



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

**Chapter Meeting Minutes
08 December 2012**

Kind of Meeting: Regular Chapter Meeting

Name of Chapter: Silicon Valley Chapter
Date and Place of Meeting: Saturday, December 8, 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: 09:26 Call to Order
11:42 Adjournment

Number Present: 21 Members
9 Guests

Actions Taken:

Motion #1 A motion was initiated by Terry Briggs that “The membership of the SVSAR Chapter approves the minutes of the October 20, 2012 SVSAR meeting, which were posted on the SVSAR Website for a least a week prior to the meeting.” Motion was seconded by Jack Mallory and passed unanimously.

Introduction of Speaker:

Our speaker was introduced as SVSAR Compatriot Jeff Moore who presented a lecture on the Benedict Arnold, American Hero to American Traitor.

Introduction of guests:

Guests attending the meeting introduced themselves.

Officer's Reports:

President's Report:

"Wreaths Across America" will be held on Saturday December 15, 2012 at 9AM. Participants are encouraged to arrive before 8:30AM. Ceremonies will be held at Golden Gate National Cemetery, San Bruno; Madronia Cemetery, Saratoga; both will be held simultaneously. Our Color Guard will have a meeting following the current meeting.

The CASSAR Fall Board of Managers Meeting was held November 2nd and 3rd at the Embassy Suites Hotel in Seaside, CA. Compatriot Mike Malone was presented with the Burt Boy Scout Volunteer Award at the Saturday Banquet. The NSSAR President-General Stephen Leishman and four other NSSAR officers attended. California SAR membership is now more than 1600. There were 262 new members in California this year. Nationally the NSSAR now has over 30,000 members. Reinstatements are encouraged and lapsed members are to be encouraged to rejoin. Retention of current membership is to be addressed, along with multiple state memberships. The next California Society meeting is scheduled in Ventura in April, then El Segundo next November.

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 four new members have been approved and two supplementals approved since the October 2012 SVSAR meeting. There are currently three new member applications and seven supplementals submitted for review and approval. Terry reported that we now have twenty new member approvals for 2012 and that there are nine supplementals approved this year.

SVSAR member November and December birthdays:

Terry Briggs read the names of SVSAR members who have birthdays in November and December.

SVSAR member 5 year increment membership anniversaries:

Terry Briggs stated that Doug Bergtholdt had a 5 year membership anniversary in November and that John Herman Mascali and John Daren Mascali had 5 year membership anniversaries in December.

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 County Historical and Genealogical Society to make a presentation of lineage research and SAR application preparation. This will be a workshop for prospective SAR applicants at the City of Santa Clara main library on January 12, 2013 from 1 to 4 PM. SVSAR members, associates and interested parties are invited to attend.

Committee Reports:

SVSAR Color Guard report:

SAR Bronze Color Guard medals and certificates were presented to Doug Bergtholdt and Terry Briggs by SVSAR Color Guard Commander, Chris Palmer.

SVSAR Eagle Scout Recognition and Scholarship program report:

The SVSAR has received an application for the Arthur M. and Berdena King Eagle Scout Scholarship Contest. The application will be evaluated and, if it merits, will be submitted by Monday, December 10, 2012 by the SVSAR for judging at the CASSAR level.

SVSAR Photography report:

John Kohli reported that in February he will display a collage of pictures.

SVSAR ROTC Award Program report:

John Kohli stated that he will need to order a medal for this program at the first of the year.

SVSAR Events and fundraisers report:

Jack Mallory announced Mike Malone's new book: "The 4%:". This is a History of the Eagle Scouts in America. A paper was passed around to solicit purchase of this book, the cost of which, \$30.00, will be donated to the SAR.

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 and no report given.

Introduction of new members and Guests:

Registrar Terry Briggs inducted two new members: Don McKell and Fred Brinkman. Supplemental certificates were presented to Don McKell(4) and Carl Percival.

Presentations:

SAR Robert E. Burt Boy Scout Volunteer Award medal and certificate was presented to Mike Malone by SVSAR Registrar Terry Briggs.

SAR Certificates of Patriotism for World War II military service were presented to James Jensen and Allen Breed by President Doug Bergtholdt.

SAR Military Service Medal and certificate was presented to Bill Dunton by SVSAR President Doug Bergtholdt.

Speaker SVSAR Compatriot Jeff Moore presented his lecture on "Benedict Arnold".

Unfinished Business:

SVSAR Nominating Committee Chairman, John Kohli, nominated the following slate of SVSAR Officers for 2012:

SVSAR President: Terry Briggs

SVSAR Vice President of Membership: Alan Fitch

SVSAR Secretary: Jeff Moore
SVSAR Treasurer: William Dunton
SVSAR Registrar: Richard Ferman

A request was made for a nominee for the office of SVSAR Vice President of Membership. No nominations were made nor offered from the SVSAR members present.

A motion was made by Jack Mallory to approve the nomination of the above listed slate of SVSAR officers for 2013. The motion was seconded by Dwayne Meyer. There was a call to vote and the motion was passed.

A motion was made by Jack Mallory to unanimously elect the proposed slate of SVSAR officers for 2013. The motion was seconded by Charles Chicks. There was a call for a vote and the motion was passed unanimously.

New Business:
None.

Correspondance:
A certificate was received from the DAR for the SVSAR Color Guard's participation in the November 4th El Palo Alto DAR's Centennial Event.

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

Next SVSAR Meeting Announced:
The January 19, 2013 SVSAR meeting was announced and as usual would be held at the Forum in Cupertino. The speaker for the January 19, 2013 SVSAR meeting will be SVSAR Compatriot Jim Hollabaugh who will make a presentation about George Washington.

CASSAR Executive Vice President Stephen Hurst from Ventura will be the guest speaker at the February 16, 2012 SVSAR meeting.

Adjournment:
Motion: A motion was initiated by Jeff Moore that "The membership adjourned the meeting." The motion was seconded by Jack Mallory. The motion was passed by unanimous consent at 11:42 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).