



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

**Chapter Meeting Minutes
21 September 2013**

Kind of Meeting: Regular Chapter Meeting

Name of Chapter: Silicon Valley Chapter

Date and Place of Meeting: Saturday 21 September 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	Present - Brent Schmitz
Registrar:	Vacant
Secretary:	Present – Jeff Moore
Treasurer:	Present – Bill Dunton
Past President:	Present – Doug Bergholdt

Hours of Meeting: 10:10 AM Call to Order
11:35 AM Adjournment

Number Present: 23 Members
1 Associate
11Guests

Invocation by Compatriot Richard Ferman

Pledge to SAR by Compatriot Bergholdt

Approval of Minutes: A motion was made by Troy Trammel that “The membership of the SVSAR Chapter approves the minutes of the May 18, 2013 SVSAR meeting, which were posted on the SVSAR Website for a least a week prior to the meeting.” Motion was seconded by Doug Bergholdt and passed unanimously.

Attendance: Twenty-three members, one associate and eleven guests attended the meeting.

Actions Taken:

1. **New Member Introductions:** Compatriot Alan Fitch inducted new members Todd Gilman and Peter Verbica.
 2. **Presentation of SAR War Service Medal:** President Terry Briggs presented the SAR War Service Medal to Compatriot David Welling, who represented our country while serving in the United States Navy in Iraq and the War in Terrorism. Compatriot Welling continues to serve on active duty in the Navy.
 3. **Introduction of Speaker:** President Briggs introduced Compatriot Robert Bencini, who gave a very interesting talk on “The Shakers during the American Revolution.” He also conveyed many facts about the many accomplishments achieved by this short-lived religious group.
- 4. President’s Report**
- a. 2014 dues notices will be mailed to members in mid to late October. Total dues will remain unchanged at \$67.00. Members are encouraged to remit their dues by December 15th.
 - b. SVSAR members are needed to serve as chapter officers and committee chairmen for 2014. Past President Doug Bergtholdt will chair the nominating committee for chapter officers. Elections will be held for President, Vice President Membership, Vice President Programs, Secretary, Treasurer, Registrar and Chaplain. Compatriot Alan Fitch has agreed to serve as Registrar.
 - c. Committee Chairmen are needed for programs, Eagle Scout recognition, and DeAnza Patriotic Essay Contest.
 - d. CASSAR Fall Board of Managers Meeting is set for November 1st and 2nd in El Segundo near the Los Angeles Airport.
 - e. Revolutionary War Military Records Workshop will be held Saturday, November 9th at the Santa Clara Family History Center.
 - f. Efforts are continuing to further enhance the SVSAR’s collaboration with area DAR chapters and CAR societies. Members who wish to participate in this effort are encouraged to contact President Briggs.
- 5. Vice President Programs:** Compatriot Brent Schmitz reported on the following:
- a. Compatriot Mike Malone will be the speaker during the October meeting.
 - b. Youth Poster Contest for students grades 3, 4, and 5 has the theme, “Francis Marion, the Swamp Fox.” Submissions are due at SVSAR by no later than March 16, 2014.
 - c. Youth Brochure Contest for middle school students. Theme “Francis Marion, the Swamp Fox.” Submissions are due at SVSAR by no later than December 31st.
 - d. 2013 Youth Oration Contest for high school students submissions by means of a 5 to 6 minute video tape are due at SVSAR by no later than March 1, 2014.
 - e. 2013 Valley Forge Teacher nominee applications are due at SVSAR by no later than March 16, 2014.
 - f. 2013 Youth Knight Essay Contest high school (sophomores, juniors and seniors) submissions are due to SVSAR by no later than December 31st.
 - g. Eagle Scout Recognitions and Scholarship applications are due to SVSAR by no later than November 16th. Eagle Scout chair is needed.

- h. Junior ROTC Outstanding Cadet Contest submissions must be submitted to CASSAR by no later than February 1, 2014.

6. Vice President Membership Report: Compatriot Alan Fitch (also SVSAR Webmaster)

- a. Website was updated during June and July of 2013.
- b. The following compatriots were recognized for their 10 year membership anniversaries: Charles Creech, Richard Knock, Spencer Knock, President Terry Briggs. Stanley Anderson celebrated his 25th membership anniversary.

7. Registrar (Vacant)

- a. President Terry Briggs reported that we have had three new members since May and that two supplemental patriot ancestor applications have been approved since May.

8. Treasurer's Report (Compatriot Bill Dunton) No report.

9. Secretary's Report (Compatriot Jeff Moore) No report.

10. Past President's Report (Compatriot Doug Bergholdt, also CASSAR Secretary)

Doug attended the 2013 SAR National Congress in Kansas City. He reported that the application fee for each supplemental membership application will remain at \$40.00.

Committee Reports:

1.Chaplain: Vacant. Volunteer needed.

2. Chairman Social Events. Compatriot Jack Mallory reported that a event is being planned. Information to follow.

3.Chairman Wreaths Across America. (Compatriot John Kohli) President Briggs report that on October 11th there will be a fund-raising dinner dance in South San Francisco. Information to has been emailed to SVSAR members.

4.Chairman ROTC/JROTC (Compatriot John Kohli) No report

5.Chairman Photography (Compatriot John Kohli) No report

6. Color Guard Commander (Compatriot Chris Palmer) The Color Guard has been very active attending events at Madronia Cemetery on Memorial Day, Memorial Day on the Hornet, July 4th Saratoga Independence Day, and Ardenwood Farm Independence Day celebration. Upcoming events include Santa Clara Family History Seminar on November 9th, November 11th San Jose Veterans Day Parade, and Wreaths Across America with contingents at both Golden Gate National Cemetery and Madronia Cemetery. Possible participation at the Pleasanton December Holiday Parade with the YAPs. Volunteers are needed. Some uniforms are available.

7. Chairman Eagle Scout Recognition (Vacant) Compatriot Mike Malone has facilitated getting notices out about the SVSAR Eagle Scout Scholarship through the Santa Clara/Monterey County BSA electronic newsletter. President Terry Briggs has been preparing and mailing certificates of recognition to new Eagle Scouts.

Unfinished Business: None

New Business: Compatriot Richard Ferman reported that a seminar will be held on November 9th at the Family History Center in Santa Clara on Quince Street regarding Military Records available from the National Archives in Saint Louis. In addition, a representative of “Fold Three” will be there also to provide information on obtaining Military Records.

A fund-raising raffle was held to support the SVSAR youth scholarships.

The next meeting will be on October 19th at 9:30 AM at the Forum.

The meeting was adjourned by President Terry Briggs following the SAR recessional and Benediction.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeff Moore
Secretary