

Spokane Chapter No. 1 – SAR

Friday, 13 January 2006

MINUTES

Spokane Chapter No. 1, SAR, met Friday noon, 13 January 2006, at Old Country Buffet, 5504 N. Division Street, Spokane WA 99208 with twenty-eight members and guests. The meeting was called to order by President Dean Ladd at 12:17 PM. The opening prayer was given by Chaplain William Ailes. The SAR Pledge was led by Treasurer Al Daniels and the Pledge of Allegiance led by President Ladd. Guests included Lita Karlstrand, Joyce Park, Jackie Daniels, Vera Ladd and potential members A. G. Tiemann, Tay Conrad, Stan Wills, Gale Palmer, Daren Bosch and Robert Bartleson.

The minutes of the 9 December 2005 meeting were read by Secretary John Ellingson and were approved with minor spelling corrections. Treasurer Al Daniels gave his report which showed a balance of \$19.14 more than last month. The drawing was won by Chaplain William Ailes and realized \$26.00 for the treasury. The installation of the 2006 officers, President Richard Howard, Vice President Larry Ellingson, Secretary-Historian John Ellingson, Treasurer Alston Daniels, Genealogist-Registrar James Karlstrand, Chaplain Dr. William Ailes, Assistant Chaplain Norman Park and Trustees Richard Howard and Norman Park, was conducted by Past WASSAR President William Aller. The first action of new President Richard Howard was to present to Assistant Genealogist Lita Karlstrand a Martha Washington Award and Certificate for her outstanding work as Assistant Genealogist of our chapter.

Compatriot Neil Hyde reported on behalf of the Awards Committee of Spokane Chapter No. 1 that Detective Randy Lesser of the Spokane Police Department has been selected to receive the Law Enforcement Commendation Medal and Certificate and Calvin Groth, a member of the Spokane Fire Department Technical Rescue Team, has been selected to receive the Fire Safety Commendation Medal and Certificate. We plan to present these medals and certificates to these individuals at our March 10th meeting. Dennis Davis, a member of the Sea Cadet unit in Spokane, WA, reported to the group that Eric Chow has been chosen to receive the Bronze Good Citizenship Award and Certificate from Spokane Chapter No. 1, SAR, at the Sea Cadet banquet on January 21, 2006. Secretary Ellingson will make this presentation.

Discussion followed on the possibility of holding a joint lunch or dinner meeting with our chapter and the DAR chapters in Spokane County. Bill Peachee had suggested this and we are looking at the third weekend of April, either Friday night or Saturday noon, at Fairwinds Retirement Center. Jackie Daniels will coordinate with Secretary Ellingson to check the possibilities. Compatriot Neil Hyde reported that our SAR chapter works with the local DAR chapters to participate in the new citizen ceremonies. On February 7th and 21st, he and Bill Peachee will attend and give out lapel pins to new citizens at the Federal Building in Spokane. Al Daniels read a letter dated 27 December 2005 from the

Department of Veteran Affairs thanking our chapter for the items donated at our meeting of 9 December 2005 for homeless and needy veterans.

Past President Dean Ladd read a letter from the Western Region of the CAR asking for a contribution to help defray expenses at their conference in San Jose, CA on June 16, 2006. Dean Ladd moved and John Ellingson seconded to contribute \$25.00. The motion was unanimously approved. Dean Ladd then told of the Joint DAR/SAR meeting to be held on June 1, 2006 at the Marriot Hotel in Seattle and encouraged our chapter to possibly participate in this meeting. Plans are to hold the Pacific District meeting in the afternoon of June 1 at the Marriot Hotel. The National President of each organization will attend the joint meeting. The next WASSAR Executive Board meeting will be at Ellensburg, WA on Saturday, March 4 starting at 11 AM.

For the program, Vice President Larry Ellingson introduced Tom McArthur, Communications Director and Historian, of the Davenport Hotel. Tom used a Power Point presentation to tell the story of how the Davenport Hotel was originally built and how Walt Worthy has remodeled and rebuilt the present Davenport Hotel into a fantastic new hotel. Tom McArthur was presented with a Certificate of Appreciation by President Richard Howard. Following the program, Chaplain William Ailes gave the closing prayer, the SAR Recessional was recited and the meeting was adjourned at 1:34 PM.

Secretary John Ellingson.