



Summary of August 19, 2017 Membership Meeting of the San Diego Chapter of the SAR

The San Diego Chapter of the SAR hosted the August Membership Meeting and Breakfast at the Broken Yolk Cafe at 11630 Carmel Mountain Rd, San Diego. The meeting was called to order by President Fred Hall at 9:00am. President Hall announced that Joan Ludwig, wife of member and past president George Ludwig had passed away and asked members to sign a card of condolence that would be passed around the tables. President Fred Hall then led the members in the opening invocation by asking the assembly to join him in singing a stanza from God Bless America. The Color Guard then presented the Colors accompanied by martial music from a music box lent to the Color Guard by Richard Leslie. The Color Guard consisted of Color Guard Commander Ernie McCullough and Compatriots Ray Raser, Skip Cox, Philip Hinshaw and Bob Hayden. Vice President Barry Key led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance followed by the Pledge to the SAR led by Compatriot Ed Torrance.

President Fred Hall then introduced special guest Executive Vice President Derek Brown & wife Janet and the featured speaker for the meeting Ms. Renee Cavanaugh.

Sister Kathleen Walsh offered grace for breakfast and breakfast was served cafeteria style. Breakfast consisted of scrambled eggs, bacon, biscuits and gravy, fruit, coffee, decaf and orange juice. Coffee and juice was served by staff at the tables.

President Fred Hall then re-introduced Renee Cavanaugh, 5th grade teacher of social studies at the Coronado Middle School and asked her to give her presentation on her trips to Revolutionary War sites and the impact they had on her teaching. Ms. Cavanaugh related how she had been awarded a scholarship by the SAR to pursue studies of the American Revolution in 2015 and a large part of the scholarship consisted of traveling back to Valley Forge, in Pennsylvania, and attending lectures by Revolutionary War history professors, then visiting different Revolutionary War sites in in what has always been known as the northeastern section of the country, Massachusetts, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania. Being transported by bus, lectured by professors and visiting the battlefields for 12 hours a day was the regimen of study. In 2016 Ms. Cavanaugh once again was awarded a scholarship and repeated the process this time throughout the mid-Atlantic states. Then again in 2017 she secured a scholarship to repeat the process through the southern section of the country as it was then constituted in 1775. Of course, the experience has enriched Ms. Cavanaugh's understanding and appreciation of the Revolutionary War and helped her make much more vivid presentations of the subject in her classroom to the apparent pleasure of her students. Each year Students from Ms. Cavanaugh's class participate in a poster contest sponsored by the SAR and have won several awards for the last few years, winning third place for the State of California in 2017.

Compatriot Lenard Thompson was presented with a War Service Medal for his service in Vietnam.



New members Sheridan Hall and Patrick Hall, Father and son respectively, were inducted into the San Diego Chapter by President Fred Hall, father and grandfather respectively of the new inductees, assisted by Ed Torrence and Ray Raser. Each member was presented with a copy of their officially approved NSSAR Application and their NSSAR California Membership Certificate suitable for framing and the SAR Rosetta Pin and a Chapter pin to be worn on their jackets. Pictures were taken of the new inductees by Susan Mattern with their families and the Chapter Officers who inducted them. Congratulations were offered and the audience applauded the new members.

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

President Hall adjourned the meeting.

Next month's General Membership meeting will be held at the Admiral Baker Club to celebrate Constitution Day hosted by the DAR. The meeting will begin at 11:00 am and the address is:

2400 Admiral Baker Rd.
San Diego, CA

Regards,

Bob Hayden
Secretary San Diego Chapter SAR