



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

**Chapter Meeting Minutes
15 February 2014**

Kind of Meeting: Regular Chapter Meeting

Name of Chapter: Silicon Valley Chapter

Date and Place of Meeting: Saturday 15 February 2014
The Forum at Rancho San Antonio
23500 Cristo Rey Drive
Cupertino, California 95014

Presence of Officers:

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

Hours of Meeting: 9:43 AM Call to Order
11:45 AM Adjournment

Number Present: 22 SAR Members
8 Guests
1 Associate

Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag led by Compatriot Michael Malone

Invocation by Compatriot Richard Ferman

Pledge to SAR by Compatriot David Welling

Introduction of Members and Guests by President Terry Briggs

Presentation of SAR Medal of Appreciation by President Terry Briggs to Linda Knock in recognition of her support of SAR and DAR. This award was given jointly with the SAR Orange County Chapter.

There were no new member inductions.

Introduction of Speaker by President Terry Briggs: Dr. Robert Senkewicz, Professor of History at Santa Clara University. Dr. Senkewicz gave a very interesting presentation entitled "A view of the Civil War at 150 Years." There were many question and comments.

Raffle: Jack Mallory conducted the raffle. Guest Ray Cosyn drew the winning tickets.

After a short break, the meeting was resumed.

Approval of January 18, 2014 meeting Minutes: Compatriot Jack Mallory moved and Compatriot Richard Ferman seconded the approval, which was unanimous.

Officer Reports:

A. President Terry Briggs:

- Compatriot Peter Verbica has volunteered to be Eagle Scout Recognition Chairman.
- Assistance is needed to launch this year's De Anza Scholarship effort.
- April 11 and 12, 2014 is the annual CASSAR meeting in Sacramento. President Terry Briggs and Past President and CASSAR Secretary Doug Bergtholdt will attend.
- A lineage society workshop is planned at the Santa Clara Library on March 16, 2014 from 1:30 PM to 4:30 PM. President Terry Briggs and Registrar Alan Fitch will attend.
- A lineage society workshop is planned by the San Mateo County Genealogical Society on April 23, 2014 from 7:30 PM to 9:30 PM.
- SVSAR has been invited to an Independence Day celebration luncheon by the San Francisco Chapter of SAR on June 28, 2014 at the Four Seasons Restaurant in Chinatown. More information to follow.
- We have been notified by the France Society of SAR of French youth wishing to participate in a youth exchange program with SAR families. More information to follow.

B. Vice President, Membership: Vacant. No report.

C. Vice President, Programs Brent Schmitz. President Briggs gave the report, since Compatriot Schmitz had to leave early.

- March 15, 2014 speaker will be Compatriot Jim Hollabaugh, who will make a presentation about "George Washington, Spymaster."
- The SAR Youth Poster Contest deadline to receive poster entries is March 15, 2014.
- Applications for the Valley Forge Teachers' Program Scholarship are due by March 16, 2014. Two will be selected to attend from the state of California.

D. Registrar, Alan Fitch:

- Two new member applications are being processed, as well as three supplementals. One transfer is expected.
- Five year membership anniversary was recognized for Arthur Hardee.

E. Treasurer, Bill Dunton: Books are in balance.

F. Secretary, Jeff Moore: No report.

G. Past President and CASSAR Secretary, Doug Bergtholdt:

- CASSAR has received acceptable 2014 membership reconciliations from 25 out of the 27 chapters in the State, with the San Francisco Chapter being the only hold out.
- Membership state-wide had four new member applications approved in January.

Committee Reports:

A. Chaplain: Vacant. No report.

B. Chairman, Social Events: Jack Mallory: Plans are being made to tour the Military Vehicle Technology Foundation museum on May 3rd at 10:00 AM. This will be the last opportunity to visit this incredible collection of military tanks and other vehicles, since it has been sold to the Collins Foundation in Massachusetts. The fee is \$50.00 for members and \$65.00 for nonmembers. Maximum attendance is limited to 30. Contact Jack to sign up.

C. Wreaths Across America (John Kohli): The Golden Gate National Cemetery Wreaths Across America organization is attempting to get 501(c)3 non-profit tax status approved by the IRS.

D. ROTC/JROTC and Photography (John Kohli): Contact has been made with the Santa Clara University ROTC. Junior ROTC events are planned on April 4, 2014 at Andrew Hill High School, and on April 23, 2014 at Oak Grove High School.

E. Color Guard (Chris Palmer):

- Nothing is planned on Memorial Day.
- July 4th events are being planned.

- Chris Palmer and Terry Briggs performed a color guard presentation of colors and presentation about soldiers during the Revolutionary War on January 30, 2014 at the Sutter Elementary School in Santa Clara.
- In contact with the Young American Patriots Fife and Drum Corps in Pleasanton. Officers were asked to consider recommending to chapter membership an outstanding Citizenship Award to the leader and a donation.

F. Eagle Scout Chairman, Peter Verbica: In the absence of Compatriot Verbica, President Terry Briggs gave the report. The deadline of the Eagle Scout Scholarship is November 16, 2014.

Old Business: None

New Business: None.

In conclusion, President Terry Briggs announced that the next meeting will be held on Saturday, March 15, 2014. Past President Bergtholdt led the SAR Recessional, and Richard Ferman gave the Benediction.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:45 AM.