



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

**Chapter Meeting Minutes
18 May 2013**

Kind of Meeting: Regular Chapter Meeting

Name of Chapter: Silicon Valley Chapter

Date and Place of Meeting: Saturday 18 May 2013
The Forum at Rancho San Antonio
23500 Cristo Rey Drive
Cupertino, California 95014

Presence of Officers:

President:	Present – Terry Briggs
Vice President, Membership	Absent – Alan Fitch
Vice President, Programs	Absent - Bret Schmitz
Registrar:	Vacant
Secretary:	Absent – Jeff Moore
Treasurer:	Present – Bill Dunton
Past President:	Present – Doug Bergtholdt

Hours of Meeting: 9:45 AM Call to Order
11:25 AM Adjournment (Program included)

Number Present: 15 Members
8 Guests

1. Invocation by President Briggs
2. Approval of Minutes: A motion was made by Jack Mallory that “The membership of the SVSAR Chapter approves the minutes of the April 20, 2013 SVSAR meeting, which were posted on the SVSAR Website for a least a week prior to the meeting.” Motion was seconded by Doug Bergtholdt and passed unanimously.
3. Officer's Reports
 - 3.1 President's Report
 - 3.1.1 NSSAR Congress will be held July 6th through 10th in Kansas City, MO. Past-President Bergtholdt is planning to attend but President Briggs will not be attending. Any SVSAR members interested in attending and representing the SVSAR were asked to contact President Briggs.

- 3.1.2 CASSAR Board of Managers Meeting will be held on November 1 & 2, 2013 in El Segundo. President Briggs and Past-President Bergtholdt are planning to attend. Any SVSAR members interested in attending and representing the SVSAR were asked to contact President Briggs.
- 3.1.3 To reinforce relations with other SAR chapters President Briggs attended the April 27th meeting of the Thomas Jefferson Chapter of the SAR.
- 3.1.4 In support of the Children of the American Revolution, President Briggs attended the May 5th meeting of the Captain Matthew Ramsay Society of the Children of the American Revolution. It was announced that new SVSAR member Bill Jennings will become the Senior Society President of the Matthew Ramsay Society of the Children of the American Revolution in September 2013.
- 3.2 Vice President Membership - report by President Briggs: SVSAR website is being regularly updated and members and guests are encouraged to use the website for meeting dates, meeting program and event updates. May, June and July five year increment membership anniversaries were announced. May, June and July birthdays were announced.
- 3.3 Vice President Programs - report by President Briggs: The scheduled deadlines for SVSAR youth contests were summarized.
- 3.4 Treasurer - report by President Briggs: The Chapter finances are in-line with expected income and expenses and are in good shape.
- 3.5 Registrar: Since the Registrar position is vacant, President Briggs reported that one new member has been approved since the April SVSAR meeting (Larry Holland), which brings the total new members for the year to 12, and two new supplementals have been approved since the April SVSAR meeting (Fred Brinkmann). Two new member applications and two supplementals are currently under review.
- 3.6 Secretary - No report.
- 4. Committee Reports:
 - 4.1 Color Guard: Color Guard Commander Chris Palmer reported that the chapter will participate in the Memorial Day celebration at the Madronia Cemetery in Saratoga. Volunteers were requested. A uniform is available. Plans are to participate in the Saratoga July 4th celebration, the San Jose Veterans Day Parade and 2013 Wreaths Across America ceremonies at Golden Gate National Cemetery in San Bruno and at Madronia Cemetery in Saratoga. Terry Briggs reported that he invited the Thomas Jefferson Chapter SAR members to participate with the SVSAR Color Guard at any Color Guard events in which the SVSAR plans to participate.
 - 4.2 Chairman Fundraising and Social Events: Jack Mallory 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 in downtown San Jose at the office of attorney Richard Alexander. The event may be planned for August 2013 and DAR members will likely be invited to participate. More information will be distributed to members when available. Jack Mallory also reported that with the generous supply of *The Four Percent* books, the SVSAR is receiving proceeds from the SVSAR's sale of these books donated by Compatriot Mike Malone and his Publisher.

- 4.3 De Anza Scholarship/Patriotic Essay: Committee member Dwayne Meyer reported that the committee has selected De Anza College student Juan Corrales as the 2013 recipient. Juan will be invited to attend the September or October 2013 SVSAR meeting to be presented his award and read his patriotic essay. The Committee will bring a recommendation to the SVSAR members in Fall 2013 regarding a clarification to the requirements of future applicants regarding whether or not applicants must be US Citizens. A new De Anza Scholarship/Patriotic Essay committee chairman will be needed for the 2014 application cycle as Compatriot Richard Knock will be stepping down an committee chair.
- 4.4 ROTC/Jr. ROTC Awards: Committee chair John Kohli reported that for April and May 2013 SVSAR members participated in seven ROTC/Jr. ROTC awards ceremonies and made awards to eleven ROTC/Jr. ROTC awards recipients. The ROTC/Jr. ROTC awards programs have come to an end for 2013.
5. Old Business: There was no old business.
6. New Business: There was no new business.
7. Upcoming Meetings: September 21, 2013: The guest speaker is yet to be selected but will be announced at a later date on the SVSAR website and by email meeting announcements.
8. Raffle: A Raffle was conducted by Compatriot Jack Mallory and \$75.00 was raised for SVSAR scholarships.
9. Benediction by President Briggs
10. The Meeting was adjourned at 11:25 AM.

Guest Speaker: Compatriot Michael S. Malone gave a very interesting presentation on the history of the Eagle Scout program and Eagle Scouts. Mike's presentation was based upon his 2012 book, *The Four Percent*. Four of the SVSAR members identified themselves as Eagle Scouts. Two young scouts, Diedrich Welling and John Lentfer, sons of SVSAR members were in attendance.