



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

**Chapter Meeting Minutes
17 May 2014**

Kind of Meeting: Regular Chapter Meeting

Name of Chapter: Silicon Valley Chapter

Date and Place of Meeting: Saturday 17 May 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	Absent - Brent Schmitz
Registrar:	Absent– Alan Fitch
Secretary:	Present – Jeff Moore
Treasurer:	Present – Bill Dunton
Past President:	Absent– Doug Bergtholdt

Hours of Meeting: 9:45 AM Call to Order
11:35 AM Adjournment

Number Present: 15 SAR Members
5 Guests

Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag led by Compatriot Gene Moses

Invocation by Compatriot President Terry Briggs

Pledge to SAR by Compatriot David Welling

Introduction of Members and Guests by President Terry Briggs: None

Presentation of SAR Certificates and Medals: None.

Welcome to members and guests. President Briggs welcomed the members and guests in attendance.

Discussion of New Location for Chapter Meetings: President Briggs has been notified by The Forum that SVSAR will no longer be able to meet at this location. A discussion ensued with many ideas offered for alternate locations for our meetings. No decisions were made.

Introduction of Speaker by President Terry Briggs: DAR member Sally Moore gave an interesting presentation entitled, "Puritan Boston and Quaker Philadelphia, the effect of religion on the American Colonies." Many questions and comments followed.

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 April 19, 2014 Meeting Minutes: Compatriot Jack Mallory moved and Compatriot Jeff Moore seconded the motion. A vote of approval was unanimous.

Officer Reports:

A. President Terry Briggs:

- A discussion of where to have our meetings was briefly continued.
- 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.
- The DeAnza College scholarship program may have to be discontinued if a scholarship chairman is not identified. The amount of the scholarship is \$500.00. Increasing this amount is under consideration. This year's scholarship winner is Alejandro Arteaga. SVSAR received a very nice email from Alejandro.
- Ms. Patti Harjehausen, a resident of Dublin, CA and a history teacher at Bishop O'Dowd High School, has been selected by CASSAR to receive one of two scholarships, which provides for a week long study program at Revolutionary War sites on the East Coast.
- CSAAR Fall Board of Managers meeting will be held on Friday and Saturday November 7th and 8th in Petaluma at the Sheraton Hotel. The meeting will be hosted by the Redwood Empire Chapter SAR and CASSAR.
- The San Francisco Chapter, SAR is hosting a luncheon on Saturday, June 28th celebrating Independence Day. The luncheon will be luau-style at the historic Four Seasons Restaurant on Grant Ave. in San Francisco's Chinatown.
- Members were encouraged by President Briggs to consider names for officers to be elected in December 2014. President Briggs will complete his second term as SVSAR president, and will likely not stand for a third term. (Groans from the members!)

B. Vice President, Programs Brent Schmitz. President Briggs gave the report, since Compatriot Schmitz was not present.

- Speakers are needed for September, October and December meetings. Contact Vice President Schmitz with recommendations.
- 2014 Youth Knight Essay Contest for high school students are due to SVSAR by no later than December 31, 2014.
- 2014 Youth Brochure Contest for middle school students are due to SVSAR by no later than December 31, 2014. The theme is "George Rogers Clark."
- 2015 Youth Poster Contest for students in grades 3, 4 and 5 will be due by March 16, 2015. The theme is "George Rogers Clark." No posters were received by

SVSAR by the March 16, 2014 deadline. Some California chapters are receiving 300 to 500 posters.

- 2015 Valley Forge Teachers' Scholarship nominees will be due at SVSAR by no later than April 1, 2015.
- ROTC Recognition and Awards are being made in May 2014 by Compatriot John Kohli at high schools.

C. Vice President Membership: Report given by President Briggs.

- SVSAR membership stands at 108 (104 Compatriot and 4 Junior).
- Five year increment membership anniversaries were recognized: John, Mathew and Robert Watkins, 10 years, and Robert Grant, 20 years.

D. Registrar: Report given by President Briggs in Alan Fitch's absence.

- Two new members were approved since the April meeting: Kendall Coffman and Jim Niforopulos.
- Three new member applications are soon to be submitted for approval and three supplementals have been submitted for approval.

E. Treasurer, Report given by President Briggs for Bill Dutton. Books are in balance.

F. Secretary, Jeff Moore: No report.

G. Past President and CASSAR Secretary, Doug Bergtholdt: No report. President Briggs reported that Doug is recovering from ankle surgery.

Committee Reports:

A. Chaplain: Vacant. No report.

B. Chairman, Social Events: Jack Mallory:

- 33 attended the Military Vehicle Technology Foundation tour. \$1,350 was raised for scholarships.
- A fundraiser is being planned with the DAR in the fall. A possible speaker has been identified to give a presentation on the Erie Canal.

C. Color Guard: Report given by President Briggs in Chis Palmer's absence.

- Participation is being planned in the Independence Day celebration in Saratoga.
- July 4th events are being planned.
- Memorial Day events are under consideration.

D. Eagle Scout Chairman, Peter Verbica: Report given by President Briggs)

Certificates are being sent out by Compatriot Verbica to new Eagle Scouts.

Old Business: None

New Business: None.

In conclusion, President Terry Briggs announced that the next meeting will be held on Saturday, September 20, 2014 at a location to be determined.

Compatriot Jack Mallory led the SAR Recessional, and President Terry Briggs gave the Benediction.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:35 AM.