

## San Diego Chapter SAR Board of Director's Meeting Minutes

05/21/2020

Teleconference Hosted by Barry Key,

Communications Director

Vista, CA

**ATTENDEES****POSITION**

Bill Peters	President*
Edward Torrence	1 <sup>st</sup> Vice President*
Michael Hirman	2nd Vice President*
Bill Weedman	VP for Membership*
Fred Hall	Treasurer*
Duncan Campbell	Color Guard Commander*
Bob Hayden	Secretary*
Barry Key	Communications Director

**Absent**

Ray Raser	Registrar*
Stan De Long	Chaplain*
George Brewster, Jr.	Chancellor
(Vacant)	Sergeant-at-Arms*

(\* Elected and Voting Board Members)

President Peters called the meeting to order at 11:36.

President Peters motioned to accept the minutes for the March 21st Board of Director's meeting and Vice President of Membership Bill Weedman seconded the motion. President Peters called for discussion, but none was offered. President Peters called for a vote. Vote was unanimous to accept.

**Officer Reports:****1<sup>st</sup> Vice President (Ed Torrence)**

Because of problems Board members experienced opening Ed's word-perfect documents he will resend them in a format more friendly to Word.

Ed would like to invite representatives of the various ROTC units in the county perhaps one from a high school and one from a college to attend a membership meeting and talk about their programs successes and invite a recipient of the awards to attend as well. But cautioned there will be a scheduling problem because of limited time to set the meetings up.

Ed will approach Compatriot Steve Cludston about giving a presentation on Washington at the first Membership meeting after the Chapter resumes group meetings if he is comfortable doing that.

**Status of Medals and Awards Committee report:**

**High School JROTC:** 13 medals have been engraved and certificates are being prepared.

Five medals at the engraver waiting to be done and six more pending waiting for schools to name the recipients.

One Good Citizenship medal pending at the engraver for Twin Oaks High School.

**College ROTC:**

One medal engraved and ready to present Waiting on college to name the other two recipients so the medals can be engraved.

**Chapter:**

Ed asked President Peters for a motion to approve Wes Scarbrough's application to receive the SAR Military Service Award.

President Peters motioned that San Diego Chapter member Wes Scarbrough be approved for the Military Service Award based on his DD214 military record.

Fred Hall seconded the motion and President Peters called for discussion. Ed briefly talked about Wes Scarbrough's military service. President Peters then called for a vote which was unanimous for granting the award.

Ed sent a picture to the Board showing a newly constructed flag display at Our Lady of Grace, a Catholic elementary school in El Cajon and motioned the school be awarded a Flag Certificate from the SAR. Bob Hayden seconded the motion.

President Peters called for discussion: Ed related how he would like to see the Chapter award at least one Flag Certificate per Membership meeting, ideally twelve a year that the Chapter could include in the Chapter Annual Report.

Ed will talk to the Principal to determine how the award will be presented, either in person at a school assembly or at a Chapter Membership meeting.

President Peters called for a vote and the vote was unanimously aye.

**2nd Vice President (Michael Hirman)**

Michael updated the Board on the status of the Americanism elementary School Poster Contest. Approximately 15 students from Ms. Renee Cavanaugh's 5<sup>th</sup> grade class at Coronado Elementary school participated in and submitted posters for the contest. The first-place winner at the Chapter level was Jack Dempsey who went on to the state level and received honorable mention. Michael mentioned that there was quite a lot of competition at the state level.

All the voting for the Chapter portion of the contest was done on-line. There was a tie for third place so there were four winners total.

Treasurer Fred Hall sent a check to Barry Key for first-place winner Jack Dempsey. Barry will give it to Renee along with certificates for the other winners.

Renee is pleased with the results of the contest and is looking forward to participating again next year.

**Secretary (Bob Hayden)**

Bob reported that the membership level hasn't changed from last month. All reports sent via email.

**Treasurer (Fred Hall)**

Sent out the April treasurer's report to Board members by email and mailed a signed copy to the secretary:

Highlights of report:

Started month with \$23,673.16

Ended month with \$22,490.37

A net loss of \$1182.79

The Chapter owes the Rancho Bernardo Country Club for the February breakfast which Fred will pay out of the Chapter funds.

CASSAR sent Fred a check for \$75.00 for the State Poster contest and Fred forwarded the check to Renee.

**Vice President Membership (Bill Weedman)**

Bill Weedman discussed the ambiguous nature of the New Member Application process. Though there is an application online at the NSSAR site it appears no one ever responds to it when a perspective new member applies. So, the bottom line is, new members will have to fill out an application the best they can and then get in touch with Ray Raser for further help in the process.

**Chaplain (Stan DeLong)**

Absent

**Registrar (Ray Raser)**

Absent

**Genealogist (Vacant)****Color Guard Commander (Duncan Campbell)****Post Board Meeting Note:**

Duncan spoke to the Julian Chamber of Commerce today (6/3/20) and confirmed that the San Diego Chapter Color Guard will be presenting a Flag Certificate on Flag Day, June 14th, 2020 at 1500 (3:00 PM) at the Julian Town Hall. Duncan has spoken to the Sheriff's Department, Julian Substation, informing them the Color Guard will be carrying muskets.

The Color Guard will meet in front of the Sheriff's Substation at 1430 (2:30 PM) and march the 2 blocks to the town hall. The color guard will form in front of the town hall and the dignitaries (President Bill Peters, George Washington, Molly Pitcher) will make the presentation on the front porch of the town hall to the Chamber of Commerce representatives. After the presentation the Color Guard will march back to the parking area, in front of the substation.

Duncan is looking forward to seeing Chapter members at the event.

**Regular Board Report**

Duncan reported that all Memorial Day ceremonies at National cemeteries have been cancelled for 2020, so no Color Guard participation at Rosecrans. Staff will do a wreath laying but it will be a low-keyed event.

Duncan contacted Singing Hills Cemetery Association and was given permission by the director to use the SAR Color Guard in a ceremony at the cemetery. The Color Guard will assembly at 11:30am, on Memorial Day in the cemetery and be reviewed by General George Washington, thence march to a flagpole in the cemetery and participate in a short invocation. George Washington will then give a speech and at 12:00pm the flag will be raised from half-staff to full

staff followed by a musket volley and taps by a bugler Duncan has lined up for the event. Following taps the Color Guard will be dismissed. The ceremony should take no longer than 45 minutes. Members are invited to attend in groups no larger than ten people.

Duncan cannot find anyone to make a wreath so there will be no wreath laying ceremony at the event. Everything is closed.

Duncan and Color Guard members that will be using muskets at the Singing Hills Memorial Day event will practice their drill and firing routine at the South Bay Rod & Gun Club Saturday the 20<sup>th</sup>.

It appears at this time the Alpine 4<sup>th</sup> of July event will not take place; thus the Color Guard will not be needed.

Duncan will try and find away for the Color Guard to participate in the annual 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebration hosted by the International Houses of Balboa Park if that event hasn't been cancelled too.

### **Sargent at Arms (Vacant)**

President Peters asked for suggestions to fill the current vacant Sargeant At Arms position.

Possibly Larry Hardin – Ed will contact Larry.

### **Communications Director (Barry Key)**

Barry is just about finished with the Singing Hills press release for the upcoming Memorial Day event featuring the Chapter Color Guard. Barry will release it to Duncan who will send it out to a couple of local newspapers.

Website is up to date.

### **President (Bill Peters)**

The county will not be issuing any parade permits earlier than August per Duncan. Massing of the Colors in September and Veterans Day Parade in November will be the next parades in the county if they happen. – Duncan

Clairmont Family Day in August; status not know at this time. Planning starts in June. – Duncan

Bill Peters asked members what their opinions were about reviewing and updating the bylaws.

Edward Torrence mentioned that no issues have arose that would call the Board's attention to the bylaws.

Bill Peters is concerned that the Chapter fulfill its obligation to maintain a "Standing Committee" to keep track and report on any needed changes to the Chapter bylaws. Bill would like to form a Standing Committee and define its duties and wait for a report from it to the Board.

Bill Peters asked members to review bylaws and see if they need to be updated or changed.

Bill Peters talked a little about a pending award to Ernie McCullough proposed at the recent CASSAR meeting in April. Doesn't have many details on it but will contact Bob Taylor at CASSAR and discuss with him some more. Also, will talk to Susan Mattern about it. .

It is the consensus of the Board that we will not attempt to have or plan any Board or Membership meetings, for June and July, and probably August too.

Because of the large backlog of new member's approved applications and certificates, Bill will make a list of names taken from the applications and certificates and send a copy to Bob Hayden. Then Bill Peters and Bob Hayden will need to contact the individuals and see if they prefer to wait and have them presented in person once we open back up or have them sent through the mail to them.

Calendar responsibility: Ed Torrence

No scheduled Board meeting for June.

Barry Key is working on a combined winter/spring magazine for the Chapter. Chapter activity this year has been too low to compile separate winter and spring versions.

Michael Hirman moved to close meeting and Bill Peters seconded the motion. Bill called for discussion and none was offered. Board voted unanimously to adjourn.

Meeting adjourned at 12:35pm.

Patriotically,

Bob Hayden  
Secretary San Diego Chapter SAR

