



## Minutes, March 16th, 2019 Monthly Breakfast Meeting of the San Diego Chapter of the SAR

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The San Diego Chapter of the SAR hosted the monthly March Breakfast meeting at the Bernardo Heights Country Club at 16066 Bernardo Heights Parkway in San Diego. The members met at 8:30am for a half hour of socializing after which Chapter President Bill Peters called the meeting to order at 9:00am.

The Invocation was offered by the Rev Dr. Stan DeLong. The color guard advanced the Colors and Chapter Treasurer Fred Hall led the members in the Pledge of Allegiance followed by the members and guest singing God Bless America. The Colors were posted, and the Color Guard retired. Color Guard participants were Color Guard Commander Skip Cox, Stan DeLong and Philip Hinshaw.

President Peters introduced the guest speaker Karl Zingheim.

Ed Torrence announced that he is perusing the USS Stark memorial award for both for the Chapter and individuals within the Chapter. "In 1988, the SAR authorized the USS Stark Memorial Award to memorialize those brave men and women who continue to stand at the forefront to preserve the freedoms our patriotic ancestors fought so long and hard to achieve. Its purpose is to recognize outstanding SAR chapters and societies for their exceptional support of the activities of the SAR Veterans Committee and in serving the veteran community".

The communications Director Barry Key announced he has restarted the Chapter News Magazine and will post it on line shortly. He handed a hard copy of the magazine around for members and guest to look at. A very professional and eye appealing magazine well done Barry.

Rev Dr. Stan DeLong gave the Blessing of the meal and breakfast was served. Scrambled eggs, bacon, potatoes, muffins and orange juice, lemonade, iced tea and coffee and water.

Bill Weedman, the Chapter Vice President of Membership then introduced Mr. Moin Mirza a senior at Poway High School who is the winner or the 2019 Knight Essay Contest open to children from the 9<sup>th</sup> grad to seniors in high school. Bill presented "Mo" with a check for \$150.00 and a certificate. Mo spoke about his inspiration for his essay.

President Peters assisted by Barry Key inducted the following new members: Jordan Anthony Vause who spent a seven-year odyssey pursuing his NSSAR application before it was accepted, Robert S. Chisholm, James Robinson Howe VI, William Steven Sayer, son of member Bill (William Blevins) Sayer. Each new member individually took the SAR oath administered by the president then was congratulated and presented and pinned with an SAR Rosette and the San Diego Chapter pin on the left lapel of their jackets by Barry Key. Each member's picture was taken along with the President and Barry and any friend or family member that wanted to join the group. All members received applause from the audience after completing their induction.

A special note about William Steven Sayer. Compatriot Sayer lives in Albuquerque but wanted to be inducted into the San Diego Chapter with his father William Blevins Sayer.



The guest speaker Mr. Karl Zingheim a graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy 1986 and the staff historian for the U.S.S. *Midway* Museum and an adjunct Professor at San Diego State gave a talk on the Revolutionary War Navy. Mr. Zingheim gave a very interesting narration about the poor condition of the navy and its string of bad luck in taking on the British Navy during the Revolutionary War. The basic problem seemed to be lack of experience and skill on the part of the Navy personal though the ships were acknowledged to be first class vessels mostly built in America.

Fortunately, for the Americans there were plenty of privateers eager to step in and fill the gap, John Paul Jones being one of the more famous examples with his legendary encounter with the British ship of war *Serapis* and *Countess of Scarborough* off the east coast of England. **“I’ve have not yet begun to fight”**.

His talked was assisted with a slide presentation with some very mesmerizing paintings of war ships in action depicting various naval battles or the Revolutionary War.

At the end of his talk he took questions from the audience. All together a very good presentation.

The Rev Dr. Stan DeLong then gave the Benediction the Colors were retrieved by the Color Guard and retired.

President Bill Peters then adjourned the meeting.

Regards,

Bob Hayden

Secretary San Diego Chapter SAR