



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

**Chapter Meeting Minutes
19 January 2013**

Kind of Meeting: Regular Chapter Meeting

Name of Chapter: Silicon Valley Chapter

Date and Place of Meeting: Saturday, January 19, 2013
The Forum at Rancho San Antonio
23500 Cristo Rey Drive
Cupertino, California 95014

Presence of Officers:

President: Present – Terry Briggs

Vice President, Membership: Present – Alan Fitch

Vice President, Programs: Vacant -

Registrar: Present – Richard J. Ferman

Secretary: Absent – Jeff Moore

Treasurer: Present – Bill Dunton

Past President: Present – Doug Bergtholdt

Minutes of Previous Meeting: Approved

Hours of Meeting: 10:43 Call to Order
12:12 Adjournment

Number Present: 26 Members
6 Guests

Actions Taken:

Motion #1 A motion was initiated by Doug Bergtholdt that “The membership of the SVSAR Chapter approves the minutes of the December 8, 2012 SVSAR meeting, which were posted on the SVSAR Website for a least a week prior to the meeting.” Motion was seconded by Arthur Hardee and passed with one No vote.

Introduction of Speaker:

Our speaker was introduced as SVSAR Compatriot Jim Hollabaugh who presented a lecture on General George Washington .

Introduction of guests:

Members and guests attending the meeting introduced themselves and named their patriot ancestors.

Officer's Reports:

President's Report:

2013 Dues renewal process has been completed. The SVSAR now has 110 paid members as of January 1, 2013. This is a membership high for the SVSAR. Special thanks were given to SVSAR VP of Membership, Alan Fitch and to SVSAR Treasurer Bill Dunton. For 2014 dues should be paid by December 15, 2013 as the last 10% of dues collection requires about 40% of the officer's time and effort.

Wreaths Across America was Saturday December 15, 2012. SVSAR Color Guard contingents were at both Golden Gate National Cemetery in San Francisco, and at Madronia Cemetery in Saratoga, California. SVSAR member Richard Knock and his son Spencer Knock also participated with a color guard contingent from Orange County in a ceremony in Brea, CA.

CASSAR Spring/Annual Board of Managers Meeting will be upcoming on Friday, April 12th and Saturday, April 13th, 2013 in Ventura, California. The CASSAR Fall Board of Managers Meeting will be in early November of 2013 in El Segundo, California, near the Los Angeles Airport. SVSAR members Terry Briggs and Doug Bergtholdt will be attending the meeting in April 2013.

The SVSAR has endorsed SVSAR Past President Doug Bergtholdt as a candidate for the position of CASSAR Secretary for 2013-14.

The absence of a SVSAR Eagle Scout Recognition chairman has not inhibited our selection of a winner of the SVSAR Eagle Scout Scholarship. Debnil Sur is the winner of the 2012 SVSAR Eagle Scout Scholarship. Debnil and his family will schedule to attend an upcoming SVSAR meeting and Debnil will read his award winning essay at that time.

The absence of a SVSAR Knight Essay Contest Chairman has not inhibited our selection of a winner of the SVSAR Knight Essay Contest. The SVSAR has selected Nikhil Buduma as the winner of the 2012 SVSAR contest. Nikhil and his family will attend the February 16, 2013 SVSAR meeting and Nikhil will read his essay at that time.

The Revolutionary War Patriot Workshop was held January 12, 2013 at the Santa Clara Central Park Library in association with the Santa Clara County Historical Genealogical Society and representatives of local chapters of the DAR.

Efforts will be made in 2013 to further enhance the SVSAR's collaboration with the area DAR Chapters and the CAR Societies. To this end, Terry Briggs represented the SVSAR at the January 13, 2013 Captain Matthew Ramsay Society, CAR meeting. Other SVSAR members wishing to participate in collaboration with the DAR and CAR are encouraged to contact Terry Briggs.

SVSAR officer and program chairman volunteers are needed. VP Programs remains vacant and needs to be filled. This position oversees youth and scholarship programs and schedules guest speakers. Chairman of the SVSAR Eagle Scout Recognition and Scholarship Programs is vacant and required. Chairman of Guest Speakers is now vacant since Howard Jones has stepped down, and transferred his primary SAR membership to the San Francisco Chapter.

Terry Briggs has a collection of books and DVD's about the pre-Revolutionary and Revolutionary War periods. Members should contact Terry if interested in borrowing any of the books or DVD's. DVD's of episodes of "Who Do You Think You Are?" and "Finding Your Roots" are available.

A Special Presentation of an SAR chapter past president's pin was made to Doug Bergtholdt for his service as president last year.

A Special Presentation of an SAR chapter past president's pin was made to John Kolhi for his service as a past president.

Vice President Programs report:

President Terry Briggs gave this report. Reported that this officer position is vacant and needs to be filled to coordinate associated SVSAR programs.

There will be a 2013 Youth Poster Contest for students of grades 3, 4 & 5. The Theme will be: "Declaration of Independence." Posters should be submitted to the SVSAR no later than March, 16, 2013.

There will be a 2013 Youth Brochure Contest for middle school students. The Theme will be: "Declaration of Independence." Brochures should be submitted to the SVSAR no later than December 31, 2013.

There will be a 2013 Youth Oration Contest for high school students of grades 9, 10, 11 and 12. A five or six minute video taped original speech should be submitted to the SVSAR no later than March 16, 2013.

The SVSAR is seeking a 2013 Valley Forge Teacher scholarship nominee to submit to the CASSAR. Teacher applications are due to the SVSAR no later than March 16, 2013.

There will be a 2013 Youth Knight Essay Contest for high school sophomores, juniors and seniors. Essays are due to the SVSAR no later than December 31, 2013.

Eagle Scout Scholarship Applications are due to the SVSAR no later than November 16, 2013.

There is an SVSAR Jr. ROTC Outstanding Cadet Contest. Submissions should be made to the SVSAR no later than February 1, 2013.

There will be ROTC Recognition and awards. Awards are made in April, May and June 2013.

Vice President Membership and Webmaster:

Alan Fitch reported that the 2013 dues collection process has been completed. Dues notices were prepared and mailed, final reporting and reconciliation of members and changes to membership have been completed and forwarded to the CASSAR Secretary as required.

The SVSAR Website has been updated for 2013. SVSAR Officers, committee chairs and meeting dates have been updated. Please refer to the SVSAR Website for useful dates and information.

January 2013 marks the 15 year SAR membership anniversary of Jonathan Monfort.

January birthdays were announced.

Registrar's Report:

Richard Ferman announced the success of the Revolutionary War Patriot Workshop held January 12, 2013 at the Santa Clara Central Park Library. There were fifty-three attendees; DAR, SAR members and interested parties to hear Terry Briggs on behalf of the SAR, Isabelle Long on behalf of the DAR and Richard Ferman tell them of SAR, DAR and application preparation for both societies.

The new approvals since the previous meeting were announced. James Lentfer was approved as a new member, nine new membership applications are currently submitted for approval; and seven supplementals are currently submitted for approval.

Four new SAR/SVSAR members were inducted: Charles Dougherty, Philip Sheldon, Bob Bencini and Jim Lentfer. One SVSAR Associate was inducted: Ralph Otte.

Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer Bill Dunton announced the 2013 dues collections, deposits and reporting have been completed; the SVSAR books are in balance; all bills paid and checks cashed. 2012 end of year assets have been reported to the SVSAR President.

Secretary's Report:

Secretary Jeff Moore was absent and no report given.

Committee Reports:

SVSAR Color Guard report:

Terry Briggs reported for SVSAR Color Guard Commander, Chris Palmer and announced that Wreaths Across America was December 15, 2012 and contingents were at Golden Gate National Cemetery in San Bruno, Madronia Cemetery in Saratoga, and Brea in Orange County, California.

Terry Briggs marched with the Young American Patriot's Fife and Drum Corps (YAPs) in the Pleasanton Christmas Parade.

A call for volunteers for the Color Guard was made. Some uniforms are available to be borrowed for future events.

A possible invitation to the DAR Northern California event in Livermore, March 7, 8 & 9.

A possible invitation to march with the YAPs in the Dublin, CA St. Patrick's Day Parade in March.

May 27, 2013 is Memorial Day at Madronia Cemetery.

July 4, 2013 is the fourth of July celebration in Saratoga.

SVSAR Eagle Scout Recognition and Scholarship program report:

See President's Report.

SVSAR Photography report:

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

SVSAR ROTC Award Program report:

See President's Report. Also, there will likely not be any entries for the SVSAR Jr. ROTC Outstanding Cadet Contest. John Kohli would like volunteers of several SVSAR members to assist making presentations to ROTC and Jr. ROTC awards ceremonies in April, May and June 2013.

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 was available for pickup and author signature at the end of the meeting. The books are donated by Mike Malone and his publisher and the \$30 per book goes to the SVSAR scholarship fund.

Jack Mallory requested suggestions from members for SVSAR social and fundraising events for 2013. Terry Briggs said that the Captain Matthew Ramsay Society, CAR was interested in a possible joint event with the SVSAR and possibly the DAR at the New Almaden Mine Casa Grande on Sunday, June 2, 2013. This event option may be explored further.

SVSAR Knight Essay Contest report:

See President's Report.

Unfinished Business:

None.

New Business:

A motion was made by Richard Ferman to make a \$100.00 donation to the California State Society, Children of the American Revolution. Doug Bergtholdt seconded. Motion passed. One no vote.

Correspondance:

There will be a California CAR meeting in February in Glendale, California.

Announcements:

It was announced that there would be no raffle and that the next SVSAR raffle would be at the February 16, 2013 SVSAR meeting. Raffle's are currently planned for ever other SVSAR meeting.

Next SVSAR Meeting Announced:

The February 16, 2013 SVSAR meeting was announced and as usual would be held at the Forum in Cupertino.

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 Arthur Hardee that "The membership adjourned the meeting." The motion was seconded by Mike Malone. The motion was passed by unanimous consent at 12:12 PM.

Points of Order: None

Meeting minutes prepared by: Richard J. Ferman, SVSAR Registrar
(If there are any corrections or clarifications required, please contact Richard Ferman).