



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

**Chapter Meeting Minutes
15 September 2012**

Kind of Meeting: Regular Chapter Meeting

Name of Chapter: Silicon Valley Chapter

Date and Place of Meeting: Saturday, September 15, 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: 09:30 Call to Order
11:40 Adjournment

Number Present: 16 Members
4 Guests

Actions Taken:

Motion #1 A motion was initiated by Terry Briggs that “The membership of the SVSAR Chapter approves the minutes of the May 19, 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 Secretary Richard J. Ferman who presented a lecture on Church Records.

Officer’s Reports:

President's Report:

The passing of Becky Breed, wife of Alan and mother of Calvin and Russell, and grandmother of Joshua Breed was announced. Services will be Monday at 1PM at the Saratoga Federated Church, 20390 Park Place, Saratoga.

The latest issue of SAR Magazine has a report on the National Congress in Phoenix, AZ. President Bergtholdt is in the Color Guard photo in the back row. There is also a photo of the Field of Honor Program in Newport Beach, CA, and Richard and Spencer Knock are listed as participants.

The CASSAR Fall Board of Managers meeting will be held in Seaside, CA at the Embassy Suites Hotel September 2nd and 3rd. If interested in helping please let President Bergtholdt know. The Monterey Bay Chapter is small and may need help. President Bergtholdt has offered our services, as well as those of our Color Guard.

Constitution Week will be held in San Francisco next week. There will be an eight course dinner.

Vice President Programs report:

Officer position is vacant and there was no report.

Vice President Membership:

Alan Fitch was absent and there was no report.

Registrar's Report:

Terry Briggs reported that six new members have been approved since the May 2012 SVSAR meeting. Terry reported that we now have sixteen new member approvals for this year and that there are eight new supplemental applications submitted for approval. There is one new member application ready to be submitted.

Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer Bill Dunton announced the SVSAR books are in balance; all bills paid and checks cashed. The Scholarship fund is in cash and he is looking for a fund to invest this cash.

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 on January 12, 2013 from 1 to 4PM. 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:**

The Color Guard is invited Nov. 4th for the Palo Alto Chapter DAR's 100th Anniversary at the Sharon Heights Country Club. They will also attend the "Honor Veterans Seminar", November 3rd at the Santa Clara City Park Library, on Homestead Road.

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. One response was returned expressing interest. No applications received yet. Bill Dunton announced his resignation as SVSAR Eagle Scout Recognition Chairperson. Registrar Terry Briggs will be filling-in as temporary chairperson.

SVSAR Photography report:

John Kohli had no report.

SVSAR ROTC Award Program report:

No report.

SVSAR Events and fundraisers report:

Jack Mallory commented on the Moffett Field fund raising event. Jack requested that members present suggestions for future SVSAR fundraising events.

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 Bergtholdt introduced guests. Registrar Terry Briggs inducted two members: Robert Hull and Rollin Rose. Both gave short mention of their ancestors and their participation in the American Revolution.

Presentations:

Secretary Richard Ferman gave a presentation on Church Records. This discussed the availability of Church information through Religious Historical Societies, Genealogical and Historical Societies, published archives such as the Pennsylvania and New Jersey Archives and from the existing, or consolidated churches.

Unfinished Business:

The floor was opened requesting nominations for SVSAR 2013 officers including President, Vice President Programs, Vice President Membership, Treasurer, Secretary and Registrar as well as a chairman for SVSAR Eagle Scout Recognition and Scholarship Program. Doug Bergtholdt mentioned that Terry Briggs has offered to run for SVSAR President for 2013. No other offers for SVSAR officers were made.

New Business:

None.

Announcements:

Next month will be the election of new officers.
It was announced that there would be no raffle.

Next SVSAR Meeting Announced:

The October 20, 2012 SVSAR meeting was announced and as usual would be held at the Forum in Cupertino. The speaker for the October 20, 2012 SVSAR meeting will be SVSAR Color Guard Commander Chris Palmer.

Adjournment:

Motion: A motion was initiated by Bill Dunton that “The membership adjourned the meeting.” The motion was seconded by Jack Mallory. The motion was passed by unanimous consent at 11:40 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).