

**ORANGE COUNTY CHAPTER  
SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION  
General Meeting  
May 14, 2016**

The meeting was called to order by President John Ferris at 11:30 AM. The invocation was given by Chaplain Richard Adams. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Sergeant-at-Arms Danny Cox followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Ted Carlson. Founder of the Month was Tench Tilghman. Quote of the Month: *“Remember that it is the actions, and not the commission that makes the officer, and that there is more expected from him, than the title.”* GEORGE WASHINGTON, Address to the Officers of the Virginia Regiment, Jan. 8, 1756.

Other announcements were:

This Month in History:

- May 1, 1779 George Washington appoints Court Martial for Benedict Arnold. Charge; Treason
- May 2, 1776 Committee of Safety appoints Benedict Arnold to capture Fort Ticonderoga
- May 9, 1781 Spanish forces take West Florida from the British who surrender Pensacola to Governor Galvez
- May 17, 1776 Day of Humiliation, Fasting and Prayer throughout the Colonies
- May 27, 1775 House of Burgesses declare an attack on one colony is an attack on all colonies

National Day of Prayer

The modern law formalizing its annual observance was enacted in 1952, although earlier days of fasting and prayer had been established by the Second Continental Congress from 1775 until 1783. Most presidents have issued annual or special occasion proclamations for a national day of prayer, with the notable exceptions of Thomas Jefferson and Andrew Jackson.

The constitutionality of the National Day of Prayer was unsuccessfully challenged in court by the Freedom From Religion Foundation after their first attempt was unanimously dismissed by a federal appellate court in April 2011.

Last Sunday was Mother's Day

The modern holiday of Mother's Day was first celebrated in 1908, when Anna Jarvis held a memorial for her mother at St Andrew's Methodist Church in Grafton, West Virginia. In that same year, the US Congress rejected a proposal to make Mother's Day an official holiday, joking that they would have to proclaim also a "Mother-in-law's Day". However, owing to the efforts of Anna Jarvis, by 1911 all US states observed the holiday, with some of them officially recognizing Mother's Day as a local holiday.

Elizabeth Douma our Brochure Contest winner received an Honorable Mention at the State Meeting last month.

We recessed for lunch at 11:37am.

We reconvened at 12:17pm.

Introductions were made

**SPEAKER**

Our Speaker for the day was Mayor of Fullerton, Jennifer Fitzgerald. She spoke on public service and participated in the awards presentation. This meeting/month was dedicated to Public Service Awards/Recognition. We recognized the following: OC Career Firefighter of the Year David Newell received the SAR Fire Safety Medal & Certificate. Anaheim Police Officers David Garcia, Sergeant Dennis Briggs, Sergeant

Phillip Han, Deputy Chief Julian Harvey, and Lieutenant Rich LaRochelle received the SAR Law Enforcement Medal & Certificate.

#### BUSINESS/REPORTS

It was moved, seconded and passed that the April meeting minutes were approved as written and distributed. Treasurer Don Carlson reported that as of April 1<sup>st</sup> we had \$4,899.71 and April 30 we had \$4599.22. The Ben Franklin Raffle took in \$210.00 today.

Registrar Kent Gregory reported that we had one new member approved: Steve Snyder who had been our speaker earlier this year. We are still waiting to hear on three supplemental applications.

Color Guard Commander Jim Fosdyck reported that there were a number of Color Guard events in May. These include: Newport Beach Field of Honor, May 2; Garden Grove Strawberry Parade, May 28; Memorial Day, Santa Ana Cemetery, May 30.

Jim Fosdyck reported that the HS Outstanding Citizenship Award were presented to;:

- Santiago HS - Joselyn Beauchamp
- Buena Park HS - Sharon Wang
- Sonora HS - Kyle Huitt

#### Award Presentations:

Dan Shippey – Roger Sherman Award.

#### Announcements:

Next Meeting: June 11,

Upcoming Events: Newport Beach Field of Honor, May 20  
Garden Grove Strawberry Parade, May 28  
Memorial Day, Santa Ana Cemetery, May 30

Chaplain Richard Adams led the benediction.

Compatriot Dan Shippey led the S.A.R. Recessional.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:25pm.

Respectfully submitted

June 11, 2016

Daniel McKelvie

Recording Secretary, Pro Tempore