



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

**Chapter Meeting Minutes
15 January 2011**

Kind of Meeting: Regular Chapter Meeting

Name of Chapter: Silicon Valley Chapter

Date and Place of Meeting: Saturday, January 15, 2011
The Forum at Rancho San Antonio
23500 Cristo Rey Drive
Cupertino, California 95014

Presence of Officers:

President:	Present – Douglas Q. Bergtholdt
Vice President, Membership	Present – Alan Fitch
Vice President, Programs	Present – Charles Chicks
Registrar:	Present – Terry Briggs
Secretary:	Absent – (vacant)
Treasurer:	Present – Bill Dunton
Past President:	Absent – Thor Wiles

Minutes of Previous Meeting: Approved

Hours of Meeting: 09:45 Call to Order
11:20 Adjournment

Number Present: 14 Members
14 Guests

Actions Taken:

Motion #1 A motion was initiated by Howard Jones that “The membership of the SVSAR Chapter approves the minutes of the December 4, 2010 SVSAR meeting, which were posted on the SVSAR Website for a least a week prior to the meeting”. Motion was seconded by Richard Knock and passed unanimously.

President’s Report:

President Doug Bergtholdt reported that the SVSAR was beginning 2011 with new officers, that the office of Secretary remains vacant and asked that anyone wishing to serve as SVSAR Secretary to contact Doug.

Doug announced that an SVSAR officers meeting was being arranged for February 5, 2011, at 1:00 PM, at his home in order to make plans for and coordinate the SVSAR actions for 2011.

Michael Serio the current SVSAR Eagle Scout Scholarship winner was introduced as were his parents Robert and Rose Serio. It was announced that Michael would be presented his award and would read his patriotic essay later in the meeting.

Joshua Klein the current SVSAR De Anza College Scholarship winner was introduced and it was announced that Joshua would be presented his award and would read his patriotic essay later in the meeting.

John Swensson was announced as the guest speaker for the January 15, 2011 SVSAR meeting.

Treasurer report:

Treasurer Bill Dunton announced that a new SVSAR checking account has been opened at Chase Bank on De Anza Boulevard in Cupertino and that the previous SVSAR checking account has been closed. Bill Dunton reported that the SVSAR has a checking account balance of \$3,165.

Registrar report:

The SVSAR Registrar, Terry Briggs, reported that there is one new member application currently submitted for approval, 8 supplemental applications submitted for approval, one new member application to be submitted on January 15, 2011 and that there are several new member application in the process of being prepared. Terry Briggs read the names of the January 2011 ten year membership anniversaries, Dwayne Meyer, James Jenson and Leigh Trowbridge.

Alan Fitch was inducted as a new SVSAR member with his membership having been approved in December 2010.

Vice President Programs report:

Vice President Charles Chicks said that he had no report, but he wanted everyone to know that his new e-mail address is chchicks53@comcast.net.

Vice President Membership report:

Vice President Alan Fitch reported that the year was just beginning and that membership related work would be developed after the February 5, 2011 SVSAR officers meeting.

SVSAR Webmaster report:

Also serving as SVSAR Webmaster, Alan reported that there were some technical difficulties to resolve for him to be able to edit the SVSAR website.

SVSAR ROTC report:

John Kohli reported that he has begun to order award materials for the spring ROTC award programs and that there would be more to report in coming months.

SVSAR Events and Fundraisers report:

Jack Mallory is requesting ideas for SVSAR events for fundraisers from members and guests. Sue Bergtholdt suggested a tour of the San Francisco Bay on the U.S.S. Potomac, Franklin Roosevelt's Presidential yacht, which sails from Jack London Square in Oakland. Sue also suggested a tour of Casa Grande in New Almaden. Howard Jones suggested a tour of Alcatraz. John Kohli suggested visiting the Jeremiah O'Brien, Liberty Ship in San Francisco.

SVSAR Eagle Scout Recognition and Scholarship program report:

Bill Dunton presented to Michael Serio, the current SVSAR Eagle Scout Scholarship winner, his \$100 award check, the SVSAR Eagle Scout Medal and the SVSAR Eagle Scout merit badge. Michael read his patriotic essay about Robert Morris, Signer of the Declaration of Independence, and received a warm applause.

SVSAR De Anza College Scholarship program report:

Richard Knock presented to Joshua Klein, the current SVSAR De Anza College Scholarship winner, an American flag that was flown over the US Capitol on July 4th. Joshua read his essay, Patriotism, and received a warm applause.

New Business:

Terry Briggs announced that the next CASSAR Spring Business Meeting will be held in Southern California, in Irvine in April.

Next SVSAR Meeting:

The next SVSAR meeting will be February 19, 2011 again at the Forum in Cupertino.

Speaker and Presentation:

Howard Jones introduced our guest speaker, John Swensson, a professor at De Anza College, Retired Lieutenant Colonel in the Army, Director of Global Association Partnerships, Eagle Scout, and Film Producer of “Firebirds” who gave an excellent talk on a number of subjects including Vietnam 30 years after, Martin Luther King, Jr., and his West Point classmate Jack Wheeler who was recently found dead and his contributions to our country. Those present greatly enjoyed John’s presentation.

Adjournment:

Motion #2 A motion was initiated by Howard Jones that “The membership adjourn the meeting.” The motion was seconded by Charles Chicks. The motion was passed by unanimous consent.

Points of Order: None

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