



Summary of the October 22, 2016 Membership Meeting of the San Diego Chapter of the SAR

The San Diego Chapter of the SAR hosted the October Membership Meeting and Breakfast at the Green Dragon Tavern & Museum of Carlsbad. 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. Herb Tuttle led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance followed by Matthew Schiff 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, biscuits and gravy, coffee, decaf, orange juice and water.

After breakfast, President Cushman, Rev Stan De Long and Past President Ray Raser, Color Guard Commander Ernie McCullough presided over the induction ceremony for Compatriot George Hall. Compatriot Hall was escorted to the lectern by Color Guard Commander Ernie McCullough and Guardsmen Skip Cox and administered the oath of Allegiance to the SAR by President Dennis Cushman and then presented with his approved NSSAR Application and NSSAR California Membership Certificates by Ray Raser. Rev Dr. De Long then pinned Compatriot Hall with the SAR Rosette pin and Chapter pin on the lapel of his jacket. After the ceremony, pictures of Compatriot Hall with his wife and SAR officers were taken.

Announcements:

President Cushman asked the attendant members to seriously consider taking on some leadership positions for the Chapter. He explained we are running out of volunteers to fill positions of President, First Vice President, 2nd Vice President, Sergeant-at-Arms and several committee positions and Program Chairs such as Youth Programs and JROTC and ROTC. President Cushman requested that members at least attempt to pay their dues through the Chapter website.

Jim Fosdyck, Executive Vice President of CSSAR handed out Vietnam Era pins to Army, Navy, Marine & Air Force veterans in the audience that served between 1955 and 1974.

Some of the members receiving these awards were:

Bob Hayden, Ray Raser, Stephen Wright, Lenny Thompson, Jim Mattern, Mary Hinshaw, Bill Sayer, George Biles, Joan De Long, Stan De Long, Richard Swafford, Marvin Munster and Philip Hinshaw. A group photo was taken of the recipients.

Jim Fosdyck also lobbied the members to consider buying raffle tickets for a truly beautiful quilt constructed by his artist wife called "California Dreaming." Three tickets for \$5:00. This quilt will be raffled off at the Spring BOM meeting in Irvine, next year, 2107. In addition, Jim asked members to support the 2019 Congress, being held in Costa Mesa at the Hilton, by purchasing a set of California State Medals that were available for purchase at the end of the program for \$35.00 per set.



There will be a Ladies Auxiliary bake sale at next month's General Membership meeting.

Color Guard Commander Ernie McCullough reminded members that had served in the military that Service Medals were available and to contact him if they hadn't received theirs yet.

The main program was a production of Susan Mattern called *"The Heroines & Heroes of the Battle of Yorktown"*

The program consisted of three members from the Ladies Auxiliary of the SAR and three gentlemen from the SAR, separated into teams by gender to play a game of tic tac toe that Compatriot Clay Hoffman agreed to be the Master of Ceremony for. The teams were sitting on either side of a large tic tac toe board that was erected between them and facing the audience. Each participant would represent a famous women or man of the Revolutionary War. Stan De Long assumed the person of General Jean Baptiste Rochambeau, Jim Mattern was General Daniel Morgan and George Biles represented Alexander Hamilton. Debbie Cushman represented Caty Littlefield Green, widow of General Nathaniel Green. Joan De Long represented Jane Vobe a tavern keeper and Cathy Tuttle represented Eliza Lucas Pickney an agriculturalist. Each participant representing a Revolutionary War counterpart gave a brief synopsis of their life experience during this era. After the introductions, the game began with each team alternately being asked a question regarding the Battle of Yorktown and if they answered correctly could occupy any available square on the tic tac toe board just like any tic tac toe game. Three games were played and the final score was a draw. I believe everyone enjoyed the good-natured competition and possibly learned something new about The Battle of Yorktown. Kudos to Susan Mattern for the fine and entertaining production she put on.

President Cushman presented Susan with a Certificate of Appreciation and Challenge Coin from the San Diego. Susan presented all the participants in the production with a can of Tomato Reserves from Williamsburg, VA.

President Cushman brought in his personal diorama that displayed the American/French military forces deployed against the British.

Rev Dr. Stan De Long gave the Benediction and President Cushman asked member Stephen Wright 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