



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

**Chapter Meeting Minutes
21 January 2012**

Kind of Meeting: Regular Chapter Meeting

Name of Chapter: Silicon Valley Chapter

Date and Place of Meeting: Saturday, January 21, 2012
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: Vacant -

Registrar: Present – Terry Briggs

Secretary: Present – Richard J. Ferman

Treasurer: Present – Bill Dunton

Past President: Absent – Thor Wiles

Minutes of Previous Meeting: Approved

Hours of Meeting: 09:20 Call to Order
11:24 Adjournment

Number Present: 19 Members
11 Guest

Actions Taken:

Motion #1 A motion was initiated by Jack Mallory that “The membership of the SVSAR Chapter approves the minutes of the December 3, 2011 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 requested a donation of \$100.00 to the Golden Gate National Cemetery for purchase of a new Public Announcement System for the Cemetery. The motion was made by John Kohli and seconded by Jack Mallory. Motion passed unanimously.

Doug reported that Wreaths Across America had 90 attendees in San Francisco Presidio. At Golden Gate National Cemetery in San Bruno there was an attendance of over 300 and over 1300

wreaths were placed in Section C. Wreaths placed at family graves are not included. Two TV stations covered the event at San Bruno. It was reported that attendance to this event is increasing.

Jack Mallory announced that at Madronia Cemetery in Saratoga there were over 90 attendees and over 100 wreaths were placed.

San Joaquin in Sacramento is now participating in this event; however no further information was available.

Doug announced that there is currently a vacancy for the SVSAR position of VP of Programs. He requested nominations. None were forthcoming.

Vice President Programs report:

No Report

Vice President Membership and Webmaster reports:

Alan Fitch and Bill Dunton announced that the dues renewal process for the SVSAR was submitted to the CASSAR for renewal. 87 members were submitted, down from 93 last year. Webmaster Alan Fitch updated the SVSAR website calendar to include 2012 meetings and events.

Registrar's Report:

Terry Briggs announced that 6 new SVSAR members had been approved since the December SVSAR meeting. It was reported that 1 new member application and 3 supplemental applications are currently submitted and are awaiting review and approval.

Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer Bill Dunton announced the SVSAR books are in balance.

SVSAR Eagle Scout Recognition and Scholarship program report:

Bill Dunton announced that 283 Eagle Scouts received invitations to participate in the SAR Eagle Scout Scholarship Program. In the future SVSAR plans to increase our invitations through the inclusion of the Skyline Boy Scout Council of Santa Clara County. This is in another Scouting District within Santa Clara County and they will be invited to participate in our Scholarship Program.

SVSAR Color Guard report:

Color Guard Commander Chris Palmer was not present and there was no report.

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 received.

SVSAR Photography report:

John Kohli said he had no report at this time.

SVSAR Wreaths Across America report:

See: President's Report.

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.

SVSAR De Anza College Scholarship program report:

Richard Knock announced that the English Department will assign students the task of writing essays on Patriotism and that these essays would be the entries for the scholarship.

SVSAR Knight Essay Contest report:

There were no submissions for the Knight Essay Contest as of this date.

New Business:

There was no new business.

Presentations:

War Service Presentation:

Terry Briggs presented the War Service Metal and Certificate to Dennis Poole. The SAR War Service Metal was presented for Vietnam Service. Dennis discussed the challenges of service in the military at that crucial moment in history.

Eagle Scout Presentation:

Bill Dunton presented Mitsuhiro Andrew Ishii the SVSAR Eagle Scout winner for this year and presented him with the SAR Eagle Scout Metal and a \$100.00 scholarship check. Andy read his winning essay on "Alexander Hamilton".

Speaker and Presentation:

Jack Mallory introduced our guest speaker, Ray Cosyn, who gave an informative presentation about "Prohibition." 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.

Announcements:

Terry Briggs announced that the "Young American Patriots Fife and Drum Corps (YAPs)" are looking for SAR members to make presentations at their meetings. They meet on Friday nights. This would consist of a 15-20 minute presentation to the group on a patriotic or historical theme.

Jack Mallory announced that there would be no raffle.

Next SVSAR Meeting Announced:

The February 18, 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 adjourned the meeting." The motion was seconded by Jack Mallory. The motion was passed by unanimous consent at 11:24 AM.

Points of Order: None

Meeting minutes prepared by: Richard J. Ferman, SAR Secretary
(If there are any corrections or clarifications required, please contact Richard Ferman).