



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

**Chapter Meeting Minutes
15 March 2014**

Kind of Meeting: Regular Chapter Meeting

Name of Chapter: Silicon Valley Chapter

Date and Place of Meeting: Saturday 15 March 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: 9:41 AM Call to Order
11:45 AM Adjournment

Number Present: 24 SAR Members
8 Guests

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

Invocation by Compatriot Richard Ferman

Pledge to SAR by Compatriot Charles Chicks

Introduction of Members and Guests by President Terry Briggs

Presentation of SAR Certificates and Medals: None.

Welcome to members and guests. President Briggs reminded attendees who would like to have breakfast to deposit \$15.00 into the container at the sign-in table or \$3.00 for coffee and juice.

Introduction of Speaker by President Terry Briggs: Compatriot James Hollabaugh, who gave a presentation entitled, “George Washington, Spymaster.” There were many question and comments.

After a short break, the meeting was resumed.

Raffle: There was no raffle. The format is to conduct a raffle every other meeting.

Approval of February 15, 2014 meeting Minutes: Compatriot Doug Bergtholdt moved and Compatriot Jack Mallory seconded the approval, which was unanimous.

Officer Reports:

A. President Terry Briggs:

- Compatriot Peter Verbica has volunteered to be Eagle Scout Recognition Chairman.
- The Chapter needs members to serve as officers and committee chairmen. Missing positions are for V.P. Membership, Guest Speaker Chairman and Chairman of the DeAnza College patriotic essay contest. President Briggs has been filling in, but he cannot continue to cover all of the work related to these activities.
- April 11 and 12, 2014 is the CASSAR Annual Meeting in Sacramento. President Terry Briggs and Past President and CASSAR Secretary Doug Bergtholdt will attend. One additional member is need to attend to vote for some key issues facing CASSAR.
- 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. President Briggs and Compatriot Alan Fitch will be making a presentation about SAR.
- 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 12 French young people wishing to participate in a youth exchange program with SAR families. Their ages range from 11 to 18 years of age. Please contact President Briggs if you are interested in participating.
- The Chapter website continues to be updated by President Briggs. Members are encouraged to refer to the website for useful dates of meetings and other helpful information.

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.

- A Speaker for has been arranged for the April meeting. Speakers are needed for May, September, October and December meetings. Contact Vice President Schmitz with recommendations.
- 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. One applicant has been received by President Briggs. Two teachers will be selected to attend from the state of California.
- Four Eagle Scout Recognition requests have been received and been forwarded to Chairman Peter Verbica. The deadline for receiving 2014 Eagle Scout Scholarship applications is November 15, 2014.
- The deadline for receiving Youth Knight Essay applications are due by no later than December 31, 2014.
- 2014 Youth Brochure Contest for middle school students is December 31, 2014. The theme is "George Rogers Clark."
- No applications were received by the March 1, 2014 deadline for the Youth Oration Contest.
- 2014 Youth Poster Contest for grades 3,4 &5 are due March 16, 2014. The theme is "Francis Marion, the Swamp Fox."
- ROTC Recognition and awards will be made in April and May 2014.
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D. Vice President Membership: Report given by President Briggs.

- SVSAR membership stands at 106 (102 Compatriot and 4 Junior).
- Charles Chicks was recognized for his 10 year membership anniversary in the SAR.

E. Registrar, Alan Fitch:

- One supplemental membership and two new member applications have been submitted for approval, as well as one chapter transfer-in.

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

G. Secretary, Jeff Moore: No report.

H. Past President and CASSAR Secretary, Doug Bergtholdt: No report.

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. 23 have signed up. 7 more can be accommodated. 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. Contact Compatriot Mallory to sign up.

C. Wreaths Across America (John Kohli): No report.

D. ROTC/JROTC and Photography (John Kohli): Awards will be given to Santa Clara University ROTC members on May 15th. Junior ROTC events are planned on April 4th at Andrew Hill High School, April 15th at Oak Grove High School and on April 23rd 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.
- Color Guard participation at the Saint Patrick's Day parade in Dublin is possible, Chris Palmer may be participating with the Young American Patriots Fife and Drum Corp on March 15th as he is not at the SVSAR meeting on March 15th.
- 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 pin to the leader, Jason Gaimo, and a donation. In addition, consideration was given to inviting them to one of our SVSAR meetings.

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. Certificates will be mailed to new Eagle Scouts. Requests for Eagle Scout recognition certificates from the SVSAR are to be forwarded to Compatriot Verbica.

Old Business: None

New Business: None.

In conclusion, President Terry Briggs announced that the next meeting will be held on Saturday, April 19, 2014. Local historian Ray Cosyn will be talking about Lincoln's funeral train.

Past President Bergtholdt led the SAR Recessional, and Richard Ferman gave the Benediction.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:45 AM.