



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

**Chapter Meeting Minutes
18 February 2012**

Kind of Meeting: Regular Chapter Meeting

Name of Chapter: Silicon Valley Chapter

Date and Place of Meeting: Saturday, February 18, 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: 09:35 Call to Order
11:02 Adjournment

Number Present: 19 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 January 21, 2012 SVSAR meeting, which were posted on the SVSAR Website for a least a week prior to the meeting.” Motion was seconded by Alan Fitch and passed unanimously.

Introduction of Speaker:

Our speaker was Isabelle Long, wife of Compatriot Jim Long, speaking on Paul Revere.

Officer’s Reports:

President’s Report:

President Doug Bergtholdt announced that the San Francisco SAR will have a ceremony in honor of George Washington’s Birthday on February 22 at 9AM. This event will be held at the George Washington High School, 600 32nd Ave. in San Francisco. There will follow a reception,

followed by the ceremony at 10AM. A luncheon will be available at the Presidio Café at 11:30AM. If interested please EMAIL Compatriot Charles Likas.

On February 28th the SFSAR will host a joint meeting of Northern California SAR Chapters at Sinbads, Pier 2 in San Francisco in recognition of the 2/27/1776 founding of the Presidio in San Francisco. The SAR will honor the Presidio for supporting the American Revolution.

It was noted that the Civil Settlement of San Jose was founded to support and provide provisions for the Presidios at San Francisco and Monterey. Doug is communicating with CASSAR Executive Vice President Keith Bigbee about trying to get formal recognition of San Jose for it's contributions supporting the Presidios which in turn supported the American Revolution.

The SAR Youth student exchange program with France is looking for interested participants. It is sponsored by the NSSAR. Go to the NSSAR web site and search under the Education tab.

Vice President Programs report:

Officer position is vacant and there was no report.

Vice President Membership and Webmaster reports:

Alan Fitch suggested that the SVSAR consider offering a workshop for prospective SAR members in order to provide more information concerning becoming SAR members. This event will supply information that would be helpful in preparing membership applications and in performing the necessary research required for completing the SAR membership application. Terry Briggs has a list of interested prospective members.

Registrar's Report:

Terry Briggs announced that 1 new SVSAR member has been approved since the January SAR meeting. It was reported that one new member and 3 supplemental applications are currently submitted and are awaiting review and approval. It was also reported that there were two member reinstatements since the January SVSAR meeting.

Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer Bill Dunton announced the SVSAR books are in balance.

Committee Reports:

SVSAR Color Guard report:

Chris Palmer reported that participation in the CAR State Conference in Monterrey went well with Doug Bergtholdt and Terry Briggs participating. The Color Guard is scheduled to serve in March at the DAR State Conference in Burlingame. Bob Ebert and Howard Jones will be emailed with more information regarding the schedule for participation in the event. February 15th the Color Guard is scheduled to be at an event with the YAPs. Events participated in this year will be: The Presidio Event 2/28; Saratoga Event July 4th; San Jose Veterans Day Parade Nov.11th; Pleasanton Veterans Day Parade; Wreaths Across America in December. It was noted that if you are a member of SVSAR Color Guard you are also a member of the CASSAR Color Guard.

SVSAR Eagle Scout Recognition and Scholarship program report:

Bill Dunton announced that there were no emails

SVSAR Photography report:

John Kohli was not present and had no report.

SVSAR ROTC Award Program report:

There was no report at this time.

SVSAR De Anza College Scholarship program report:

Richard Knock announced that he has sent a check for \$500.00 to the College Scholarship administrators. A written paper on Patriotism and its background will be the topic. This scholarship is open to all submitters who qualify for financial aid at De Anza College.

SVSAR Events and fund raisers report:

Jack Mallory announced that he had emailed all members regarding the proposed Tour of Moffett Field Museum and the NASA Ames Research Center Visitor's Center. The DAR was also invited to attend. To date he has had 24 enrolled to attend; ½ DAR. This will be held on 3/31/2012 at 10AM. Lunch is included in the participation fee.

SVSAR Knight Essay Contest report:

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

SVSAR Web Site:

Alan Fitch said there was no report at this time.

Introduction of new members and Guests:

Doug Bergtholdt introduced guests: Sally Moore, Becky Breed, Gary Ratts and recognized speaker and guest, Isabelle Long.

Presentations:

Terry Briggs introduced and performed the induction ceremony for Compatriots Jim Smaltz and Jerry McMillan. Both received their rosette and certificate and spoke regarding their patriot ancestors.

Unfinished Business:

Terry Briggs announced that the 137th Spring Board of Managers meeting of the CASAR will be held at the Embassy Suites Hotel in Sacramento, California on April 13 through the 15th, 2012. See: <http://www.californiasar.org/events/> for details.

The floor was opened for nominations for VP of Programs. No nominations were made.

New Business:

None.

Announcements:

None.

Jack Mallory announced that there would be no raffle.

Next SVSAR Meeting Announced:

The March 17, 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 11:02 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).