



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

**Regular Chapter Meeting
21 March 2015**

Name of Chapter: Silicon Valley Chapter
Date and Place of Meeting: Saturday 21 March 2015
San Jose West Valley Library Community Room
1243 San Thomas Acquino Road
San Jose, CA

Presence of Officers:

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

Hours of Meeting: 9:37 AM Call to Order
10:45 PM Adjournment

Number Present: 22 SAR Members
3 Guests

Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag led by Compatriot Richard Knock

Invocation by Chaplain Richard Ferman

Pledge to SAR by Compatriot Dwayne Meyer

Introduction of Members and Guests by President Terry Briggs

Induction of New Members: Mike Montgomery

Presentation about April 11, 2015 tour of 1776 Collection of Richard Alexander by Compatriot Jack Mallory. Members were encouraged to send in their reservations. Members of DAR have also been invited to attend.

There was no guest speaker.

No raffle was conducted. Raffles will be held every other meeting.

Approval of January 17, 2015 meeting minutes: Doug Bergtholdt moved for approval and Richard Ferman seconded. The vote was unanimous except for one contrarian.

1. Officers' Reports:

a. President's Report;

- The dues renewal process has been completed. SVSAR has 105 members, which is approximately the same number as at the beginning of 2014. SVSAR is the fifth largest California chapter out of twenty-six.
- CASSAR Spring Board Managers Meeting is set for April 18th and 19th in Irvine, CA. Kent Gregory of the Orange County SAR will be installed as the 2015-2016 CASSAR President and Ron Barker of the Gold County Chapter will be installed as the Executive Vice President. SVSAR Past President and CASSAR Secretary Doug Bergtholdt and SVSAR President and CASSAR Genealogist Terry Briggs will be attending. SVSAR members who would like to attend are encouraged to contact SVSAR President Briggs.
- CASSAR Fall 2015 Board of Managers meeting will be held at the historic Mission Inn in Riverside, CA
- SVSAR has been asked to host the November 2016 SASSAR Fall Board Manager's' Meeting in either San Jose or the Santa Clara area. Any ideas or recommendations are to be given President Briggs.
- Efforts will continue to be made to further enhance the SVSAR's collaboration with area SAR, DAR and CAR societies. President Briggs represented the SVSAR at a number of CAR meetings last year. President Briggs is serving as California CAR co-chairman of DAR, SAR and SR relations.
- The April SVSAR meeting date has been rescheduled to Saturday, April 25th and the May meeting to Saturday, May 23rd. The April meeting presentation will be given by Secretary Jeff Moore the title of which will be "Interesting Facts about Benjamin Franklin 1706-1776." Local historian Ray Cosyn will give the May meeting presentation on the Abraham Lincoln Freedom Train.
- The website continues to be updated with announcements, meetings and events.
- SVSAR needs members to serve as officers and committee chairman. Contact President Briggs to volunteer.

b. Vice President-Programs (Vacant)

- Report given by President Briggs
- Guest Speakers are needed for September and October.
- Two inquiries have been received for the Eagle Scout Recognition and Scholarship. Applications will be due by no later than November 15th.
- Submissions will be due on December 31st for the Knight Youth Essay Contest. No submissions were received in 1014.
- Submissions will be due on December 31st for the Youth Brochure Contest for middle school students. No submissions were received in 2014.
- President Briggs has been in contact with De Anza College regarding the De Anza Scholarship Contest. A positive response has been received from the school since the scholarship has been increased from \$500.00 to \$1,000.00.
- Speech video tapes will be due by March 16, 2016 from high school students applying for the Youth Oration Contest.
- 2016 Youth Poster Contest for students Grades 3, 4 & 5 will be due to SVSAR by no later than March 16, 2016.

- 2016 Valley Forge Teacher nominees are due to SVSAR by no later than March 16, 2016.
- ROTC Recognition Awards are made in April and May 2015.

c. Vice President-Membership (Vacant)

- Report given by President Briggs
- SVSAR has 105 members.
- There were no five year increment anniversaries.

d. Registrar (Compatriot Alan Fitch)

- There have been two new members and 6 supplementals approved since the January 2015 SVSAR meeting.
- One new member and six supplementals are under review. Two new inquiries have been received.
 - Any DAR approved applications since January 1985 will be accepted.
 - Any California applications pending for three years will be dropped.
 - A discussion ensued regarding to DAR/SAR records on line.

e. Treasurer (Compatriot Bill Dunton)

- Dues have been received and deposited.
- Account books are up to date as of March 21st.

f. Secretary (Compatriot Jeff Moore)

- No report
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G. Past President (Compatriot Doug Bergtholdt) and SASSAR Secretary

- Discussion was had on the process of responding to applications for membership.
- The meeting location for the San Francisco Chapter is changing

2. Committee Reports:

a. Chaplain (Compatriot Richard Ferman)

- No report.

b. Chairman of Social Events (Compatriot Jack Mallory)

- April 11th event at attorney Richard Alexander's office to view his collection of Revolutionary War items (see above).

c. Chairman of Wreathes Across America (Past President John Kohli)

- A discussion was had regarding future Wreathes Across America Events.

d. Chairman of ROTC/JROTC (Past President John Kohli)

- There were 24 medal presentations
- A member is needed to give medals at Oak Grove High School on April 24th.

e. Chairman of Photography (Past President John Kohli)

- No report.

f. Color Guard Commander (Compatriot Chris Palmer)

- Recent Color Guard Events: Compatriots Chris Palmer, Ranney Thayer, Doug Bergtholdt, David Crowder, Jim Niforopulos, Terry Briggs and David Valadez served as part of a color guard on February 7th at the Saint Francis Cabrini Four Chaplains Memorial Ceremony. Compatriots Chris Palmer, Ranney Thayer and Terry Briggs marched with the YAPs on March 14th at the Dublin, CA Saint Patrick's Day Parade.
 - Upcoming events include: May 25th Memorial Day Parade with the Yaps at the USS Hornet in Alameda; July 4th Independence Day Celebration in Saratoga; July 4th Rose White and Blue Parade in the Rose Garden area of San Jose; July 4th Independence Day Celebration with the YAPs at Ardenwood Park in Fremont; the November San Jose Veterans' Day Parade in San Jose, and the December 12th Wreaths Across America event at the Golden Gate National Cemetery.
 - Volunteers are asked to contact Compatriot Chris Palmer. Some outfits are available to be borrowed for future events
- g. **Chairman Eagle Scout Recognition (Compatriot Peter Verbica):**
- President Briggs reported in Chairman Verbica's absence. President Briggs and Compatriot Verbica have been preparing and mailing certificates of recognition to new Eagle Scouts.
- h. **Chairman Guest Speakers (Vacant)**
- President Briggs reported that speakers are needed for the September and October meetings.
- i. **Chairman De Anza Scholarship Program (Vacant)**
- See report by President Briggs.

3. Unfinished Business

- a. **Meeting Venue:** The search continues for another meeting venue. A discussion ensued. In the meantime, SVSAR will continue to meet at the San Jose West Valley Library Community Room.
- b. There was no more unfinished business.

4. New Business

- a. There was no more new business.

5. **Next Meeting:** Saturday, April 25th at 9:30 PM at the San Jose West Valley Community Room.
6. **SAR Recessional was led by Compatriot Jim Niforopulos.**
7. **The Benediction was given by Chaplain Richard Ferman.**
8. **Motion to adjourn was given by Compatriot Sam Prather, and Seconded by Chaplain Richard Ferman.** The vote was unanimous, except for one contrarian.
9. **The meeting was adjourned at 10:45 AM by President Briggs.**