

Minutes – August 2023

Members Present:

Scott Elliott (President), Charles Newcomb (Treasurer), Randy Haight (Secretary), Gary Overby (Chaplain), Keith Bickley, Mel Howell, Ed Smith.

Guests:

Shane Beard, Mike Hair, Andres McClure,

Special Guests included members of the El Toyon Chapter of the DAR

Tina Guantone and Dina Primack

- President Scott Elliott gaveled the meeting to order.
- Chaplain Gary Overby led the invocation.
- Randy Haight led the Flag Salute.
- Charles Newcomb led the SAR Pledge.

Officer's Reports:

President

Old Business

The President participated in the Memorial Day celebration held by the Silicon Valley Chapter/SAR. This included a fly-over, military vehicles, and participants wearing every uniform of the United States Armed Forces since the American Revolution.

New Business

The Delta Chapter currently has seven (7) applicants who are in various stages of their application process.

Our Chapter has been invited to participate in Family Heritage Day in Modesto on 16 October 2023.

The Fall State Business Meeting will be held on 3-4 November 2023 on the Queen Mary in Long Beach, CA.

The President is currently on a statewide Task Force looking into ways to reduce the fiscal impact/cost of the annual State Meeting.

The National SAR is currently in the process of updating the National SAR membership directory. Members can respond to include their information, patriots and include photos.

Derek Brown, the Vice-President General of the National SAR is planning on attending a Chapter meeting in the near future to discuss the National Endowment.

The President has created an Instagram account to further our Chapter's social media presence.

Treasurer

The Treasurer reports the Chapter bank account balance remains at about \$8200.

The next expenditure is expected to be \$650.00 in September for Annual Liability Insurance

Our current bank, "Bank of the West" is being acquired by MBO Bank. The Treasurer does not foresee any changes or negative impact.

Secretary

No report.

Chaplain

Our Chapter has again been approved to participate in the "Wreaths Across America" event which will be held on Saturday, 16 December 2023 at the National Veteran's Cemetery in Los Banos, CA. The cost of wreaths will increase to \$17.00 each, however, each Chapter will received "\$5.00 per wreath, as has been the practice in the past.

America 250

Minutes were read by Randy Haight.

Presentation

Member Mel Howell gave an oral presentation about Privateers during the American Revolution, based upon the book, "*Rebels at Sea.*"

Next Meeting

Saturday, 16 September 2023

SAR Recessional was led by Ed Smith

Benediction was provided by Chaplain Gary Overby