teachers at Wittmann did not feel it was right to have children of that age drawing guns and cannon.

We need an Orations chairman.

There was no report from Flag Certificate Chairman Hans Hunt.

With no new business it was time for our speaker Jim Townsend. His topic was the Sugarloaf Massacre. Compatriot John Ferris read the speaker's bio and introduced him. Mr. Townsend spoke of the 5 tribes that made up the Iroquois Nation. He spoke on the history of the Indians in the French & Indian War and the American Revolution. President Klingler presented Mr. Townsend with our Certificate of Appreciation.

Color Guard Commander Jim Fosdyck presented John Dodd with the Bronze Baron Von Steuben Color Guard Medal & Certificate for his participation in the Color Guard.

Dan Henry introduced and read the bio of our Wounded Warrior Bob Bankston who served on the USS California when Pearl Harbor was bombed. He was presented the Wounded Warrior Coin and Certificate and Barbara Winkler presented him with a quilt from Quilts of Valor

New Member Dan Coker was inducted by President Jim Klingler and pinned with the SAR Rosette by his sponsor Kent Gregory. Jim Fosdyck received a supplemental Certificate on his ancestor Wyatt Wilkinson.

A check for \$100 was presented to Quilts of Valor by the chapter to help pay for cost of fabric and thread. Jim Blauer presented Barbara with a bag of patriotic fabric to use in future quilts for our military heroes who receive these quilts.

2 by-law changes were placed before the membership. 1) Would eliminate the position of Parade Chairman. We only have 1-2 parades a year and the rest of all the Color Guard activities go through the Color Guard Commander, so there does not seem a need for a parade chairman any more. It was moved by Commander Fosdyck that this be accepted and seconded by Jim Blauer. The motion passed. Parades will now be under the Color Guard Commander's jurisdiction.

Our by-laws say if a member enters the society after October they are paid for the following year as well. The State/ National states after November 1st this occurs. It was moved and seconded that this by-law be amended to reflect the National and State by-laws. The motion passed.

Eagle Scout Chairman Jim Blauer presented Eagle Scout David Beall with his SAR Eagle Scout Pin. This pin is available for all SAR members who are Eagle Scouts.

John Dodd mentioned the new fundraising effort, the 1776 campaign where the National society is going to sell square feet of the new museum to members for \$1,776.00.

With no further business it was on to the Ben Franklin Raffle. Winners this month included; Karen Carlson, Jim Klingler, Gus Fischer, Jim Blauer, Joe Boyer, Un Hui Yi Fosdyck, Danny Cox, Lacy Dodd,

Ted Carlson, Jim Fosdyck, Don Carlson, Dan Coker, Larry Hanson, Richard Adams, David Beall and Barbara Winkler.

Announcements were made. March 14th will be our next meeting. February 15th is the Massing of the Colors. February 21st in the morning is the Mojave Chapter anniversary where our Color Guard will present the Colors for this special meeting and in the evening is the CAR State Meeting on the Queen Mary where our Color Guard will present the Colors. Book marks are available at the front. They are free.

The Benediction was given by Chaplain Adams.

The Recessional was led by Don Coker

The meeting was adjourned at 2:15pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
March 14, 2015

James F. Blauer
Recording Secretary

**Proposed Amendments to the By-Laws of the Orange County Chapter of the
California Society of the Sons of the American Revolution
February 14, 2015**

Current

Section 9. Parades. The Parades Chairman shall encourage and coordinate the participation of the chapter in parades. His duties include contacting the entities sponsoring parades in Orange County to ascertain the dates of the parades and requirements for participations and thereafter obtaining the necessary documentation to participate in the parade and filing it with the sponsoring entity.

Proposed (Changes Underlined)

Section 9. Color Guard Commander. The Color Guard Commander shall encourage and coordinate the participation of the chapter in parades and other patriotic events. His duties include contacting the entities sponsoring parades and other patriotic events in Orange County to ascertain the dates of the parades and other patriotic events and requirements for participation and thereafter obtaining the necessary documentation to participate in the parades and other patriotic events and filing it with the sponsoring entity.

The Color Guard Commander shall recruit and train compatriots for the color guard, prepare an annual calendar of color guard events, and safeguard and maintain the Lee's Legion Color Guard Inventory (Brown Bess Musket reproduction, flags, poles, streamers, flag stands, etc.)

Current

Section 2. Annual Dues. The dues for each member of the chapter shall be that amount due to the NSSAR, and the CASSAR, plus the amount of Chapter dues declared by the Executive Board. New members whose applications are approved and registered by the NSSAR and CASSAR on or after October 1st are not required to pay NSSAR dues for the balance of the calendar year pursuant to NSSAR Bylaws. Annual dues shall be due and payable by January 1st of each year for that calendar year.

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