



Summary of the September 17, 2016 Joint Membership Meeting of the DAR – SAR – C.A.R. Organizations

The Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) hosted a joint meeting of the DAR, Sons of the American Revolution (SAR) and Children of the American Revolution (C.A.R.) to commemorate the 229th signing of the Constitution of the United States of America at the Admiral Baker Club, in San Diego, CA.

The meeting was called to order by Cathy Smith, Regent of the San Diego Chapter NSDAR at 11:00am, Saturday, September 17, 2016. The invocation was given by Connie Gallear, Chaplain of the Day, Santa Margarita Chapter, NSDAR. The Colors were advanced by the San Diego Chapter Color Guardsmen, Ernie McCullough, Ray Raser and Richard Palmer. Kathy Loftman carried the DAR flag.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Dennis Cushman, President of the San Diego Chapter of the SAR. Sharon Healey Bartholomew, Regent of the Center of the Valley Chapter NSDAR led the assembly in reciting The American Creed and Dawn Byrd–Beresovoy, Regent of Monserate Chapter NSDAR led the assembly in reciting the Preamble to the Constitution and Laurel Lemarie of the De Anza Chapter NSDAR led the assembly in the singing of the National Anthem.

Adele Landcaster, California State Vice Regent, gave greetings to the audience and then did the head table introductions and, in addition, introduced Officers representing the different Organizations present in the audience. Everyone introduced was asked to stand and be recognized. Amongst the many people introduced at the head table were: Lillian Leslie, Director of District XIV, NSDAR, Dennis Cushman, President of the San Diego Chapter of the SAR, Travis Olson, President of the Presidio Hill Society C.A.R. and President of the Red, White & Blue Society C.A.R., Dominique D’Lima.

A very good presentation employing readings and still pictures was given by the Children of the American Revolution (C.A.R.) and the Red, White & Blue Society, both of the Presidio Hill Society, reviewing the principal architects and participants in the American Revolutionary War.

Two Proclamations were then read, one from the San Diego Board of Supervisors and one from Governor Brown; Cindy Goodger, Regent of the Rancho Buena Vista Chapter NSDAR, read the Board of Supervisors proclamation and Karen Jarrod, Honorary State Regent and Past Corresponding Secretary General NSDAR, read the Governor’s Proclamation.

President Dennis Cushman and Color Guard Vice Commander Ernie McCullough were recognized for their service to the SAR, each with a Certificate of Appreciation and Challenge coin by Lillian Leslie, Director, District XIV, NSDAR.

Lillian Leslie, also awarded Dominique D’Lima and Nicole Bednorz of C.A.R., each, a Certificate of Appreciation and Challenge Coin. Travis Olsen, President of C.A.R., was awarded with a Certificate of Appreciation and Challenge Coin, too. Abbey D’Lima of C.A.R. was awarded a Challenge Coin.

President Dennis Cushman awarded Travis Olsen, President of C.A.R., and Dominique D’Lima, President of the Red, White & Blue Society, with Bronze Medals in appreciation for their service to the SAR.



Dennis Cushman awarded the Martha Washington Medal to Lillian Lesley, Director of District XIV, NSDAR and Cathy Smith for hosting the Constitution Day Luncheon and their service to the SAR. And in an ironic and pleasant twist, Lillian Leslie is a descendent of Martha Washington.

Vice Color Guard Commander Ernie McCullough was awarded a coin for his participation today in the Color Guard.

Connie Gallear, Chaplain of the Day, Santa Margarita Chapter NSDAR gave the grace for the luncheon.

After lunch, the featured speaker William Norton, author and public speaker on the fundamental, natural law principles of liberty and the U.S. Constitution, gave a talk on the genesis of the Constitution Day Commemoration and the importance of Constitutional principles that protect our (citizens) everyday activities. In 2002, Mr. Norton in association with other promoters initiated a program to commemorate the Constitution for a week at a time in Gilbert Arizona, where Mr. Norton and his family live, and has continued this practice to the present time with an ever expanding and receptive audience. Mr. Norton gave several inspiring examples of insights, provided by the founders and other great thinkers, into the formation and construction of the Constitution. He is the author of Miracle of America and digital media publications about the subject.

Following Mr. Norton's presentation a few announcements were made: Robyn Kraft of the Linares Chapter, NSDAR, asked members to consider participating in the Susan G. Komen 5K walk/run for cancer in San Diego. Robyn asked the audience members to consider helping with the ribbon making event this coming November 14th.

Tim Campion, of Wreaths Across American, made a request for volunteers or contributions to help out with the distribution of wreaths on Veterans Graves this coming December 17.

Kathleen Winchester of the San Diego Chapter NSDAR thanked the various Chapters for their participation and help in the day's commemoration of the Constitution.

Connie Gallear, Chaplain of the Day, Santa Margarita Chapter NSDAR gave the Benediction. The Color Guard retired the colors and the meeting was adjourned at about 1:30pm.

Regards,

Bob Hayden
Secretary San Diego Chapter SAR