



Silicon Valley Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution

Chapter Meeting Minutes 19 May 2012

Kind of Meeting: Regular Chapter Meeting

Name of Chapter: Silicon Valley Chapter
Date and Place of Meeting: Saturday, May 19, 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: 09:27 Call to Order
10:40 Adjournment

Number Present: 14 Members
5 Guests

Actions Taken:

Motion #1 A motion was initiated by Terry Briggs that “The membership of the SVSAR Chapter approves the minutes of the April 21, 2012 SVSAR meeting, which were posted on the SVSAR Website for a least a week prior to the meeting.” Motion was seconded by John Kohli and passed unanimously.

Introduction of Speaker:

Our speaker was President Douglas Q. Bergtholdt who presented a lecture on the History of the New Almaden Quicksilver Mine.

Officer's Reports:

President's Report:

On June 28, 2012 the San Francisco chapter of the SAR will host a joint meeting of Northern California SAR chapters at Sinbad's Restaurant, Pier 2 in SF, in recognition of the founding of the San Francisco Presidio on June 27, 1776.

The passing was announced of Anne Donahue Lampman, Honorary State Regent of the DAR, mother of chapter member David Donahue, wife of SAR National Historian General, and Past CASSAR President Charles Lampman. There will be a memorial service June 15th in Santa Ana, California.

The 122nd National SAR Congress will be held in Phoenix, AZ this July 6th through 11th. If interested in attending please inform President Bergtholdt so names might be forwarded to our State Secretary.

We were informed that the State SAR needs more volunteers at the VA facilities throughout the State. Any member willing to volunteer should inform President Bergtholdt.

There will be a CASSAR Fall Board of Manager's Meeting to be held at the Embassy Suites Hotel November 2-3rd in Seaside, CA. If interested in helping please inform President Bergtholdt. The Monterey Bay Chapter is small and may require assistance from the SVSAR. President Bergtholdt has offered our services, as well as those of the Color Guard.

Vice President Programs report:

Officer position is vacant and there was no report.

Vice President Membership:

Alan Fitch reported that **he is revising a PowerPoint presentation that may be used at a prospective member workshop early next year**

Registrar's Report:

Terry Briggs reported that one new member has been approved since last month. Terry reported that we now have ten new member approvals for this year and that there are four new member applications ready to be submitted. There are four supplementals almost ready to be submitted and there are approximately three new member applications in process.

Treasurer's Report:

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

Secretary's Report:

Secretary Richard Ferman reported that the SVSAR has been invited by the Santa Clara Historical and Genealogical Society to make a presentation honoring veterans at a November 3rd Honor Veterans event at the City of Santa Clara main library. It was also announced that the SVSAR is planning a lineage research and SAR application preparation workshop for prospective SAR applicants at the City of Santa Clara main library in January or February 2013. SVSAR member volunteers will be sought for the November 3, 2012 presentation and the later lineage research and SAR application preparation workshop.

Committee Reports:

SVSAR Color Guard report:

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

The memorial planned in Campbell is on hold.

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.

On May 6, 2012 Terry Briggs and President Doug Bergtholdt attended the Boy Scout Troop 466 Honor Court awards presentation. Mike Malone is an Assistant Scout Master of Troop 466 and was presented the SAR National Robert E. Burt Boy Scout Volunteer Award before the troop.

SVSAR Photography report:

John Kohli had no report.

SVSAR ROTC Award Program report:

May 30th Linn Smith will present a SAR Certificate.

National SAR is looking for endowment funds for SAR National ROTC/JROTC Scholarships.

SVSAR Events and fundraisers report:

Jack Mallory gave his final report on the Moffett Field fund raising event. Seventy-nine people attended. SAR made a donation of \$500.00 to the Moffett Field Museum and approximately \$1,000.00 was raised will go to the SVSAR scholarship program. Thanks were given for assistance by Alan Fitch, Bill Dunton and Howard Jones.

SVSAR Knight Essay Contest report:

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

SVSAR Web Site:

Alan Fitch reported that the SAR has thirty-three "LIKE"s on our Facebook website.

Introduction of new members and Guests:

Doug Bergtholdt introduced guests: Pam Trammel, Becky Breed and welcomed CASSAR Vice President North, Compatriot Jim Faulkinbury. Prospective member Dean Chamberlain and his wife were also in attendance.

Presentations:

President Doug Bergtholdt who is also a docent at the New Almaden Casa Grande Historical Museum presented a brief history of the New Almaden Quicksilver m Mine and explained the importance of the use of mercury extracted from the mine in separating gold from its native ore during the last half of the 1800's in California. Doug also explained past and current preservation and restoration of buildings and facilities at the New Almaden Mine and particularly the Casa Grande with significant contributions by the DAR under the direction of Sue

Bergtholdt. The presentation was well received by those in attendance and Doug answered a number of questions from the audience.

Unfinished Business:

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

New Business:

None.

Announcements:

Compatriot Bob Loudon mentioned that computers are becoming obsolete, and that new announcements of equipment will dramatically impact, and obsolete, current technologies.

It was announced that there would be no raffle.

Next SVSAR Meeting Announced:

The September 15, 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 Jack Mallory. The motion was passed by unanimous consent at 10:40 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).