

Orange County Chapter
Sons of the American Revolution
June 8, 2019
Minutes

1. The meeting was called to order at 11:37 by President Mark Torres.
The Invocation was led by Chaplain Richard Adams.
The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Sergeant-at-Arms Danny Cox.
The SAR Pledge was led by John L. Dodd.

2. President Torres announced that the Patriot of the Month was Filippo/Philip Mazzei (1730 - 1816). He recessed the meeting for lunch at 11:41.

3. The meeting was called back to order at 12:20. Special guests were introduced including CASSAR VP South Brian and Diane Stephens from the Riverside Chapter, Sgt. Edward Fox, David Duffield, Linda Moore, and Jill Belanger. Self-introductions were made around the room. Attending the meeting were Dan Casey, John Blake, Julie Bruton, Kent Gregory, Hugh and Karen Richards, Lou and Karen Carlson, Mark, Brenda, and Spencer Torres, Daniel McMillan, Larry Hansen, Danny Cox, Dan and Karen McKelvie, Richard Adams, Gus Fischer, Tom Laswell, Ryan Jackson, Leonard Chapman, Paul and Nicolo Garcia, Jim Fosdyck, Un Hui Yi, Phil Mitchell, Jim Klingler, Brian and Diane Stephens, Ken and Pat Winiacki, Matthew, Gloria, and Thomas Noell, Hammond Salley, Dick James, Christopher Keene, David Duffield, Marcus and Jane Deemer, Joe Boyer, David and Ashley Beall, Jon Burk, Jill Belanger, Linda Moore, John and Lacy Dodd, Edward Fox, Charlmella Secrest, and Jon Socie.

4. The minutes from the May meeting were approved. Motion by Lou Carlson; seconded by Dan McKelvie. Motion passed.

5. Treasurer Dan Casey reported that the chapter has \$7,756.97 in the bank account, and received \$250 from the Ben Franklin Raffle.

6. Registrar Kent Gregory announced that one supplemental had been approved since the last meeting, and we are waiting to hear on three new members and three supplementals.

7. Chaplain Richard Adams reported that after tests, he does not need heart surgery.

8. Color Guard Commander Jim Fosdyck announced that the Color Guard will be participating in the Garden Grove Car Show and two parades on July 4. Color Guard members from Maryland will be joining in the Huntington Beach Parade.

9. President Torres reported that Eagle Scout Chairman Jim Blauer had issued 15,004 Eagle Scout certificates in Orange County since he began the project

10. JROTC Chairman Gus Fischer reported that next Friday will be the last JROTC medal ceremonies. This year he presented 10 Bronze ROTC medals, two bronze Good Citizenship medals at area high schools.
11. President Torres reported that he presented High School Outstanding Citizenship awards at two high schools.
12. Veterans Chairman Hammond Salley announced that the Army anniversary and Flag Day is June 14. He said we have 40 veterans in our chapter membership. This year is the 75th anniversary of D-Day.
13. Vice President Phil Mitchell introduced our speaker, Jill Belanger of the Mojave Chapter, DAR. She did a presentation with power point on the life of Alexander Hamilton and his wife Elizabeth Schuylar Hamilton.
14. President Torres awarded David Beall with the Bronze Roger Sherman medal. He asked his son Spencer to present the SAR Eagle Scout pin to Thomas Noell.
15. Veterans Chairman Hamond Salley introduced retired Sgt. Edward Eugene Fox, who lost his brother in Vietnam in 1968, but still joined the US Army in 1970. He became a Sheridan Light Tank Gun Loader and Gunner. He was deployed to Vietnam in 1971 as a member of the 11th Armored "Blackhorse" Cavalry Regiment stationed at Xuan Loc. On his 179th day in Vietnam, he was hit by a bullet which shattered his knee. He was sent to Long Beach VA Hospital, then to Bethesda Naval Hospital where his leg was amputated. Hammond presented him with an SAR Wounded Warrior Coin. The Quilt Reaction Force presented him with a hand-made quilt.
16. John Dodd and Kent Gregory reported on the planned activities for the 2019 National SAR Congress that will be held at the Orange County Hilton in Costa Mesa, beginning on July 5. John outlined all the activities of the Congress and thanked all the volunteers from the chapter. John also explained a fund-raising campaign to print ads for the SAR Foundation in the Newport Beach Pilot.
17. Color Guard Commander Jim Fosdyck presented John Blake with a Bronze Color Guard medal and announced that John had already qualified for the Silver Color Guard medal.
18. John Dodd conducted the Benjamin Franklin Raffle.
19. President Torres announced that the Chapter Picnic would be on Saturday, August 10 at Mile Square Park. The next chapter meeting will be September 14th.
 - Chaplain Richard Adams led the Benediction.
 - Dan McKelvie led the SAR Recessional.
 - Meeting was adjourned at 2:02.

Minutes submitted on June 8, 2019 by M. Kent Gregory