



Minutes, May 25th, 2019 Monthly Breakfast Meeting of the San Diego Chapter of the SAR

The San Diego Chapter of the SAR hosted the monthly May 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.

President Peters called the members to stand and Chapter Chaplain Rev. Dr. Stan De Long offered the invocation. The color guard advanced the Colors and Chapter Treasurer Fred Hall led the members in the Pledge of Allegiance. The Colors were then posted. President Peters then asked Vice President of Membership Bill Weedman to lead the members in the recitation of the Pledge to the SAR followed by the members and guest singing God Bless America.

The Color Guard then retired and was dismissed by Color Guard Commander Skip Cox and President Peters asked the members to be seated.

President Peters introduced the guest speaker Ms. Renee Cavanaugh, a 5th grade Social Studies teacher at the Silver Strand Elementary School in Coronado.

President Peters thanked the Chapter Communication Director Barry Key for securing first position in the Coronado 4th of July Parade for the Chapter Color Guard and Chapter members participating in the Parade.

President Peters reminded members that the Chapter would be participating at the Casa de España, (House of Spain), 4th of July celebration in Balboa Park and invited interested members to attend. The celebrations will be conducted on the 4th of July the 6th and 7th, Thursday, Sunday and Monday respectively. Philip Hinshaw in addition to being a San Diego SAR member is also a member of Casa de España. Please contact Philip if you would like to participate in the 4th, 6th and 7th celebrations at the of Casa de España. Send me an email at hayden-4@cox.net and I'll put you in touch with him if you don't have access to his phone number or email already.

President Peters reminded members that the NSSAR 129th Congress will be starting on July 5th in Costa Mesa.

Treasurer Fred Hall announced that he has secured two more convertible vehicles for the 4th of July Parade and is looking for members who would like to ride along in the parade. Please notify Fred if you would like to ride along.

President Bill Peters gave an update on Ernie's recuperation from a fall that fractured some bones in his leg. Ernie hopes to be able to participate in the 4th of July Parade.

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

The item on the program to vote on, was a revision to the Chapter Bylaws to give the Color Guard Commander a vote on the Chapter Board of Directors which he currently is not entitled to. The revised



bylaw will change the voting status of the Color Guard Commander from an appointed non-voting officer on the Board of Directors to an elected office with voting privileges for a period of two years before either being replaced or running for reelection.

Member Barry Key read the motion to the members and Fred Hall seconded the motion, whereas President Peters called for discussion and then a vote by the members. The vote was 13 to 2, yea and no respectively. Henceforth, the Color Guard Commander will have voting privileges on the Chapter Board of Directors.

Ms. Renee Cavanaugh, the featured speaker for the meeting then gave a talk on the importance of the Poster Contest for children in her 5th grade elementary class at the Silver Strand in Coronado. Basically, it's a great platform for teaching children about American Revolutionary War history in an interesting and captivating way. And for giving children who might not otherwise be able to stand out academically the opportunity to shine and reveal some of their creative abilities.

Ms. Cavanaugh explained that about 63% of her students were military related and were subject to constant moving from one part of the country or world to another. She handed around samples of the student's artwork and some of the books she assigns them to read about the war. One of the books was titled King George: what was his problem? By the author Steve Sheinkin.

Ms. Cavanaugh held a discussion about getting more participation in the poster program by other elementary school districts around San Diego county but realizes that it will be a problem overcoming skepticism and inertia in other school districts, since most teachers have a full schedule already. Compatriot Peter Fagen volunteered that he is able to reach out to a few school superintendents who he occasionally works with to make them aware of the program. Maybe this will make them a little more open to trying their own poster contests.

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 at 11:30

Regards,

Bob Hayden

Secretary San Diego Chapter SAR