



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

### Chapter Meeting Minutes 03 December 2011

Kind of Meeting: Regular Chapter Meeting

Name of Chapter: Silicon Valley Chapter

Date and Place of Meeting: Saturday, December 3, 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	Absent – absent
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: 09:30 Call to Order  
11:45 Adjournment

Number Present: 15 Members  
5 Guest

#### **Actions Taken:**

Motion #1 A motion was initiated by Terry Briggs that “The membership of the SVSAR Chapter approves the minutes of the October 15, 2011 SVSAR meeting, which were posted on the SVSAR Website for a least a week prior to the meeting.” Motion was seconded by Jack Mallory and passed unanimously.

#### **President’s Report:**

President Doug Bergtholdt reported that he attended and represented the SVSAR at the CASSAR Board of Manager’s meeting held on November 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> 2011 in San Diego. Doug announced that the SVSAR received a certificate for participating in Partners in Patriotism. It was also announced that the CASSAR was reactivating the youth Rumbaugh Oration Contest and that details would be forthcoming on the program implementation requirements. Doug also reported that at the Board of Manager’s meeting that he spoke with president-elect Keith Bigbee about trying to get San Jose civil/non-military residents during the American Revolution qualified as

patriot ancestors as San Jose was established to provide provisions to support the Spanish Presidios which supported the American Revolutionary cause. Doug also reported that the SVSAR Color Guard is automatically a part of the CASSAR Color Guard and can participate with the CASSAR Color Guard at events.

A Certificate of Patriotism has been prepared for SVSAR member Frank Grandle. Arrangements are in the process of being made to award the certificate to Frank or one of Frank's family members as health issues do not make it possible for Frank to attend SVSAR meetings.

Doug Bergholdt presented SVSAR Registrar, Terry Briggs, a Liberty Medal oak leaf cluster pin for Terry's sponsorship of 10 additional new SAR members.

Doug reported that the Spring 2012 CASSAR Board of Manager's meeting would be held in Old Town Sacramento on April 13<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>.

Doug also announced that the SVSAR Color Guard received a certificate of appreciation from the DAR for serving as the color guard for the DAR Religious Heritage Tea on October 29, 2011 at the Almaden Country Club.

Doug also reported that the SVSAR color guard marched in the November 11, 2011 Veteran's Day parade in San Jose and a smaller contingent consisting of himself, Jim Hollabaugh and Michael Boyd from the Monterey Bay Chapter participated at the Veteran's Day event in downtown Campbell.

SVSAR member Jim Hollabaugh was announced as the meeting's guest speaker and that he would speak on "The Encampment at Valley Forge during the American Revolution."

**Vice President Programs report:**

No Report

**Vice President Membership and Webmaster reports:**

No Reports

**Registrar's Report:**

Terry Briggs announced that 1 new SVSAR member, Jerry McMillan, was approved since the October SVSAR meeting. It was reported that 6 new member applications and 2 supplemental applications are currently submitted and are awaiting review and approval. For 2011 it was reported that 9 new members were approved and that 16 supplemental applications (12 for Alan Fitch, 3 for Terry Briggs and 1 for David Crowder) were approved.

**Treasurer's Report:**

Treasurer Bill Dunton announced the SVSAR checking account balance at Chase Bank as \$7,868. After deducting for collected dues that are payable to the CASSAR and the NSSAR the SVSAR balance is approximately \$3,500. 2012 dues renewals are still being collected.

**SVSAR Eagle Scout Recognition and Scholarship program report:**

Bill Dunton announced that one Eagle Scout Scholarship application had been received by the SVSAR and that there may be a few more Eagle Scout Scholarship applications that might be received before the deadline for receipt of applications. Bill passed around a copy of the SAR certificate of recognition and SAR Eagle Scout recognition patch that is available to Eagle Scouts who apply for the SAR Eagle Scout Scholarship. Bill also reported that the SVSAR would adhere to the published application deadlines which may be different from those requested by the CASSAR.

**SVSAR Color Guard report:**

Chris Palmer reported that since the October SVSAR meeting that the SVSAR Color Guard participated in the October 29<sup>th</sup> DAR Religious Heritage Tea, the November 6<sup>th</sup> Pleasanton Veterans Day Parade with the Young American Patriots Fife and Drum Corps, the November 11<sup>th</sup> San Jose Veterans Day Parade and the November 11<sup>th</sup> Campbell Veterans Day event. Terry Briggs will march with the Young American Patriots Fife and Drum Corps at a parade in Pleasanton the evening of December 3<sup>rd</sup>. The Color Guard will also participate on December 10<sup>th</sup> at Wreaths Across America commemorations at Golden Gate National Cemetery in San Bruno and at Madronia Cemetery in Saratoga.

Chris encouraged any SVSAR members who wished to participate in the SVSAR Color Guard to contact him. Chris also stated that members of the Monterey Bay Chapter of the SAR may participate with the SVSAR Color Guard at events in the future per discussions with Sam Griffith, president-elect of the Monterey Bay Chapter who was in attendance at this meeting.

**SVSAR ROTC Award Program report:**

John Kohli reported ROTC awards presentations for spring 2012 were beginning to be organized and that he would like other SVSAR members to volunteer to make presentations at some of the award ceremonies in May and June 2012. John reported that certificates and medals for the 2012 presentations were being ordered.

**SVSAR Photography report:**

John Kohli said he had no report at this time.

**SVSAR Wreaths Across America report:**

John Kohli reported that Wreaths Across America ceremonies supported by SVSAR members, will be conducted at Golden Gate National Cemetery in San Bruno and at Madronia Cemetery in Saratoga at 8:45 AM on Saturday, December 10, 2011. A contingent of the SVSAR Color Guard will be part of the program at Golden Gate National Cemetery. Approximately 1,200 wreaths have been ordered from donations received from a variety of organizations including the DAR, VFW, American Legion, various churches and from individual and corporate donors. The NSSAR President General has issued a proclamation for the Wreaths Across America ceremonies that will be read at the ceremonies. SVSAR members were encouraged to attend the ceremonies at Golden Gate National Cemetery and Madronia Cemetery.

**SVSAR Events and fund raisers report:**

Jack Mallory was looking into the possibly holding a fund raising event at Moffett Field that might include the Moffett Field Museum and the NASA Ames Research Center Visitor's Center.

**Induction of New Member**

Richard Ferman was inducted as a new member of the SAR and was presented his membership certificate and rosette. Richard Ferman introduced himself including his participation in Sons of Union Veterans, as a past president of the Santa Clara County Historical and Genealogical Society and the recently reelected Secretary of the United Veterans Council of Santa Clara County.

**Introduction of guests in attendance**

Richard Ferman introduced his wife Beverly and son Joseph. Sam Griffiths was introduced as president-elect of the Monterey Bay Chapter of the SAR. Sam Griffiths said that he looked forward to future interactions with the SVSAR and its members.

**Election of SVSAR officers for 2012**

Past President John Kohli as head of the SVSAR nominating committee stated that current SVSAR officers Doug Bergtholdt, President, Alan Fitch, Vice President-Membership, Bill Dunton, Treasurer, and Terry Briggs, Registrar had all agreed to serve as SVSAR officers again in 2012. Nominations for these officer positions were opened to the SVSAR members present but there were no additional nominations. Doug Bergtholdt, President, Alan Fitch, Vice President-Membership, Bill Dunton, Treasurer, and Terry Briggs, Registrar were all unanimously re-elected by the SVSAR members present to their officer positions.

Terry Briggs nominated Richard Ferman for the SVSAR officer position of Secretary for 2012. Richard Ferman accepted the nomination. There were no additional nominations for Secretary. Richard Ferman was unanimously elected by the SVSAR members present as SVSAR Secretary for 2012.

Nominations for the officer position of SVSAR Vice President-Programs were opened to the SVSAR members present but there were no nominations and this officer position remains vacant.

**SVSAR De Anza College Scholarship program report:**

No report.

**SVSAR Knight Essay Contest report:**

No report.

**New Business:**

There was no new business

**Speaker and Presentation:**

Doug introduced our guest speaker, Jim Hollabaugh, who gave an informative presentation about “The Encampment at Valley Forge during the American Revolution.” The presentation was well received by those present and led to a number of questions and some discussion.

The SVSAR meeting resumed following the guest speaker’s presentation.

**Next SVSAR Meeting Announced:**

The January 21, 2012 SVSAR meeting was announced and as usual would be held at the Forum in Cupertino.

**Adjournment:**

Motion                    A motion was initiated by Allen Breed that “The membership adjourn the meeting.” The motion was seconded by Jack Mallory. The motion was passed by unanimous consent at 11:45 AM.

**Points of Order:**    None

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