

San Diego Chapter Monthly Membership Meeting Minutes

02/20/2021

Teleconference Hosted by Barry Key,

President San Diego Chapter

Vista, CA

ATTENDEES

POSITION

President	Barry Key
Michael Hirman	1st Vice President*
Gary Peterson	2nd Vice President*
Bill Weedman	VP for Membership*
Duncan Campbell	Color Guard Commander*
Bob Hayden	Secretary*
George Brewster, Jr.	Chancellor

Absent

Fred Hall (excused)	Treasurer*
Stan De Long	Chaplain*
Ray Raser	Registrar*
Bill Peters	Genealogist*

Note 1: the symbol * indicates a voting member of the Board.

Note 2: There were a total of 18 members attending, including four guests.

President Key called the meeting to order at 10:00 am

President Key gave the invocation in the absence of the Dr. Rev Stan DeLong

President Key called for the Color Guard to present colors. A previously recorded Color Guard presentation specifically for events like this virtual meeting done by Commander Duncan Campbell was shown followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Philip Hinshaw.

The Color guard posted the colors.

President Key then led the assembly in the singing of God Bless America.

George Brewster then led the assembly in the Pledge to the SAR.

President Key then requested the Color Guard retire.

Officer Reports:

President (Barry Key)

President Key announced that today's meeting will be live streamed on Facebook and hopefully next time on You Tube as well.

President Key then introduced the three-guests attending today's meeting. Judy Brooks, President of the Red, White, and Blue C.A.R. (Children of the American Revolution) Chapter Jim Klingler CASSAR Vice President, South and Brandon Villardi, CASSAR Color Guard Adjutant. President Key invited the guests to speak but President Judy Brooks is not feeling well and declined.

Vice President Klingler thanked the Chapter for inviting him and expressed his gratitude for the Chapter holding on-line meetings and celebrating George Washington's birthday.

VP Klingler reminded members that the 146th meeting of the membership is coming up this April and invited and encouraged members to attend by Zoom.

Brandon Villardi thanked the Chapter for inviting him and thanked Duncan Campbell, Color Guard Commander of the San Diego Chapter for the phenomenal job he has done.

President Key then introduced guest speaker Compatriot Charlie Frye of the Redlands Chapter. Compatriot Frye is a geographer, cartographer, information scientist, US Army veteran, and author.

Compatriot Frye gave a presentation on the attempts by the British commander, Thomas Gage, in Boston to conduct clandestine missions to scout, map and reconnoiter the countryside of Massachusetts looking for military stores and the particulars of best routes, passes, hills, and rivers and possible encampment sites and availability of supplies in preparation for future military action against the inhabitants and their militia units. Gage was also interested in recording the political sentiment of the town inhabitants either pro-government or not.

Charlie then showed a map detailing the route Captain Brown and Ensign Henry d'Berniere reconnoitered for Gage. Captain Brown and Ensign d'Breniere and the rest of his party were dressed in brown clothes with reddish handkerchiefs around their necks in hopes of disguising their military identity which probably was not that effective.

Charlie then went on to describe the rest of the recontour and the problems they encountered. He showed maps drawn up by d'Breniere that fell into the hands of the Americans after the British were forced to hastily retreat from Boston and left all his

notes, journals, and drawings behind. The originals are now in the Library of Congress. D’Berniere was to lead the commanders of British forces on the march to Lexington and Concord. He took part in skirmishes and battles during the British retreat from Lexington and Concord and participated in and survived the Battle of Breeds Hill.

Charlie gave a list of recommended books for reading by interested members; *The Road to Concord* by J.L Bell, *The War has Begun* and *Honor and Valor* by Charles E. Frye.

Charlie then took questions from the members and brought the presentation to a close.

Announcements (Barry Key)

President Key introduced Mark Hansson the newest member to join the SAR.

President Key announced two new scholarships sponsored by National for Outstanding Sea Cadet of the Year with a prize of \$10,00.00.

Also, CASSAR will award \$1000.00 for the state winner of the Sea Cadet of the Year and the San Diego Chapter will award \$250.00 to the winner of Sea Cadet of the Year at the Chapter level.

President Key requested that members contact Philip Hinshaw for more information if they have any candidates for the 2022 entry.

Also, an enhanced JROTC with a \$5000.00 award at the National level. The second level place is \$2400.00 and the third place is \$1000.00. There are also junior award levels for fourth and fifth place with an award of \$250.00.

CASSAR is offering \$1000.00 for the state winner and the San Diego Chapter is awarding \$250.00 for the Chapter winner. Please contact Chapter ROTC officer Gary Newton for further information.

President Key explained that roughly one-third of the Chapter members are either veterans or are currently serving in the military and that he has set a goal of awarding military **service** medals to them based on their military records. Barry requested any member who has not received an award to contact him so he can schedule a presentation.

President Key went on to talk about awarding service pins to chapter members based on the amount of time they have been in the Chapter. Service pins are awarded on a five-year interval and the Chapter has members from five years to 65 years that are eligible. Compatriot John Gewalt has 65 years’ service.

The Mount Vernon Ladies Association Washington Birthday Celebration will take place on February 22nd. It will be lived streamed on YouTube at 4:00 pm PST. See the link on the Chapter website in the Events tab.

The Americanism Elementary School Poster Contest judging on February 25.

Next Chapter membership meeting on March 20.

President Key gave the Benediction and then led the members in the SAR Recessional.

The Color Guard retrieved the Colors.

President Key thanked the members for attending and invited them to join us again in March.

Meeting adjourned at 11:21 am.

Patriotically,

Bob Hayden
Secretary San Diego Chapter Secretary