

San Diego Chapter Annual Membership Meeting Minutes

01/23/2021

Teleconference Hosted by Barry Key,

Communications Director

Vista, CA

ATTENDEES

POSITION

Bill Peters	President*
Bill Weedman	VP for Membership*
Fred Hall	Treasurer*
Bob Hayden	Secretary*
Duncan Campbell	Color Guard Commander*
George Brewster, Jr.	Chancellor
Barry Key	Communications Director

Absent

Stan De Long	Chaplain*
Michael Hirman	2nd Vice President*
Ray Raser	Registrar*

Note 1: the symbol * indicates a voting member of the Board.

Note 2: There were a total of 17 members including the Chapter officers who attended the annual membership meeting for 2021 meeting.

President Peters called the meeting to order at 10:05am

President Peters called for the Color Guard to present colors. Through a previously recorded Color Guard presentation specifically recorded for events like this virtual online meeting by Commander Duncan Campbell a video presentation of the colors was made followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Barry Key.

Color guard posted the colors.

Peter Fagen then led the assembly in the singing of God Bless America.

Barry Key then led the assembly in the Pledge to the SAR.

Officer Reports:**President (Bill Peters)**

Bill Peters described various events the Chapter has been involved this past year. The Poster Contest had a first, second and two third place winners from Silver Strand Elementary School. 1st place winner went to state and won honorable mention.

All JROTC events were held virtually. 26 cadets in San Diego schools received Bronze JROTC awards and certificates.

Two Eagle Scouts applied for the Eagle Scout Scholarship, with the winner being Ryan Cobb. Ryan's entry went to CASSAR and is awaiting results.

2nd Vice President (Michael Hirman)

Absent, not feeling well.

Vice President Membership (Bill Weedman)

National has released a "New Member Guide" that will soon be posted onto the Chapter website. Barry Key was the principal editor of the document and Bill Weedman also made several contributions to the document. The document explains how National, CASSAR and the San Diego Chapter are organized. It discusses Chapter bylaws, list officers and outlines meeting procedures and policies.

Also, a New Member Mentor Program document has been released and should be on the Chapter website shortly that will give directions on how to welcome and initiate new members into the Chapter with the hope of making them comfortable and welcomed enough to want to attend Chapter meetings and the confidence to become more involved in Chapter business.

Any questions about these documents can be addressed by going to the Chapter website and under the **San Diego** tab drop down list click the **Officers and Board Members**, then under **Membership VP Bill Weedman** send an email to Bill with any questions or comments a member might have.

Secretary (Bob Hayden)

Bob welcomed the members and called out the names of new members that joined the SAR in the year 2020, which is a total of 10 members. The Chapter currently has 160 members.

Treasurer (Fred Hall)

Fred reported that the Chapter finished the year (2020) with a balance of \$31,001.24 in its bank account but paid out Chapter member's dues to NSSAR and CASSAR of \$6355.00 leaving a current balance of \$24, 646.24.

Our largest and most successful fund-raising campaign this year was the Wreaths Across America managed by Compatriot Larry Hardin which brought in over \$1200.00 to the Chapter.

Also, the Chapter received donation of \$805,00 and \$840.00 for Color Guard support and Medals respectively.

Fred expressed his gratitude to those that made these donations to the Chapter.

President (Bill Peters)

President Peters recognized the great job Larry Hardin did in achieving over 300% of the planned sales of wreaths for Wreaths Across America and presented him with a Bronze Good Citizens award plaque. Larry generated \$1200.00 for the Chapter.

Nomination of Board of Directors

President Peters nominated the following Chapter members for Board of Directors:

President	Barry Key
1 st Vice President	Michael Hirman
2 nd Vice President	Gary Peterson
Secretary	Bob Hayden
Treasurer	Fred Hall
Registrar	Ray Raser
Membership Vice President	Bill Weedman
Sergeant At Arms	Gary Newton
Chaplain	Reverend Stan De Long
Color Guard Commander	Duncan Campbell

In addition, two non-voting officers will be appointed: George Brewster as chancellor and Bill Peters as genealogist. The Chapter still needs a Communication Officer and a Web Master.

President Peters asked for nominations from the membership for any of the above positions. None was offered.

President Peters then asked Vice President South, Jim Klinger a guest from CASSAR, to swear in and install the new officers.

Vice President Jim Klinger then asked the nominated officers to raise their right hand and subsequently read them the oath swearing allegiance to the Constitution of the United States of America and the Constitution and bylaws of the NSSAR and asked them to swear they would faithfully discharge their duties of their office to the best of their abilities and conduct themselves in a manner that reflected will on the Sons of the American Revolution. All replied in the affirmative.

Jim Klinger then swore in the new Chapter President, Barry Key.

Jim congratulated all the new officers and concluded his remarks.

Barry Key is now officially the Chapter President.

Announcements (Barry Key)

President Barry Key recognized Duncan Campbell for the Yeomans job he has done with the Color Guard during these difficult times by presenting him with a Bronze Color Guard medal. The actual presentation will be done in person at a later date.

Bill Peters

Bill announced that he will be mailing out awards and certificates to members who were honored last year but due to COVID-19 were not able to be presented with them in person.

Barry Key

Announced a Past President's award for Bill Peters in recognition of Bill's two years of service in the President's position and also purchased a President Ribbon and Medallion for Bill to wear and a Past President's Pin to go with it.

President Key will present the awards and certificates to Past President Peters when they can get together in the near future. President Key thanked President Peters for stepping in and taking on the responsibility of President for the last two years and also for volunteering to fill in as the Chapter genealogist going forward.

Upcoming Events (Barry Key)

The Chapter will be participating in the **Americanism Elementary School Poster Contest**. Posters should be entered by the 15th of February, but Barry anticipates probably a couple of weeks delay. So far, the Silver Strand Elementary School will be participating, and Barry is in the process of recruiting a couple of more schools.

Also, upcoming is the **Sergeant Moses Adams Memorial Middle School Brochure Contest** and the **Joseph S. Rumbaugh (High School) Historical Oration Contest**

and the **Knights Essay Contest**, none of which had participants last year due to the difficulty with COVID – 19.

The Chapter will also be sponsoring the **Eagle Scout Scholarship Contest** and looking forward to receiving entries working with our local scout troops.

The Chapter will also be sponsoring the **Valley Forge Teachers Recognition Contest** and hope to convince a few of the teachers involved in our programs to compete.

New Sergeant at Arms and ROTC Coordinator Gary Newton is heading up the **ROTC Recognition Program** and has been in contact with one of the ROTC Commanders to coordinate the Chapter's recognition awards. Barry thanked Gary for his initiative in contacting the commander.

The **Sea Cadet Recognition** program, though not active last year, is being set up by Compatriot Hinshaw to be included in this year's awards and recognition ceremonies. In addition, Philip Hinshaw will act as an advisor to the president to help with leadership issues with Chapter members. Barry is looking forward to working with Philip over the next year.

Color Guard Commander (Duncan Campbell)

Duncan gave the Color Guard report for 2020.

January: no activity.

February: Color Guard at Chapter meeting with six members, the massing of the Colors in LA with four participants. Also participated in the Joint SAR/Mayflower Society meeting with five Color Guard participants.

A basic black powder training session with eight participants for a total of 54 points awarded for the month of February.

March and April: No activity.

May: Eight Color Guard members participated in a Memorial Day Observation along with several members from the Chapter attending for a total of 25 points awarded to the Chapter.

June: Seven members of the Color Guard participated in a Flag Day Celebration and presented the Julian Chamber of Commerce a Flag Day certificate, Also, many members from the Chapter attended the ceremony. A total of seventeen points were awarded to the Chapter.

July: A Chapter meeting at the Green Tavern and Museum in Carlsbad celebrating the 4th of July. Seven Color Guard members participated plus many Chapter members attended. Chapter was awarded 27 points.

August and September: No activity

October: Massing of the Colors in Bonita with two members from the San Diego Chapter and two members from San Bernardino Chapter participating. Duncan and wife Carylon Campbell (Ladies Auxiliary) attended. 27 points awarded to Chapter.

November: Color guard attended the burial of Compatriot Edward Torrence. Chapter awarded 13 points for participating.

December: - No activity

The San Diego Chapter was awarded a total of 163 point for the year 2020.

Duncan reminded members that they could attend virtual events sponsored by National if they preregistered. Any member of the Color Guard can participate in these virtual events and score points for the Chapter by simply showing up in uniform.

President Key asked for question or comments, but none was offered.

President Key asked Gary Newton to recite the recessional.

President Key then asked the Color Guard to retrieve the Colors. Once again, this was a virtual retrieving of the Colors.

President Key invited members to attend the next membership meeting, on-line, on the 20th of February to celebrate George Washington's birthday. He also said that we might be using a Zoom program for conducting the next on-line meeting.

President Key then adjourned the meeting at 11:30am.

Patriotically,

Bob Hayden
Secretary San Diego Chapter Secretary