

ORANGE COUNTY CHAPTER * CALIFORNIA SOCIETY SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

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Organized July 4, 1876, Incorporated February 17, 1930

GENERAL MEETING

April 9, 2016

The meeting was called to order by President John Ferris at 11:30am. 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 Leonard Chapman. The Founder of the month was Jonathan Harandon. President Ferris read a bio of Patriot Harandon. He was a privateer who captured British ships. He was An American Naval Hero from Salem, Mass. The quote for the day is "Human happiness and moral duty are inseparably connected", George Washington.

We recessed for lunch at 11:45am.

We reconvened at 12:20pm.

Introductions were made. President Ferris introduced our speaker Sharon Meigs. We then went around the room and introduced ourselves. Those present included; John Ferris & wife Liz, Hugh & Karen Richards, Dan & Karen McKelvie, Archie McKelvie, Jim & Lisa Oakes, Dan Henry, Phil Mitchell, Larry Hansen & daughter Nicole, Matt Noell, John Blake and friend Julie Bruton, Lou & Karen Carlson, Danny & Tedi Cox, Jim Blauer, Jim & Un Hui Yi Fosdyck, Steven, Rhonda, Elizabeth and Rachel Douma, Ted & Linda Carlson, Kent & Lisa Gregory, Mark Torres, Leonard Chapman, Jim Quinnelly, Don & Diane Carlson, Gus Fischer, Hammond Salley, Barbara & Don Winkler, Sharon Meigs and Richard Adams.. 23 SARs, 19 Guests.

SPEAKER

Our speaker for the day was Sharon Meigs. President Ferris read her bio as he introduced her to the attendees. A DAR Member she gave us a program on the DAR and its history. A slide presentation was a part of the program. She gave a history of the society and many of the things it has done over the years. President Ferris presented Sharon Meigs with a Certificate of Appreciation.

BUSINESS/REPORTS

It was moved by Hugh Richards that we accept the minutes of the March meeting as written and emailed by Recording Secretary Jim Blauer. This was seconded and the motion passed.

Treasurer Don Carlson reported that as of March 1st we had \$5,529 at the beginning and as of March 31st we had \$4,899. The Ben Franklin took in \$165 today. He also reported that PayPal has been installed on the website for the possible donations to the chapter.

Registrar Kent Gregory reported that we have one new member with one new and 3 supplementals at National.

Chaplain Richard Adams reported that he had found out from Compatriot Jim Blauer that Compatriot Ed Hill had passed away several years ago. Jim Noted Ed was a past chapter President.

Sergeant-at-Arms Danny Cox reported that he will be going to North Carolina and is looking forward to visiting some of the battlefields while back there.

Veterans Affairs Chairman Hammond Salley reported we have 31 veterans and 4 active members in our chapter. He announced that April 6th was Army Day as that is the day we entered into WWII. He also announced that April 9th is Prisoner of War Day.

Color Commander Jim Fosdyck reported that we have the Field of Honor on May 20-22 in Newport Beach. This is a National Color Guard event. May 28th is the Garden Grove Strawberry Festival Parade.

ROTC/JROTC Chairman Gus Fischer reported that in February he presented a Certificate to an El Toro Sea Cadet. He also had presentations at Sonora and Buena Park High schools. The remainder will

be issued in May and June. In the Enhanced JROTC Contest the winner from Santa Ana high School will be at our May meeting to receive their award.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

There were no reports from Medals and Awards, Eagle Scout or Essay Chairmen.

Jim Fosdyck reported on the Brochure Contest in the absent of David Beall the chairman of that Committee. Elizabeth Douma our chapter winner was present today with her family. She read her winning essay and was presented afterwards with a certificate, check and a calendar.

It was announced that the High School Good Citizenship Award was presented at Buena Park and Sonora High Schools with more to follow.

IT Chairman Mark Torres reported that in March our website was averaging 9 to 10 hits a day. We are closing in on 1100 hits.

OLD BUSINESS

Lou Carlson reported that the Conference on the American Revolution would be held this year on June 10-12 in Pasadena. The subject this year is "Empire of Liberty and the American Revolution". You can commute or stay at a nearby hotel.

It was also noted that this year's Congress will be in Boston. Registrar Kent Gregory reported there were no new or supplemental applications approved as of today, this month.

NEW BUSINESS

Registrar Kent Gregory reported there are no new or supplemental applications that have been approved at this time.

Veteran's Affairs Chairman Hammond Salley called Donald James Carlson up and presented Don with the War Service Medal and certificate. He was in the naval reserve and served as an aerial photographer for the Army.

Leonard Burt Chapman was called forward and he was presented the War Service Medal & Certificate. He served in the USAF from 1957-1960 as an aircraft mechanic.

James Perry Oakes was presented the War Service Medal and Certificate. He served from 1956-1962 in the Army Corp of Engineers as a construction and draftsman.

Archie McKelvie served in WWII in the Army. He was at Omaha Beach and a member of Patton's Army. He was wounded at the Battle of the Bulge. He received the War Service medal with Purple Heart. Barbara Winkler presented Archie with a quilt from Quilts of Valor with a purple heart on it.

Danny Gene Cox received the Veterans Corps Certificate. He was in the USAF as a test pilot and broke the sound barrier over 1000 times.

Philip Mitchell received the Veterans Corps Certificate having served in the United States Marine Corps for six years. Two years were in Vietnam.

Daniel James Henry was presented the Veterans Corps Certificate. He served in the Marines and was presented a quilt from Barbara Winkler and Quilts of Valor. Hammond read Dan's bio of his work with veterans.

President John Ferris presented Dan with his 10 year membership pin and certificate.

Matt Noell besides being a member is also a fifer with the Los Angeles Fife and Drum has appeared at many of our events playing his fife. He was presented with the Meritorious Service Award.

Barbara Winkler noted that Quilts of Valor is an all-volunteer organization and they have fund raisers and are always looking for donations. Jim Blauer noted that one can go on line to Joann's Fabrics and especially in May June and July they will most likely find specials on their patriotic fabric that can be donated to QOV.

With no further business we proceeded to the raffle. Winners this month included; Phil Mitchell, Jim Blauer, Elizabeth Douma, Barbara Winkler, Lisa Gregory, Hammond Salley, Mark Torres, Don

Winkler, Don Carlson, Tedi Cox, Rachel Douma, Liz Ferris, Richard Adams, Un Hui Yi Fosdyck, Steven Douma, Leonard Chapman, Ted Carlson, Linda Carlson and Karen McKelvie.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

May 14th will be our Public Service Awards meeting.

The State Meeting in Sacramento is next weekend.

The Benediction was given by Chaplain Richard Adams.

The SAR Recessional was led by Larry Hansen.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:15pm.

Respectfully Submitted

May 14, 2016

James F. Blauer

Recording Secretary