



Summary of the November 19, 2016 Membership Meeting of the San Diego Chapter of the SAR

The San Diego Chapter of the SAR hosted the November Membership Meeting and Breakfast at the Officer's Club at MCAS Miramar, San Diego. The meeting was called to order by President Dennis Cushman at 9:00am. The Rev Dr. Stan De Long gave the invocation and the Color Guard posted the Colors. Compatriot Jay de Leon led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance followed by Richard Swafford in the Pledge to the SAR.

President Cushman then called on members seated at the breakfast tables to introduce themselves.

The Rev Dr. Stan De Long offered a prayer for breakfast followed by a buffet breakfast. Breakfast consisted of scrambled eggs, bacon, fruit cup, muffins, coffee, decaf, orange juice and water. An alternate breakfast of a fruit plate was also offered.

After breakfast, President Cushman, Rev Stan De Long and Past President Ray Raser, presided over the induction ceremony for Compatriots Joseph Bray, Lawrence Harden, CB Norris, Dell Ritchhart, and Dr. John Walker and his seven-year-old son Sebastian Walker. All the Compatriots were individually escorted to the lectern by Color Guard Commander Ernie McCullough and Guardsmen George Biles and administered the oath of Allegiance to the SAR by Chapter Chaplain Dr. Rev Stan De Long. Each member was pinned with the SAR Rosette by Chapter Past resident and Registrar Ray Raser and then presented their Chapter pin by Dr. Rev Stan De Long. They were then presented with their approved NSSAR Application and NSSAR California Membership Certificates by Chapter President Dennis Cushman and congratulated on becoming members. After the ceremony, pictures of new members were taken with the SAR Chapter Offices and family members.

Announcements:

President Cushman again asked the attendant members to consider taking on some leadership positions for the Chapter. There is a pressing need for committee members and for someone to fill the president's and 1st VP positions. He asked members to be sure and send in their dues as soon as possible after receiving the dues notices. Dennis explained that this year the dues notices have been send out about a month behind schedule and we need to get them to National by Dec 31, so every one's cooperation is needed to meet this schedule.

Registrar Ray Raser announced the awarding by the 126 National Congress of the SAR "Partners in Patriotism" to the San Diego Chapter for its participation in the Wounded Warrior program by providing support to veterans at the Naval Medical Center San Diego in the form of providing guidance and help in the Ancestor Search program and lobbying companies and individuals to contribute computer hardware and programs for the affected service men and women so they could have access to the internet. In addition, the Chapter has honored WWII, Korean and Vietnam Era veterans for their contributions to America.



Philip Hinshaw reminded members that a medal has been struck commemorating the 129 Congress of the SAR to be held in Costa Mesa in 2019 and is available for purchase for \$35.00, please let him know if you would like to purchase one.



Main Program

A presentation of the history of the Vietnam War, entitled “The Undeclared War that Nobody Won, narrated by Compatriot Tom Johnston. Tom used a slide show presentation to give an overview of the major events leading up to the war and pivotal points both militarily and politically of the US engagement in the war right through the evacuation of the South Vietnam military and civilian personal from the US embassy in Saigon and the essential end of the war for the US.

Rev Dr. Stan De Long gave the Benediction and President Cushman asked member Fred Hall to lead the assembly in the SAR Recessional. The Color Guard retired the Colors and President Cushman closed the meeting.

Regards,

Bob Hayden
Secretary San Diego Chapter SAR