



Summary of March 18, 2017 Membership Meeting of the San Diego Chapter of the SAR

The San Diego Chapter of the SAR hosted the March Membership Meeting and Breakfast at the Officer's Club on MCAS Miramar. The meeting was called to order by Vice President Steve Wright at 9:00am. Steve gave the invocation and the Color Guard presented the Colors. The Color Guard consisted of Color Guard Commander Ernie McCullough and Compatriots George Biles, Philip Hinshaw and Bob Hayden. Compatriot Barry Key led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance followed by the Pledge to the SAR led by Compatriot Skip Cox.

Ladies Auxiliary President Gail Raser asked members and guest to consider buying tickets for several prizes contributed by members and spouses and to be awarded in a drawing later on in the program. Proceeds of the drawing are to go into the Chapter general fund. Susan Mattern also asked members to collect and contribute box tops to support local elementary education.

Philip Hinshaw reminded members of the upcoming Battle of San Diego Bay event this coming April 22 from 11am to 4pm. He instructed members to access the base through Rosecrans Street. Also, that there are three silver medals left for sale commemorating the 129th Congress of the SAR to be held in Costa Mesa in 2019 at \$35.00 apiece.

Vice President Steve Wright offered grace for breakfast and breakfast was served by the Officer's Club staff. Breakfast consisted of scrambled eggs, bacon, potatoes, fruit cup, coffee, decaf and orange juice. A fruit plate breakfast was also available for members who preferred fruit to bacon and eggs.

Ray Raser and Bob Hayden were presented with Supplemental NSSAR Applications and Certificates for their Revolutionary War ancestors recognized by NSSAR as has having served in the war and being an authentic descendent of them. Ray was awarded three such supplemental documents and Bob one.

1st Vice President Steve Wright and Past Presidents Jim Mattern and Ray Raser performed the induction ceremony for new Compatriots Ronald Terry Crow and Steven James Crow. The new members were sworn in by taking the Pledge to the SAR and pinned with an SAR Rosetta pin and a San Diego Chapter pin. The new Compatriots were congratulated by the 1st Vice President Wright and Past President Mattern and their pictures along with their attending guest were taken by Chapter photographer Susan Mattern.

Gail Raser and Susan Mattern of the SAR Women's Auxiliary held the drawing for prizes and handed them out to the lucky winners.

1st Vice President Steve Wright introduced the featured speaker for the meeting, Mr. Barry Baron. Mr. Baron is an accomplished professional photographer, journalist and all around media consultant. Mr. Baron has been an adviser to many political campaigns including President Nixon's and Vice President Pence's. Basically Mr. Baron's presentation was a broad review of his life in the media and how it molded his commitment to America. From a Vietnam War photographer to amateur historian to participating in local civic endeavors, including political campaigns, using his many talents to help where



possible and with a burning desire to tell the American Story to as many people as possible, especially the young. Mr. Baron's latest project is the construction of the world's largest American Flag which should be ready sometime this year. The flag will tour the country and be also be used as an educational tool to inspire and inform citizens.

Steve Wright gave the Benediction, the Colors were retrieved and Steve Crow let the assembly in the Recessional followed by the Colors being retired by the Color Guard.

1st Vice president Steve Wright then adjourned the meeting. The next meeting will be at the Green Dragon tavern and Museum on April 22, 2017.

Regards,

Bob Hayden
Secretary San Diego Chapter SAR