



## Minutes, November 2019 Monthly Breakfast Meeting of the San Diego Chapter of the SAR

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

Chapter Chaplain Rev. Dr. Stan De Long offered the invocation. The color guard advanced the Colors and Chapter Communications Director Barry Key led the members in the Pledge of Allegiance. The Colors were then posted. President Peters asked Vice President of Membership Bill Weedman to lead the members in the recitation of the Pledge to the SAR.

The Color Guard then retired and was dismissed by Color Guard Commander Skip Cox, and President Peters asked the members to be seated. Participating Color Guard members were: Skip Cox the Color Guard Commander, Philip Hinshaw, Duncan Campbell, and Andrew Fagan.

President Peters introduced guest Duane Wheeler, a San Diego Chapter compatriot who is a dual member with the Coachella Valley Chapter and the Eagle Chapter. Compatriot Wheeler's principal Chapter in San Diego, but since he lives closer to Coachella, he mostly attends their meetings.

Sergeant at Arms Ed Torrence gave a talk on his experience attending the Fall Board of Managers (BOM) meeting. Ed provided a lot of information, insight and advice for anyone planning to attend future BOM meetings.

Larry Harden talked about the upcoming Wreaths Across America reminding members they have until December 2<sup>nd</sup> to make a commitment to purchase a wreath for the December 14 wreath-laying ceremony. He reminded members they could sponsor a wreath for Veterans laid to rest in participating cemeteries.

The Rev. Dr. Stan DeLong offered the Blessing of the meal.

A plated breakfast was served of scrambled eggs, bacon, potatoes, fruit cup, sweet rolls and coffee, orange juice and water.

In keeping with the recent Veterans Day observance, Ed Torrence gave a presentation of the Missing Man/Women Table. A small table was set up in the meeting room for one person with an empty chair and various items such as a white table cloth, symbolizing purity of motive of the person joining the armed forces to defend our country. Other items include a red rose, slice of lemon, an inverted drinking glass, a Bible, lit candle and salt spread on a bread plate. Each item symbolizing something about the person's sacrifice to his/her country and a reminder to all present not to forget them or the sacrifices they made. A very good presentation.

Ed thanked Philip Hinshaw for attending and presenting the SAR Eagle Scout of Honor Court to newly-minted Eagle Scout Dan Sheldon. Compatriot Hinshaw also gave a 2-3 minutes talk about the SAR'S



history and patriotic endeavors to the attendees. He also read the “Eagle Scout Charge” from a script prepared by Daniel Sheldon’s mother. The charge was extracted from a Boy/Eagle Scout Handbook.

Barry Key gave a slide presentation calling out the names of Chapter Veterans and the service they belonged to and what they did in the service.

President Peters talked a little about setting up the Nominating Committee for the 2020 Chapter Officers. Reminded attending members that we need more people to volunteer to help on several of the Chapter’s projects.

Lenny Thompson gave a brief talk on recently passed Admiral Eugene Farrell who he personally knew. The Admiral spent 38 years in the Navy and is buried at Arlington National Cemetery.

The Rev Dr. Stan Delong then gave the Benediction the Colors were retrieved by the Color Guard and retired.

Bob Hayden led the members in the SAR Recessional.

President Bill Peters adjourned the meeting at 11:00

Regards,

Bob Hayden

Secretary San Diego Chapter SAR