



Silicon Valley Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution

Chapter Meeting Minutes 21 April 2012

Kind of Meeting: Regular Chapter Meeting

Name of Chapter: Silicon Valley Chapter

Date and Place of Meeting: Saturday, April 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	Absent – 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
11:08 Adjournment

Number Present: 14 Members
3 Guests

Actions Taken:

Motion #1 A motion was initiated by Richard Knock that “The membership of the SVSAR Chapter approves the minutes of the March 17, 2012 SVSAR meeting, which were posted on the SVSAR Website for a least a week prior to the meeting.” Motion was seconded by Charles Chicks and passed unanimously.

Introduction of Speaker:

Our speaker was Jim Hollabaugh who presented a video on the History of the American Legion.

Officer’s Reports:

President’s Report:

On June 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.

President Bergtholdt and Registrar Briggs attended the Spring CASSAR Board of Managers Business Meeting in Sacramento this last weekend. Keith Bigby is the new CASSAR State President.

The State recognized the Presidio in California for their support of the American Revolution. It was noted that both the SAR and DAR accept membership from persons who can prove lineage to Spanish soldados during the American Revolution because Spain supported the American Revolution.

The National Conference of the SAR will be held in Phoenix AZ. A Registration form for the 122nd Annual Congress was available at the sign-in table. Interested persons should inform the President so he can send the names to the State Secretary. This event will be held from July 7th through 11th in Phoenix at the Arizona Biltmore.

The sign-in table also contained a handout detailing information on how to “Enroll Your Family Members in the SAR”. Memorial memberships are available for family members.

The State SAR needs more VAVS at VA facilities throughout the state. Anyone willing to volunteer should notify the President.

The State of California SAR is in line to host the 2019 National Conference. A fall CASSAR Board of Managers business meeting will be held in Seaside at the Embassy Suites Hotel. Anyone interested in helping should notify the President. The Monterey Bay SAR Chapter is hosting the meeting the first weekend in November 2012. Sam Griffiths, President of the Monterey Bay Chapter will coordinate the meeting.

The trip to the Moffett Field Museum was a success. Seventy-nine attended. The tour was great. \$500.00 was donated to the Moffett Field Museum and \$1100.00 to the SVSAR Scholarship Fund.

Vice President Programs report:

Officer position is vacant and there was no report.

Vice President Membership and Webmaster reports:

Alan Fitch was absent and no report was given.

Registrar's Report:

Terry Briggs reported that two new members, Troy Trammel and David Shaver, have been approved since last month. Terry reported that we have two new members, one supplemental application approved and one new submitted for approval; nine approvals for this year. There are three applications in process.

Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer Bill Dunton announced the SVSAR books are in balance; all bills paid and checks cashed.

Committee Reports:

SVSAR Color Guard report:

The Color Guard served at two DAR meetings. The DAR presented a certificate and check for \$100.00 for the SVSAR Scholarship Fund. The Young American Fife and Drum Corps are now associated with the SAR.

At the State Conference we were one of 12 chapters to receive the "Wreaths Across America" streamer to attach to our flag. The streamer was shown and will be attached to our flag.

We were part of the Color Guard at the CASSAR Banquet at the Sacramento Board of Managers Meeting.

It was noted that a Color Guard Participation Form should be submitted monthly for recognition.

It was noted that Color Guard participation is planned at the Saratoga Madronia Cemetery for Memorial Day.

SVSAR Eagle Scout Recognition and Scholarship program report:

Bill Dunton announced that 72 invitations were sent out to new Eagle Scouts for SAR scholarship contest participation.

Terry Briggs announced that Mike Malone will be receiving the CASSAR and NSSAR "Robert E. Burt" Scouting Volunteer Award. The associated medal and certificate will be presented at another SVSAR meeting.

SVSAR Photography report:

John Kohli had no report.

SVSAR ROTC Award Program report:

John Kohli reported that the ROTC Award Program needs help Friday at 6PM at the Andrew Hill and Del Mar High Schools.

John has made two presentations, one at Oak Grove HS and another at Yerba Buena HS

Silver Creek Commander Knight requested attendance at ceremony.

Milpitas schools will respond with their requirements for speakers.

SVSAR De Anza College Scholarship program report:

Richard Knock reported that the Scholarship solicitation closes at the end of April. Seven candidates have applied.

SVSAR Events and fund raisers report:

Jack Mallory was not present. Report given under President's Report.

SVSAR Knight Essay Contest report:

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

SVSAR Web Site:

Alan Fitch was absent.

Introduction of new members and Guests:

Doug Bergholdt introduced guests: Becky Breed.

Presentations:

Terry Briggs introduced and performed the induction ceremony for Compatriot Troy Trammel. Troy received his rosette and certificate and spoke regarding his patriot ancestor Blackleach Burritt of Litchfield, Connecticut.

Unfinished Business:

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

New Business:

None.

Announcements:

None.

It was announced that there would be no raffle.

Next SVSAR Meeting Announced:

The May 19th, 2012 SVSAR meeting was announced and as usual would be held at the Forum in Cupertino.

Adjournment:

Motion A motion was initiated by Charles Chicks that “The membership adjourned the meeting.” The motion was seconded by Jim Hollabaugh. 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).