



## Summary of April 22, 2017 Membership Meeting of the San Diego Chapter of the SAR

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The San Diego Chapter of the SAR hosted the April Membership Meeting and Breakfast at the Green Dragon Tavern & Museum in Carlsbad. The meeting was called to order by President Fred Hall at 9:00am. Because the regular Chaplain, the Rev. Dr. Stan De Long, had to miss the meeting, Ed Torrence, the Chapter Sergeant at Arms, was asked to give the meeting invocation. Instead of reciting a prayer Ed chose to ask the assembly to join him in singing a stanza from God Bless America which I believe everyone enjoyed. The Color Guard then presented the Colors. The Color Guard consisted of Color Guard Commander Ernie McCullough and Compatriots Ray Raser, Bob Hayden and Skip Cox. Fred Hall led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance followed by the Pledge to the SAR led by Compatriot Skip Cox.

President Fred Hall then introduced Past President Dennis Cushman and Past First Lady Debbie Cushman. President Hall then asked members and guest to introduce themselves. Skip Cox's table was first to introduce its members and Skip introduced one special guest, Ben Shulman, a WWII Naval Officer, stationed aboard the USS Missouri at the time of the Japanese Surrender in Tokyo Bay, Japan. Mr. Schulman is 100 years strong and stood up and gave a few remarks about his time in the navy. Mr. Schulman is also the founder of the "Center for Jewish Life" at Vanderbilt University in Nashville, Tennessee.

Sergeant at Arms Ed Torrance offered grace for breakfast and breakfast was served cafeteria style. Breakfast consisted of scrambled eggs & cheese, biscuits and gravy, fruit, coffee, decaf and orange juice.

Compatriot Robert Holcomb was presented with approved Supplemental Certificates for his ancestor John Miller of Virginia who provided material support to the Virginia Militia.

President Hall announced that the Chapter was the recipient of the Colonel Richard F. Lock Jr. Chapter Membership Award. This is a large Chapter award given only to large Chapters by NSSAR that sign up the most new members in a given year and thanks to Registrar Ray Raser dedicated efforts the San Diego Chapter won this award for the year 2016. Along with the award comes a \$250.00 contribution to the Chapter from the NSSAR. Thank you, Ray.

President Fred Hall introduced Chapter member Skip Cox as the featured speaker for this meeting. Skip gave a presentation of the ongoing effort to save and preserve Maxwell's Field a part of the Princeton Battlefield. Maxwell's field is presently owned by the Institute for Advanced Study (IAS) where George Washington rode on his white horse to within 30 yards of the British lines, rallied the troops, won the Battle of Princeton, and saved the American Revolution. A near defeat for the American Army was turned into a route of the British. The presentation reviewed the 10 crucial days of Dec. 25, 1776 to Jan. 3, 1777, including the Battle of Trenton, the maneuvering of Washington's Army, post Trenton, and the audacious plan to re-cross the Delaware and re-engage the British again, north of Trenton and then at Princeton, NJ. As Skip stated, these victories destroyed forever the aura of invincibility of the British regular army, reinvigorated the Patriot cause, both in the Army and the civilian population, and lent



renewed credibility to the American cause throughout the world. (the presentation and video is available for viewing on the SDSAR website)

At this moment, in the effort to acquire Maxwell's Field, the site of General Washington's epic victory, and permanently save it from being used for faculty housing by the owner, IAS and preserve it as an addition to the Princeton Battlefield State Park, a sum of \$2,400,000 dollars that must be raised by December 31, 2017. Please consider contributing: [www.campaign1776.org/battlefields/princeton](http://www.campaign1776.org/battlefields/princeton)

Skip called upon the Board of Directors of the San Diego SAR to pass a resolution to:

1. Make a financial donation to save Maxwell's Field as part of the Princeton Battlefield
2. Join the Save Princeton Coalition
3. Request CASAR to join the Save Princeton Coalition
4. Request NASAR to join the Save Princeton Coalition
5. Request NADAR to join the Save Princeton Coalition

Ed Torrence gave the Benediction, the Colors were retrieved and Bob Holcomb led the assembly in the Recessional followed by the Colors being retired by the Color Guard.

President Hall adjourned the meeting.

Next month's Breakfast meeting will be at the Broken Yolk Café at 11630 Carmel Mountain Rd, San Diego. A general social gathering of the membership will begin at 8:30am and the regular Membership Breakfast meeting will commence at 9:00am.

Regards,

Bob Hayden

Secretary San Diego Chapter SAR