



San Diego Chapter SAR Board of Directors Minutes  
1/19/2017  
Spice House Cafe  
9035 Clairemont Mesa Blvd  
San Diego, CA

**ATTENDEES**

Dennis Cushman  
Bill Weedman  
Robert Hayden  
Ernie McCullough  
Fred Hall  
Ernie Mortensen  
Stephen Wright  
Clay Hoffman

**POSITION**

President \*  
VP for Membership\*  
Secretary\*  
Genealogist & Color Guard Commander  
Member  
Financial Committee  
Member  
Guest

**Absent**

Bill Ketchum                      1<sup>st</sup> Vice President\*  
Ray Raser                         Registrar\*  
Dan McLaughlin                Treasurer\*  
Stan De Long                    Chaplain\*  
George Brewster, Jr.            Chancellor

(\* Elected and Voting Board Members)

President Dennis Cushman called the monthly BOD's meeting to order at 12:15 pm.  
Ernie Mortensen motioned to accept the minutes for the November 2016 BOD's meeting, Bob Hayden seconded. No discussion was requested by the Board members and the motion carried unanimously by the Board.

**President's Report (Dennis Cushman)**

Dennis has been busy trying to find candidates for the President, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President and Treasurer positions for the year 2017.



**1st VP Report (Bill Ketchum)**

Absent

**2nd VP Report (Vacant)**

**Secretary Report (Bob Hayden)**

Reported that Roster, Status and Reconciliation Reports were not ready to send out due to reconciliation problems with State and National. Should be ready by sometime next week.

**Treasurer's Report – (Dan McLaughlin)**

Absent no report

**VP Membership – (Bill Weedman)**

Bill has been catching up on records and answering inquiries from people visiting the Chapter Website. Only one preliminary Knight Essay has qualified to be submitted for 2017 Knight Essay contest.

**Chaplain Report – (Stan De Long)**

Absent no report.

**Registrar Report – (Ray Raser)**

Absent no report

**Genealogist Report – (Ernie McCullough)**

No report

**Historian Report – (Vacant)**

**Color Guard Commander – (Ernie McCullough)**

The Color Guard participated in the La Jolla Parade on the 12th of December with two drummers Dennis Cushman and Travis Olsen President of the C.A.R. and one fife player. Compatriot Skip Cox drove a replica 1936 Mercedes Benz convertible with Ray Raser in his Revolutionary War Uniform riding in back sitting on the trunk deck waving to the parade spectators. Gale Raser and Susan Mattern both dressed in Colonial garb walked ahead of the car holding the SAR banner.

The Color Guard also participated in the Wreaths Across ceremony at Fort Rosecrans Cemetery. Guard members were Color Guard Commander Ernie McCullough, Ray Raser, George Biles and Skip Cox. The Guard marched in at the beginning of the ceremony and left after the National Anthem.



Ernie mentioned that the Color Guard could no longer fire their muskets at events due to the insurance being dropped and that CASSAR was try to purchase insurance for all the Chapters in the state.

Steve Wright suggested that an email blast be sent to members about the Wreaths Across event next year.

### **Sergeant at Arms – (Vacant)**

#### **Education**

No report.

### **Communications Director (Vacant)**

### **Chapter Website**

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **New Business**

Guest Clay Hoffman talked about his difficulty in getting his SAR Application approved but expressed confidence that Ray Raser the Chapter Registrar would find a solution to his problem. Clay had expressed an interest in assuming the duties of the President but because of his difficulty getting his application approved won't be able to take on that duty but indicated he would be open to assuming the duties of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President if it was still open when his application was approved. Ernie Mortensen has agreed to be the Communications Officer.

Dennis announced that new member Fred Hall had agreed to be a candidate for the President's position and Stephen Wright for the 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President's position. The 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President's position will remain vacant until a suitable candidate can be found. Also, that Bill Leslie had volunteered to be a candidate for the Treasurer position taking over from Daniel McLaughlin. These nominations will be submitted for a membership vote at the 21<sup>st</sup> of January Annual Installation of New Officers and Breakfast meeting of the San Diego Chapter of the SAR along with other positions that incumbents are running for.

Ernie Mortensen will put together a description of the various Officers responsibilities and also a description of the programs they will be in charge of.

Fred Hall inquired about the duties of the President in relation to attending State and National meetings. Dennis replied that the Chapter could if necessary send a surrogate in the



president's stead. Fred then gave a brief description of his educational and business background. Dennis thanked him and promised to confer with him on the president's duties throughout the year.

Bill Weedman reported that one preliminary Essay for the Knight Essay contest has been submitted.

### **Medals and Awards:**

### **Youth Education**

### **Open Items & Announcements**

Dennis Cushman moved to adjourn the meeting and Bob Hayden seconded; unanimous approval by the Board.

Meeting adjourned at 1:35pm

Bob Hayden

Secretary San Diego SAR