



THE SAN DIEGO SOJOURNER
SAN DIEGO CHAPTER NO. 45 NATIONAL SOJOURNERS
SEPTEMBER 2017



PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS: To all brethren and sisters, thank you so much for your support and I hoped you enjoyed your night of fellowship and dinner with us on our last stated meeting. And for our brothers and sister who are not lucky enough to be with us, we hoped to see you on our next stated meeting.

I want to extend my great appreciation to Brother Rudy Bautista, (Our Commander of Constitutional Camp), Brother Bob Johnson, and Brother Jim Bonner for helping us on the presentation of Candle Light Memorial Service to our recently departed brothers: SGT Edward Backes, US Army; CAPT Frederick Klyn, US Navy; and LT David Holowell, US Navy.

Almighty God, please grant our departed brothers an eternal rest and peace at your kingdom and embrace their love ones with comfort in their time of need.

Brethren, please mark down your calendar for our next stated meeting. That's September 28, 2017, Thursday; at 5:30 PM; at Best Western Seven Seas, 411 Hotel Circle South, San Diego. Please make your reservation to Brother Alex Manzano at (619) 938-5760 for adequate arrangements of your dinner.

Sincerely and Fraternally

Pepito P. Salgatar

President



FROM THE CAMP COMMANDER

Another month has passed and I'm very thankful for the blessings we received and looking forward to another month of camaraderie in our association. I'm hoping that our brethren and their ladies will join us and continue their support towards the advancement of our goals for the chapter.

We are not going to have a Bivouac this month due to inability to obtain a venue. We'll try again next month, and it probably will happen around the 14th of October. Let's plan on this and please consider attending so we can organize our group to make another Hero.

I'll see you all on the 28th and please encourage other members to join us to make our stated meeting more meaningful.

Sincerely and Fraternally

Rodolfo R. Bautista

Commander



SECRETARY'S COMMENTS The regular meeting of San Diego Chapter No. 45, National Sojourners, Inc. was held at the Best Western, Seven Seas, San Diego, CA on 24 August 2017.

With the only officers present being the President,

Brother Pepito Salgatar, and the Secretary/Treasurer, Brother James Helt, the President opened the Chapter in due form at 1815, welcomed all present and recessed the meeting for dinner.

After the dinner was served to twelve members, five wives of members, two guests, and one honored lady for a total of twenty, the meeting was called to order by the President, Brother Pepito Salgatar at 1900.

President Salgatar introduced our Honored Lady June Bowlin and then the Southern California Area Camp Followers of the Year 2002-2003 Sandy Helt and 2012-2013 Nelia Manzano. He then introduced the Commander of Constitution Camp, Heroes of '76, Brother Rudolfo Bautista. There were no national officers present.

The Secretary/Treasurer, Brother James Helt, made a motion that the minutes of the last regular meeting of 27 July 2017 be accepted as printed in the August newsletter. The motion was seconded and passed.

The Secretary/Treasurer reported the checking account balance was \$1785.00. The charity basket was passed and donations totaling \$45.00 were collected for the Sojourners Endowment Memorial (SEM) fund.

There was no correspondence.

There were no applications for membership.

President Salgatar thanked the Flag Team members for Presenting the Colors in Colonial Costume at the Anchor and Spurs Club at 32nd St. Naval Station on 2 August, 2017. The team was Brothers Alex Manzano, Rudy Bautista and Daniel Macaraeg.

Brother Salgatar announced that because Sally De Vera could not attend the meeting the Candlelight Memorial Service for our departed Brother Jose De Vera would be held at our next meeting in September.

There was no old business.

There were no applications received.

There was no correspondence.

Under new business, the Secretary/Treasurer announced that Best Western could provide a buffet style dinner in addition to the plated dinners we have been served. It was decided to try the buffet style meal at our September meeting.

The Camp Commander, Brother Rodolfo Bautista, announced that a Constitution Camp Bivouac was planned for September 30th at Singing Hills.

Birthdays and Anniversaries were then acknowledged.

Lady Sandra Helt made a brief report on the individuals on our ailing or indisposed list. The names included: Ed Behm, Austin Brown, Truman and Georgia Brown, Jack Evans, Dick Fasig, Dick Fleet, Bob Hampton, Will and Norma Hays, Ernie Latham, Pat Maceda, Etsuko Medina, Clarence Nelson, Lee Hoffman and Les Peich. These Brothers and ladies are all ailing or indisposed and in need of our support and prayers.

Following the closing prayer by the acting Chaplain, Brother Dave Winesett, the meeting was closed at 1945.

Respectfully Submitted: **Approved:**
James F. Helt **Pepito P. Salgatar**
Secretary/Treasurer **President**

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

09-01-1946	CWO4	Rodolfo R.	BAUTISTA	USN Ret
09-06-1928	LT	James T.	BONNER	USN Ret
09-12-1941	HON	Melvyn B.	STEIN	
09-14-1950	CPO	Victor	RODRIGUEZ	USN Ret
09-16-1939	CPO	James L.	DYSART	USN Ret
09-21-1924	Capt	Kermit E.	ROSENTHAL	USMC Ret

EDITOR'S NOTE: If I have missed your birthday, or have the wrong date, please let me know so that I can correct my database.



CANDLE LIGHT MEMORIAL SERVICE

A Candle Light Memorial Service will be held for our departed Jose De Vera, Initiated 10/23/2014, Deceased 07/23/2017.

Soft and safe to thee, my Brother, be thy resting place

OUR SEPTEMBER MEETING IS HAWAIIAN NIGHT!

Wear your Aloha Shirts, MuMus and even Grass Skirts if you have them!



REGULAR MEETING BEST WESTERN SEVEN SEAS THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2017

411 Hotel Circle South
 Social Hour 1715 - 1815

BUFFET

Mixed Green Salad
 Hot Rolls & Butter
 Fresh Fruit

Teriyaki Chicken Topped with Pineapple

Beef Stir Fry
 Fried Rice

Steam Vegetables

DESSERT

Key Lime Cheesecake
 Coffee, Decaf, Hot or Iced Tea

COST \$27.00

For Reservations: You Must Contact Alex Manzano by Noon, FRIDAY, 22 SEPTEMBER 2017, at [H] 619-401-3477, [C] 619-938-5760 or by e-mail at amazanopm88@aol.com

TEN YEARS AGO

The regular meeting of San Diego Chapter No. 45, National Sojourners, Inc. was held at the Imperial House Restaurant, San Diego, CA on 27 September 2007.

President Rudy Nazareno opened the Chapter, welcomed all present, and dinner was served to 21 members, 1 guest, 14 wives of members, and 3 Honored Ladies for a total of 39. Treasurer Bob Hampton reported that the Chapter was solvent with a balance in the checking account of \$5,131.41.

Favorable reports were received from the Membership Committee on applications for membership from CPO Urbano "Ben" Billena, CPO Bernardo P. Domingo, and Major Richard W. Fleet. These three then received unanimous votes for acceptance into the National Sojourners. Also received and referred to the Membership Committee was an application for MIP membership from EMCM Alfonso L. "Todjie" Tojino, Jr., USN Ret.

Brothers Hector Cantua and Richard Fleet were then duly initiated into the National Sojourners, Inc.

Brother Lee Hoffman announced that a Bridge of Light (BOL) presentation would be made at Lemon Grove Lodge next week and Brother Kelly Medina announced that a similar BOL presentation will be made to Southwest Lodge next month.

Brother Jim Helt gave an update on the SOCAL Heroes Encampment at Camp Pendleton held in early September.
The meeting was closed in due form at 2040 hours.

FIVE YEARS AGO

The regular meeting of San Diego Chapter No. 45, National Sojourners, Inc. was held at the Best Western, Seven Seas, San Diego, CA on 27 September 2012.

President Brother Bryan Pettengill opened the Chapter at 1858 hours and welcomed all present. Dinner was served to 16 members, 9 wives of members, 1 Honored Lady, and 3 guests for a total of 29.

Brother Jim Helt made a report on three future options for SOCAL encampments. Because of declining attendance and apparent lack of interest, the leadership of the Southern California Area of National Sojourners are considering changes in the frequency and location of SOCAL encampments. Options include, one, continue with two encampments, the spring encampment at Pt. Mugu and a fall encampment at Camp Pendleton. Two, hold only one encampment a year alternating between Pt. Mugu and Camp Pendleton. Three, hold one encampment a year at a hotel at a more central location in the Southern California Area. The plans for future Southern California Area Encampments will be discussed and decided at the Mid Winter Conference of the Southern California Area. *Editors note: The SOCAL area decided to try to continue the two encampments per year, but attendance and interest continued to drop and the encampment are currently suspended.*

The meeting was closed in due form at 1930 hours.

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

The United States Air Force celebrates its 70th year on Monday, September 18, 2017. Congratulations and happy birthday to our Air Force Brothers.

IMPORTANT DAYS IN SEPTEMBER

September 1, 1939 - Hitler's armies invaded Poland starting World War II in Europe.

September 2, 1945 - President Harry Truman declared V-J Day (Victory over Japan Day) commemorating the formal Japanese surrender to the Allies aboard the USS Missouri in Tokyo Bay.

September 3, 1783 - The Treaty of Paris was signed by John Adams, Ben Franklin and John Jay, formally ending the American Revolutionary War between Britain and the United States.

September 5, 1774 - The First Continental Congress assembled in Philadelphia with 56 delegates, representing every colony, except Georgia. Attendants included Patrick

Henry, George Washington, Sam Adams and John Hancock.

September 8, 1900 - A hurricane with winds of 120 mph struck Galveston, Texas, killing over 8,000 persons, making it the worst natural disaster in U.S. history. The hurricane and tidal wave that followed destroyed over 2,500 buildings.

September 9, 1776 - The United States came into existence as the Continental Congress changed the name of the new American nation from the United Colonies.

September 11, 2001 - The worst terrorist attack in U.S. history occurred as four large passenger jets were hijacked then crashed, killing nearly 3,000 persons.

September 13, 1788 - The U.S. Congress chose New York as the Federal capital of the new American government.

September 15, 1776 - British forces under General William Howe captured New York during the American Revolution.

September 17, 1787 - At the Constitutional Convention in Philadelphia, delegates from twelve states voted unanimously to approve the proposed U.S. Constitution.

September 22, 1776 - During the American Revolution, Nathan Hale was executed without a trial after he was caught spying on British troops on Long Island, his last words, "I only regret that I have but one life to lose for my country."

September 25, 1789 - The first U.S. Congress proposed 12 Amendments to the Constitution, ten of which, comprising the Bill of Rights, were ratified.

September 29, 1789 - Congress created the United States Army, consisting of 1,000 enlisted men and officers.

WE MISS YOU!

There are exciting things happening in San Diego Chapter 45! We have a new President and supportive Vice Presidents and if you haven't been to a meeting in a while, you don't know what you are missing. We miss your presence and your fellowship. Come to a meeting and see the friendship, warmth, and fun that you have been missing.

If you no longer drive at night and need a ride or other assistance in attending a meeting, please call me and we will find a way to get you back in our midst. James F. Helt, (619) 876 - 2057 or email me at jf36helt@att.net

I keep some people's phone numbers in my phone just so I know not to answer when they call.

I hate when I just miss a call by the last ring (Hello? Hello? Damn it!), but when I immediately call back, it rings nine times and goes to voice mail. What did you do after I didn't answer? Drop the phone and run away?

COMING EVENTS

09/28/2017 Dinner Meeting (Hawaiian Night)
10/21/2017 MASSING OF THE COLORS
10:30 - 11:30 BALBOA PARK ORGAN PAVILION
10/26/2017 Dinner Meeting
11/2017 Chapter is Dark in November
12/07/2017 Dinner Meeting - Christmas Party
PUT THESE DATES ON YOUR CALENDAR NOW!

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