



Minutes, October 19th, 2019 Monthly Breakfast Meeting of the San Diego Chapter of the SAR

The San Diego Chapter of the SAR hosted the monthly September Breakfast meeting at the Bernardo Heights Country Club at 16066 Bernardo Heights Parkway in San Diego. The members met at 8:30 am for a half hour of socializing after which Chapter President Bill Peters called the meeting to order at 9:00 am.

Rev. Dr. Stan DeLong offered the invocation and the Color Guard advanced the Colors and Treasurer Fred Hall 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.

Color Guard Commander Skip Cox retired the Color Guard and dismissed them and President Peters asked the members to be seated.

President Peters introduced guest speakers Brenda Kaesler, Registrar of Linares Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution and James Helt, member of the San Diego Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution and National Sojourners, Incorporated.

President Peters requested members with an announcement take this opportunity to make them. None were offered.

The Rev. Dr. Stan DeLong then offered the Blessing of the Meal and a plated breakfast was served consisting of scrambled eggs, bacon, potatoes, orange juice, coffee and decaf, water and sweet rolls.

Jim Helt gave an Historic Flag Presentation on American Flags from the pre-Revolutionary War up to and including the 50-star flag we currently use. Fred Hall and Ed Torrence assisted Jim with presenting the flags by holding them up so the audience could clearly see them and take pictures if they chose to. The presentation was informative and well received by the audience.

The aim of the presentation was to promote an historical understanding of the American Flag and pride in our country and institutions. I believe he hit the marks with his presentation.

Brenda Kaesler, the Registrar for the Linares Chapter of the DAR gave a very interesting presentation of the history of the Wreaths Across America program. Brenda is the "Location Coordinator" for Miramar National Cemetery. Because of technical difficulties with the projection system Brenda couldn't use the projection screen to aid in her presentation but she ad-libbed very well.

She went over the founding of the idea by Morrill Worcester and his wife Karen from Columbia Falls, Maine up until the present where currently there are close to 2,000,000 wreaths laid each year across the country and overseas at 1649 participating cemeteries. Canada has a similar program too. Brenda made a trip to Maine last March to meet the founders and see the large area they devote to growing evergreen trees that are used to make the wreaths, serve as remembrance trees and to honor Gold Star families and Medal of Honor recipients. A stellar presentation.



President Peters then presented two Service awards, one to George Brewster for 10 years of service to the SAR and one to Stan DeLong for 30 years' service to the SAR.

The Benediction was delivered by Rev. Dr. Stan DeLong.

The Colors were retrieved by the Color Guard and Ed Torrence led the members in reciting the SAR Recessional.

The Color Guard retired the Colors and President Peters adjourned the meeting at 11:30am.

Regards,

Bob Hayden

Secretary San Diego Chapter SAR