

ORANGE COUNTY CHAPTER * CALIFORNIA SOCIETY SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

Instituted October 22, 1875
Organized July 4, 1876, Incorporated February 17, 1930

GENERAL MEETING

May 12, 2018

The meeting was opened by President Gus Fischer at 11:35am. The Invocation was given by Richard Adams. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Sergeant-at-Arms Danny Cox. The SAR Pledge was led by Jim Blauer. President Fischer announced that our charter was draped due to the passing of a couple members, Clarence Shippey(Feb.) and Stuart Dow(Mar.) The Founder of the day was Captain Nathaniel Pope. He was in the first Naval action of the American Revolution on May 14, 1775. As a militia man he helped to capture 2 small ships. The word of the day was "Risk". The wisdom and quote of the day were attributed to John Paul Jones.

We recessed for lunch at 11:45am.

We reconvened from lunch at 12:20pm.

A motion was made to accept the minutes of the April meeting. It was seconded and passed.

Treasurer Cole Zehnder, though unable to attend, sent a report. He reported that as of April 30, 2018 we had \$9,016.47.

Corresponding Secretary Ted Carlson reported on the Chapter Shirts that we are going to have made. He had a sign-up sheet passed around to get orders. Said he would be ordering shirts in about a week. He also reported that we have 3-4 new members and at present are standing at 146 members.

It was pointed out we had not done our introductions so that was the next order of business.

Introductions were made. Those in attendance included Gus Fischer, Richard Adams, Gus Fischer, III, Jim & Un Hui Yi Fosdyck, Brian Stephens, Jim Klingler, Christopher Keene, Tom Laswell, Don & Dianne Carlson, Mark, Brenda, Joe and Hazel Torres, Doug Kent, Jim Blauer, Ted & Linda Carlson, Dan Shippey, James Townsend, Leonard Chapman, Dan McMillan, Doug Seth & Nate Crandall, Danny & Tedi Cox, Dan McKelvie, Lou Carlson, John & Liz Ferris, Rachel & James Harman, Hugh & Karen Richards, Bill & Jackie Gaumer, Steve Demory, Paul Garcia, John Blake, Julie Bruton, Larry Hansen, Dan, Nancy, & Gabrielle Casey, Jacqueline and Richard Watson, III and Yari & Valya Watson. 29 SAR, 21 Guests.

President Fischer reported that he attended the State Meeting in Concord last month. He noted that he was busy accepting awards for the chapter efforts in 2017. He accepted 3 streamers. One for Best Large Chapter for Color Guard, one for Wreaths Across America participation and one for our participation in Massing of the Colors. Our Poster Contest Winner placed 2nd at State. They will receive a ribbon and a \$200 check from the state. Karen Richards will make this presentation on May 23rd. In the Brochure Contest headed by Chairman John Ferris our chapter winner James Harner took second place and received a \$100 check from the chapter with a certificate. From the state he received \$300 plus a certificate. Our JROTC chapter winner took 2nd place at State. Nikolai received a check and certificate from the chapter, a check for \$1,000 and a certificate from the state, \$250 and a certificate from the Ladies Auxiliary as well as 2 medals.

In the activity Contest for 2017 the chapter received certificates for Most Meetings, most publicity, Most new Members, most Medals & Certificates, Most chapter Activities, and most Community Service. Having been number 1 in all these categories resulted in our chapter being named the Best Very Large Chapter in the state. This, for the third year in a row.

Vice-President Mark Torres reported speakers have been filled in for the year. On June 9, Steve and Patrice Demory will speak on military aviation during the Civil War. In August we will have our picnic at Mile Square Park. In September Steve Lund will tell us about a Japanese Sub at Pearl Harbor. In October our speaker will talk about his time in France. In November Steve Lund will return on Ironclads in the Civil War.

It was requested by editor Jim Blauer that if anyone wished to write an article for the newsletter all submissions would be greatly appreciated.

Color Guard Commander Jim Fosdyck reported that next week we will have the Field of Honor at the Castaways Park in Newport Beach. We will present the Colors both days—Friday and Saturday. Friday will be just us and Saturday the United States Marines will do the presentation of Colors while we act as an Honor Guard. On Saturday the 27th we will have the Strawberry Festival Parade. Color Guardsmen are to contact Commander Fosdyck and advise him if they are planning to participate in this event. On Memorial Day we will once again be at the Old Santa Ana Cemetery at the Civil War Monument for the Tri-City Memorial Day observance. This year they will have our own Dan Shippey as George Washington as the main speaker. There will be no Hour of Power Program this year.

President Fischer reported that there are several presentations this month for the JROTC Awards and those wishing to assist with the presentations should contact Mark Torres.

Vice-President South Brian Stephens reported on the Fall Board of Managers Meeting to be held in the Fall in Folsom. He reported there will be training in the use of Black Powder for those who have rifles in the Color Guard. He also noted that there is a referral contest for the DAR. If a DAR member refers and SAR potential members who is accepted there is a finder form for them to fill out as the one who assists in getting the most new members into the SAR will receive a cash award from National.

Our speaker for the day is Douglas Kent. He spoke on the water resources here in Southern California. He noted that water from the DWP comes from either the Colorado River or the California Aqueduct. He spoke on the need for water in southern California and how it is used. President Fischer presented him with a Certificate of Appreciation for speaking to us today.

NEW MEMBERS

New members were inducted at this meeting. Dan Casey was inducted and his wife pinned on the rosette. Douglas Nathan and Seth Crandall were inducted. Gus, Dan McKelvie and Mark Torres pinned these three with their rosette. Gus Fischer, III was also inducted making 5 for the day. He was pinned by Lisa.

A supplemental was presented to Dan McKelvie for his ancestor Peter Parker. Dan spoke on the research of this particular supplemental.

AWARDS

Dan McMillan was presented the Military service Certificate.

Hugh Richards received his 20 year pin.

Jim Fosdyck received his 10 year pin.

John Ferris received his Bronze SAR Color Guard Medal & Certificate.

RAFFLE

Our monthly raffle was held. We took in \$180 today. Winners this month included; Gus Fischer, III, Jackie Gaumer, Tom Laswell, Dan McKelvie, Larry Hansen, John Blake, Lisa Fischer, Liz Ferris, Brian Stephens, James Hartman, Dan McMillan, Jim Blauer, Don Carlson, Un Hui Yi Fosdyck and Hazel Torres.

Our next meeting will be June 9th.

There will be a short Board Meeting following this meeting.

The Benediction was given by Richard Adams.

The Recessional was led by Dan Casey.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:10pm.

Respectfully Submitted
May 12, 2018

James F. Blauer
Recording Secretary