



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

**Chapter Meeting Minutes  
7 December 2013**

Kind of Meeting: Regular Chapter Meeting

Name of Chapter: Silicon Valley Chapter

Date and Place of Meeting: Saturday 7 December 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 - Brent Schmitz
Registrar:	Vacant
Secretary:	Present – Jeff Moore
Treasurer:	Present – Bill Dunton
Past President:	Present – Doug Bergtholdt

Hours of Meeting: 9:47 AM Call to Order  
11:50 AM Adjournment

Number Present: 20 Members  
1 Associate  
6 Guests

**Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag led by Compatriot James Hollabaugh**

**Invocation by Compatriot Richard Ferman**

**Pledge to SAR led by Compatriot Dwayne Meyer**

**Presentation of Certificates and Medals:** Dennis Poole was presented a certificate for the NSSAR Vietnam Veterans Corps.

**Introduction of New Member:** It was announced that Kyle Montano's SAR membership has recently been approved.

**Introduction of Speaker by President Terry Briggs:** Fritz Trapnell gave a very informative speech about his father, Vice Admiral Frederick M. “Trap” Trapnell, a decorated naval aviation

pioneer. In recognition of his accomplishments, NAS Patuxent was named Trapnell Field. Fritz Trapnell is completing a biography of his distinguished father.

After a short break, the meeting was resumed.

**Recognition of December 7, 1941:** Compatriot Jeff Moore read a reminiscence of a young sailor, John Salling, who was serving aboard the U.S.S. Tennessee during that fateful morning when the Japanese bombed Pearl Harbor.

**Raffle:** Conducted by Compatriot Jack Mallory.

**Approval of Minutes of October 19, 2013:** Motion to approve the October 19, 2013 SVSAR meeting minutes as published on the SVSAR website by Richard Ferman. Second to the motion by Jack Mallory. The minutes were unanimously approved.

**Election of 2014 Officers:** President Briggs asked for nominations from the floor and there were no additional nominations except for those made by the 2013 SVSAR nominating committee. The following 2014 SVSAR officers were elected by acclamation. The 2014 SVSAR elected Officers were installed by CASSAR Secretary, Compatriot Douglas Bergtholdt:

President: Terry Briggs  
Vice President – Programs: Brent Schmitz  
Registrar: Alan Fitch  
Treasurer: Bill Dunton  
Secretary: Jeff Moore

The officer position of SVSAR Vice President Membership remains vacant.

### **Officers Reports:**

President Terry Briggs:

- a) As of December 6, 2013 71% of the SVSAR membership have renewed their memberships for 2014. The deadline for the SVSAR to receive 2014 dues is December 30, 2013.
- b) During the fall Board of Managers Meeting the Chapter received the following recognitions:
  - a. A Partners in Patriotism Participation certificate and flag streamers for color guard participation in the 2012 Wreaths Across America and the 2013 Field of Honor events.
  - b. Doug Bergtholdt received two “Lamplighter Awards” and Cray Foley received one “Lamplighter Award” for their donations to the NSSAR Center for Advancing Americas' Heritage.
  - c. Terry Briggs received two Liberty Medal oak leaves for being an SAR application first line signer for 20 new members.
  - d. Douglas Bergtholdt received the Patriot Medal, the highest award that the state can award a member.
- c) Compatriot Richard Ferman was one of the organizers of the Military Records seminar held on November 9, 2013 where the SVSAR provided an information table and color guard support.
- d) Submissions for the SAR Knight Essay Contest and the SAR Middle School Poster Contest are due on December 31, 2013.

- e) Currently, there are 120 members in the SVSAR Chapter.
- f) The SVSAR 5 year increment membership anniversaries for November and December 2013 were announced: Richard Hunter was recognized for 45 years of membership, Alan Breed for 10 years and Mark Klatt for 5 years.
- g) Dwayne Meyer has received approval for two additional supplemental patriot ancestors.

Vice President Programs Brent Schmitz (Report given by President Terry Briggs): Speakers are lined up for January, February and March 2014. Additional speakers are needed for the remainder of the SVSAR meetings of 2014.

Vice President Membership Alan Fitch: Alan Fitch was not in attendance, no report.

Registrar (Vacant, the Report given by President Terry Briggs): There are currently no applications submitted by the SVSAR for review and approval.

Treasurer Bill Dunton: Chapter account is in balance. No investments are being made in CDs due to low interest rates.

Secretary Jeff Moore: No report.

Past President and CASSAR Secretary Doug Bergholdt: There are 26 chapters in California with approximately 1,700 members. Overall NSSAR membership is approximately 31,000.

### **Committee Reports:**

Chaplin: Vacant

Social Events (Jack Mallory): Plans are being made to tour the Military Vehicle Technology Foundation, Jacque Littlefield's Military vehicle Collection, in the late spring 2014 as an SVSAR fundraiser and social event. More information will be distributed to the membership when available.

Wreaths Across America (John Kohli): Ceremonies are planned at the Golden Gate National Cemetery and Madrona Cemetery on December 14, 2013. Donations to Wreaths Across America are requested.

ROTC/JROTC and Photography (John Kohli): No report

Color Guard (Chris Palmer): The color guard has been very active. This marks our 16<sup>th</sup> year of active participation in a variety of events. On November 2, 2013 the color guard participated in a veterans parade in Pleasanton. On November 9, 2013 the color guard participated at the Santa Clara Military Records seminar. On November 11, 2013 the color guard marched again in the San Jose Veterans' Day Parade. Additional volunteers are welcome. Spare uniforms are available to borrow.

Eagle Scout (Chairman needed). President Terry Briggs reported that the 2013 scholarship winner is David Egen of Troop 466. His application has been forwarded to the CASSAR for judging in the state society competition.

Guest Speaker (Chairman needed).

De Anza Scholarship (Chairman needed). President Terry Briggs reported that the 2014 Patriotic Essay Contest starts again in January of 2014.

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:**

Chris Palmer made a motion that the SVSAR donate \$210.00 for 14 wreaths for the Wreaths Across America both for Golden Gate National Cemetery and also for Madronia Cemetery for total donations of \$420.00. The motion received a second and passed unanimously.

Doug Bergtholdt reported one of the President General's five objectives for the coming year is for SAR Chapters to make donations in support of the USO. Doug Bergtholdt made a motion that the SVSAR donate \$250.00 to the local USO office at the San Jose International Airport. Motion received a second and passed unanimously.

In conclusion, President Terry Briggs announced that the next meeting will be held on Saturday, January 18, 2014 and the guest speaker would be Compatriot Neal Hotelling, 2014 President of the Monterey Bay Chapter of the SAR, who would be giving a presentation about John Steinbeck.

John Kohli led the SAR Recessional, and Richard Ferman gave the Benediction.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:50 AM.