



## Silicon Valley Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution

### Chapter Meeting Minutes 4 December 2010

Kind of Meeting: Regular Chapter Meeting

Name of Chapter: Silicon Valley Chapter  
Date and Place of Meeting: Saturday, December 4, 2010  
The Forum at Rancho San Antonio  
23500 Cristo Rey Drive  
Cupertino, California 95014

Presence of Officers:

President:	Present – Thor Wiles
Vice President, Membership	Absent – (vacant)
Vice President, Programs	Present – Douglas Q. Bergtholdt
Registrar:	Present – Terry Briggs
Secretary:	Absent – Michael Moore
Treasurer:	Absent – acting, Michael Moore
Past President:	Absent

Minutes of Previous Meeting: Approved

Hours of Meeting: 09:40 Call to Order  
11:30 Adjournment

Number Present: 21 Members  
7 Guests

#### **Actions Taken:**

Motion #1 A motion was initiated that “The membership of the SVSAR Chapter approves the minutes of the October 16, 2010 SVSAR meeting, which were posted on the SVSAR Website for a least a week prior to the meeting”. Motion was seconded by Terry Briggs and passed unanimously.

#### **President’s Report:**

President Thor Wiles reported that the November 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> SVSAR hosted CASSAR Fall Board of Manager’s Meeting was conducted successfully. With final accounting currently in progress, it was believed that the income for the meeting approximately equaled the expenses for hosting the meeting. At the CASSAR Fall Board of Manager’s Meeting award presentations Tim Reed was presented an SAR medal for his actions at the recent San Bruno natural gas explosion and Dr. Lionel Nelson was presented the SAR silver good citizenship medal for his post retirement military medical service in Afganistan and Iraq. President Wiles reported that the Gold Country Chapter provided notable support for the meeting and also participation by the Children of the

American Revolution and the Young American Patriots fife and drum corps was appreciated. President Wiles thanked the SVSAR members who organized and supported the meeting particularly Past Presidents John Kohli, Howard Jones, SVSAR Vice President Doug Bergholdt, Secretary Mike Moore and Bill Dunton.

**Treasurer Report:**

On behalf of the acting Treasurer President Thor Wiles reported that as of 12.03.2010 there was \$10,806 in the SVSAR CD and \$2,984 in the SVSAR checking account including dues renewals.

**Registrar Report:**

The SVSAR Registrar, Terry Briggs, reported that Alan Fitch has been approved as a new member, that there is one new member application currently submitted for approval, one supplemental application submitted for approval and there are several new member application in the process of being prepared. Terry Briggs read the names of the December SVSAR member birthdays and stated that there were no SVSAR members who have 5, 10 and 15 year membership anniversaries this December.

Terry Briggs reported that he attended the November 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> CASSAR Fall Board of Manager's Meeting both as an SVSAR member and as CASSAR Genealogist. There were several note-worthy items to report from the meeting. First, the CASSAR life membership program has been reactivated with a new CASSAR life membership fee schedule that is based upon the age of the person at the time they apply for CASSAR life membership. A second item is that the NSSAR and CASSAR do not permit the chapters to term chapter "Associates" as "Associate Members" and this may require the SVSAR to amend it's Bylaws if the Bylaws use the term "Associate Members." "Associate participation" in chapters is acceptable provided the term "Associate Members" is not used. Third, the CASSAR encourages the chapters to actively participate in and support as many as possible of the local chapter and CASSAR youth programs (Eagle Scout, ROTC, Knight Essay, Oration, and Poster Contest) and also to recommend teachers to participate in the Valley Forge Teacher's scholarship and summer learning program. Finally, the CASSAR encourages the chapters and chapter members to donate to the NSSAR Center for Advancing America's Heritage and the NSSAR Headquarters new facilities building program.

**2011 SVSAR Officer Nominations and Officer Elections:**

By unanimous consent of the SVSAR members present at the December 4, 2010 SVSAR meeting the following 2011 SVSAR officers were nominated and elected:

President - Doug Bergholdt  
Vice President, Membership – Alan Fitch  
Vice President, Programs – Charles Chicks  
Treasurer – Bill Dunton  
Registrar – Terry Briggs

There was no nominee or election of an SVSAR Secretary or Chaplin. The elected officers would seek SVSAR members to be appointed to fill these vacant positions.

The following SVSAR members have been appointed and have agreed to serve as committee chairs:

Color Guard Commander – Chris Palmer  
Programs and Speakers – Howard Jones  
Social Events – Jack Mallory  
SVSAR Website – Alan Fitch  
De Anza Scholarship – Richard Knock  
Photographer – John Kohli  
ROTC – John Kohli (assisted by Lynn Smith)

Eagle Scout Recognition and Scholarship Program – Bill Dunton

**Eagle Scout Recognition and Scholarship committee report:**

Committee chair, Bill Dunton, reported that three SVSAR Eagle Scout Scholarship applications have been received by Bill and the applications were currently being judged by Bill, John Mascali and Bob Loudon to select a winner to submit to the CASSAR level judging. It was hopeful that even more applications would be received in 2011.

**Wreaths Across America report:**

John Kohli reported that the SVSAR color guard would be participating at the December 11, 2010 Wreaths Across America presentation ceremony at Golden Gate National Cemetery. SVSAR members were encouraged to attend the ceremony.

**Color Guard committee report:**

Chris Palmer reported that the SVSAR color guard successfully marched again at the November 11, 2010 San Jose Veteran's Day Parade. Chris Palmer also reported that he participated in a Veterans Day Parade in Pleasanton with the Young American Patriots fife and drum corps on November 6<sup>th</sup>. For the December 11, 2010 Wreaths Across America ceremony any SVSAR members wishing to participate were welcomed to do so.

The SVSAR color guard provided a contingent of Doug Bergtholdt and Terry Briggs for a DAR tea event on November 6, 2010 at the Almaden Country Club.

**Speaker's committee report:**

Vice President Doug Bergtholdt report that Craig MacDonald, his brother-in-law and brother of Sue Bergtholdt, was in attendance and would be the speaker following the business meeting. There was no information to report about programs and speakers for 2011 SVSAR meetings.

**New Business:**

There was no new business.

**Next SVSAR Meeting:**

It was announced that the next SVSAR meeting would be January 15, 2011 again at the Forum in Cupertino.

**Speaker and Presentation:**

SVSAR guest speaker, historian and author Craig MacDonald gave an excellent talk about from his latest book that recounts Christmas and holiday celebrations of the California Gold Country during the gold rush days of the mid 1800's. Those present greatly enjoyed Craig's presentation.

**Adjournment:**

Motion #2                    A motion was initiated that "The membership adjourn the meeting." The motion was seconded. The motion was passed by unanimous consent.

**Points of Order:**    None

Meeting minutes prepared by: Terry Briggs, SVSAR Registrar  
(If there are any corrections or clarifications required, please contact Terry Briggs).