



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

**Regular Chapter Meeting
17 January 2015**

Name of Chapter: Silicon Valley Chapter
Date and Place of Meeting: Saturday 17 January 2015
San Jose West Valley Library Community Room
1243 San Thomas Aquino Road
San Jose, CA

Presence of Officers:

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

Hours of Meeting: 9:33 AM Call to Order
11:25 AM Adjournment

Number Present: 23 SAR Members
3 Guests

Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag led by Compatriot John Kohli

Invocation by Compatriot Richard Ferman

Pledge to SAR by Compatriot Jim Niforopulos

Introduction of Members and Guests by President Terry Briggs

Presentation of Compatriot Certificates & Medals by President Terry Briggs: Secretary Jeff Moore was presented with the Meritorious Service Medal and Certificate.

Induction of New Members (if present) by President Terry Briggs: New members inducted were Mike Mainini and Jared Mainini.

Introduction of Speaker by President Terry Briggs: President Briggs gave a very interesting presentation on the Children of the American Revolution. Following the presentation, it was agreed to continue the meeting without taking a break.

Approval of December 6, 2014 Meeting Minutes: Moved by Compatriot Richard Ferman and seconded by Compatriot Doug Bergtholdt to accept the minutes. The vote was unanimous.

Announcement of 2015 Officers: President Terry Briggs (3rd and final year), Treasurer Bill Dunton, Secretary Jeff Moore, and Registrar, Alan Fitch. Brent Schimtz, Vice President Programs has resigned, leaving this position vacant as well as Vice President Membership.

Officer Reports:

President: (Compatriot Terry Briggs)

- Dues renewal has been completed with 106 members, which is approximately the same number as last year.
- There were fourteen new members in 2014, which is roughly equal to the number of membership dropped or transferred out. SVSAR is believed to be the fourth largest chapter in the State.
- CSSAR Spring Board of Managers Meeting will be held on April 18th and 19th in Irvine, CA near the Orange County Airport. Attending will be President Terry Briggs as CSSAR Genealogist and Past President Doug Bergtholdt as CSSAR Secretary. Any other members interested in attending are welcome. CSSAR Fall Board Meeting will be held in Riverside, CA.
- SVSAR has been asked to host the November 2016 CASSAR Fall Board Meeting in San Jose or Santa Clara area. Such meetings are typically attended by 100-125. A lively discussion ensued. It was decided to continue this discussion at a later date.
- NSSAR Operation Ancestor Search has been requested to be started in the Veterans Hospital Palo Alto Poly-Drama Center. President Briggs has discussed the possibility of Los Gatos DAR participating with SVSAR. Other genealogy groups will be invited to participate.
- Efforts continue to be made to enhance the SVSAR's collaboration with area DAR, SAR and CAR Societies. President Briggs is serving as California CAR co-chairman of DAR, SAR, CAR relations. Members are asked to participate by contacting President Briggs.
- Forthcoming Meetings: The February 2015 meeting has been cancelled, and the date for the April meeting has been changed to the 25th and May meeting to the 23rd. Compatriot Chris Palmer moved and Compatriot Sam Prather seconded to accept these date changes, which was unanimously approved.
- The SVSAR website is continually being up-dated.
- Vacancies exist for Vice President Membership, Vice President Programs, and Chairman De Anza College Patriotic Essay Contest.

Vice President- Programs (Report given by President Briggs):

- Guest Speakers are needed for April, May, September, October and December meetings.
- No Eagle Scout Recognition and Scholarship Applications were received by the November 15, 2014 due date.
- No Youth Knight Essay Contest applications were received by the December 31, 2014 due date.
- No Youth Brochure Contest applications were received by the December 31, 2014 due date.

- 2015 Youth Oration Contest (grades 9-12) applications and video tapes will be due to SVSAR by no later than March 1, 2015.
- 2015 Valley Forge Teacher Scholarship nominees are due to SVSAR by no later than March 16th.
- It was moved by Compatriot Jack Mallory and seconded by Compatriot Sam Prather that the De Anza College Patriotic Essay award be increased from \$500.00 to \$1,000.00 for this year only. A lengthy discussion ensued after which the motion was unanimously approved.
- ROTC Recognition and Awards will be made in April and May 2015.

Vice President Membership: (Vacant)

- Report included in President's Report.

Registrar: (Report given by President Briggs in Compatriot Alan Fitch's absence)

- Six supplementals have been submitted for approval.
- Registrar Fitch has one new applicant submitted for approval and a couple of supplementals.

Treasurer: (Compatriot Bill Dunton)

- Account books are up to date as of January 8, 2015.
- 2015 dues have been received and deposited. Dues payments have been sent to CASSAR and NSSAR.
- Discussion ensued about how gifts for scholarships are accounted for. Compatriot Dunton said that he would report back to the membership at a subsequent meeting.

Secretary: (Compatriot Jeff Moore)

- No report.

Past President & CASSAR Secretary: (Compatriot Doug Bergtholdt)

- 2014 CASSAR new memberships were 269. Twelve new members were recently inducted from one family by one of the California chapters. The CASSAR has approximately 1,750 members. The National SAR has around 31,000 members.

Committee Reports:

Chaplain: (Compatriot Richard Ferman)

- No report.

Chairman, Social Events: (Compatriot Jack Mallory)

- An event is planned for March with DAR to visit Attorney Alexander's Office in San Jose to view his collection of Revolutionary War broadside prints. Date to be announced.

Chairman, Wreathes Across America: (Past President John Koli)

- A contingent of six color guard members participated at the December 13, 2014 ceremony at the Golden Gate National Cemetery in San Bruno. 1,300 to 1,350 wreathes were distributed.

Chairman, ROTC/JROTC: (Past President John Koli)

- No report.

Chairman, Photography: (Past President John Koli)

- No report.

Color Guard Commander: (Compatriot Chris Palmer)

- Recent Color Guard Events: Marched with YAPS at the December 6th Pleasanton Holiday Parade and participated in the Wreathes Across America event at the Golden Gate National Cemetery on December 13th (see above).
- Upcoming events: March 14th Dublin St. Patrick's Day Parade with the YAPS, May 25th Memorial Day Parade with the YAPS at the USS Hornet in Alameda, July 4th celebration at Saratoga, July 4th Rose, White and Blue Parade in the Rose Garden area of San Jose, July 4th Independence Day Parade with the YAPS at Ardenwood Park in Fremont, November San Jose Veterans' Day Parade in San Jose, and Wreathes Across America on December 12th at Golden Gate National Cemetery.
- Volunteers needed. Some outfits are available.

Chairman, Eagle Scout Recognition: Compatriot Peter Veberica was absent; (President Terry Briggs reported)

-Compatriot Verbica has been preparing and mailing SAR certificates of recognition to new Eagle Scouts upon request.

Chairman, Guest Speakers: (Vacant) See report in Vice President Programs report.

Unfinished Business:

- No discussion was had on future SVSAR meeting venues. Suggestions should be given to President Briggs.

New Business: None

Next Meeting: Saturday, March 21st at 9:30 AM at the San Jose West Valley Community Room. Our guest speaker will be Compatriot Jim Hollanbaugh, whose topic will be, "Tories! The Expulsion of Loyalists, America's First Civil War."

Meeting was adjourned at 11:25 AM.