



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

**Chapter Meeting Minutes  
20 April 2013**

Kind of Meeting: Regular Chapter Meeting

Name of Chapter: Silicon Valley Chapter

Date and Place of Meeting: Saturday 20 April 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	Absent - Bret Schmitz
Registrar:	Vacant
Secretary:	Present – Jeff Moore
Treasurer:	Present – Bill Dunton
Past President:	Present – Doug Bergholdt

Hours of Meeting: 9:40 AM Call to Order  
10:15 AM Adjournment (Program followed)

Number Present: 19 Members  
1 Associates  
6 Guests

**Invocation by Compatriot Russell Breed**

**Approval of Minutes:** A motion was made by Jim Hollabaugh that “The membership of the SVSAR Chapter approves the minutes of the March 18, 2013 SVSAR meeting, which were posted on the SVSAR Website for a least a week prior to the meeting.” Motion was seconded by John Mascali and passed unanimously.

**Attendance:** Nineteen members, one associate and six guests attended the meeting.

**Actions Taken: (none)**

**1. New Member Inductions:** New SAR/SVSAR members Gary Ratts, David Stahler and Gary Stahler were inducted.

**2. President's Report**

- a. CSSAR Meeting April 12 and 13, 2003 in Ventura:
  - 1. Doug Bergtholdt and Terry Briggs attended.
  - 2. Doug Bergtholdt was elected State Secretary and Terry Briggs State Genealogist. We are the only chapter to have two state officers.
  - 3. CASSAR passed a motion supporting that new Supplementals will be charged \$80.00 (up from \$40.00) to cover actual costs of processing applications. This is consistent with DAR policy.
  - 4. National Congress will meet in early July in Kansas City, Mo.
  - 5. Plans are afoot to send out the CASSAR newsletter electronically, unless printed copies are requested and a separate subscription fee is paid with annual membership dues.
  - 6. There is a new chapter in Northern San Diego County (Eagle Chapter).
  - 7. Investigations are being made to share guest speakers amongst SAR chapters.
  - 8. A regional summer BBQ is being considered and may include the DAR & CAR.
  - 9. Our chapter with 119 members is the fourth largest in the state.
- b. SVSAR chapter vacancies that need to be filled: Chapter Registrar, Guest Speaker Chair and Eagle Scout and Scholarship Chair.
- c. President Briggs has made available to members books and DVDs on various historical subjects from his library.
- d. CASSAR Board of Managers Meeting will be held in early November 2013 in El Segundo. President Briggs and Past-President Bergtholdt are planning to attend.

**3. Committee Reports:**

- a. Vice President Membership: Compatriot Alan Fitch reported that the SVSAR website is being regularly updated. April birthdays were announced.
- b. Registrar: Since the Registrar position is vacant, President Briggs reported that one new member has been approved since last month (Bill Jennings), which brings the total new members for the year to eleven, and three new supplementals (Alan Fitch). Three new member applications and four supplementals are under review.
- c. Treasurer: Compatriot Bill Dutton reported that the Chapter has a current balance of \$19,036, and the books have balanced to the penny. Chase Bank gives the Chapter a free checking account.
- d. Vice President Programs: Compatriot Bret Schmitz was not here, so President Terry Briggs gave the report. President Briggs attended a Jr. ROTC Awards program at Del Mar High School on 4.19.2013 and presented 3 SAR bronze ROTC medals.
- e. Color Guard: The chapter will participate in the Memorial Day celebration at the Mondronia Cemetery. Volunteers were requested. A uniform is available. Plans are

to participate in the Saratoga July 4th celebration and the San Jose Veterans Parade. At the CASSAR Annual Meeting the SVSAR received a flag streamer for color guard participation in 2012 Wreaths Across America ceremonies.

- f. Chairman Fundraising and Social Events: In Compatriot Jack Mallory's absence, President Terry Briggs reported that with the help of Compatriot Mike Malone the committee is exploring a fundraising and social event to visit a significant private collection of Revolutionary War prints and artifacts downtown San Jose at the office of attorney Richard Alexander. Information to follow.
- g. Chairman De Anza Scholarship: In Compatriot Richard Knock's absence President Briggs reported that progress is being made on selecting a 2013 recipient.
- h. Chaplain: Vacant.
- i. Publisher of the Forge: Vacant.
- j. Secretary: Compatriot Jeff Moore had nothing to report.

**4. Old Business:** There was no old business.

**5. New Business:** Compatriot Richard Ferman reported that on the third Tuesday in May at 6:00 PM there will be a lecture on doing research on Pennsylvania ancestors at the Santa Clara Library on Homestead Road, Santa Clara.

**6. Upcoming Meetings:**

May 18<sup>th</sup>: Compatriot Mike Malone will talk about his new book on Eagle Scouts, *The 4%*.

**7. The Meeting was adjourned at 10:15 AM.**

**After a short break, President Briggs gave a very interesting presentation on the Battle of Lexington and Concord.**