



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

**Regular Chapter Meeting
23 May 2015**

Name of Chapter: Silicon Valley Chapter
Date and Place of Meeting: Saturday 23 May 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:	Absent
Secretary:	Present – Jeff Moore
Treasurer:	Present – Bill Dunton
Past President:	Present – Doug Bergtholdt

Hours of Meeting: 9:35 AM Call to Order
11:26 AM Adjournment

Number Present: 19 SAR Members
4 Guests

Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag led by Compatriot Mike Montgomery

Invocation (skipped)

Pledge to SAR by Compatriot Jim Hollanbaugh

Introduction of Members and Guests by President Terry Briggs

Introduction of Speaker by President Terry Briggs: Historian Ray Cosyn gave a very interesting presentation titled, “The Abraham Lincoln Funeral Train.” A spirited discussion ensued.

Approval of April 25, 2015 Minutes: Moved by Compatriot Doug Bergtholdt, seconded by Compatriot Jack Mallory and approved unanimously.

Officers’ Reports:

President: (Report given by President Terry Briggs)

- The CASSAR Fall Board of Managers' Meeting will be held on November 6th and 7th in Riverside, CA in the historic Mission Inn.
- The 2015 Congress will be held in late June or early July in Louisville, KY. It is believed that now SVSSAR members will be in attendance.
- The next SVSAR meeting is set for September 19, 2015 at the library meeting room. The speaker will be Compatriot Jim Hollabaugh, who has rescheduled his presentation about the Torries.
- The SVSAR website continues to be regularly updated for announcements, meetings and events.
- At the suggestion of several members at the April 25th SVSAR meeting, a new web page has been added featuring member contributed bibliography, books and other resources pertaining to the Revolutionary War, the Colonial period and the Early Republic. Members are encouraged to email additions to SVSAR web-master, President Terry Briggs.
- SVSAR needs members to serve as officers and committee chairmen for the 2016 term.

Vice President – Programs: (Report given by President Terry Briggs)

- Guest speakers have been arranged for the September, October and December 2015 meetings. Speakers will be needed starting in January 2016.
- ROTC recognition and awards were made in April and May 2015.

Vice President – Membership: (Report given by President Briggs)

- Current membership stands at 106, including three junior memberships.
- Recognized for five year increment anniversaries were Compatriots Jim Hollabaugh and Mike Malone. Compatriots Calvin and Russell Breed were recognized for ten year anniversaries, Compatriot John A. Cauthen for 15 years, Compatriot Ray Reynolds for 25 years. Compatriots Fredrick Hawkins, Roger Ware and Willet Ware for thirty years.

Registrar: (In the absence of Compatriot Alan Fitch, President Terry Briggs gave the report.)

- There was one new member since the April SVSAR meeting: Compatriot Harold Hughes.
- There were five new supplemental patriot ancestors approved (Compatriot Bill Jennings, 4, and Compatriot Alan Fitch, 1).
- Four new member applications have been submitted for approval.
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- Several new applications have been started.

Treasurer: (Report given by Treasurer Bill Dunton)

- Account books are up-to-date, and all bills have been paid.
- A discussion prompted by Compatriot Sam Prather was had regarding the level of SVSAR dues.
- The May 23rd tour of Richard Alexander's 1776 collection generated a little over \$1,000.00 to support SVSAR youth programs.

Secretary: (Secretary Jeff Moore)

- No report.

Past President: Past President and CASSAR Secretary Doug Bergtholdt)

- No report.

Committee Reports:

Chaplain: (Chaplain Richard Ferman)

- No report.

Chairman, Social Events: (Compatriot Jack Mallory)

- Compatriot Mallory asked for suggestions for fund raising events.

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

- The next Wreathes Across America ceremony will be held on December 12, 2015 at the Golden Gate National Cemetery in San Bruno, CA. A possible ceremony will also be held on December 12th at the Madronia Cemetery in Saratoga, CA. This is to be confirmed.

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

- Presentations were held at Santa Clara University, San Jose State University and various high schools. The quality of the program varies by school.

Chairman, Photography: (Past President John Kohli)

- No report.

Chairman, Color Guard: (Compatriot Chris Palmer)

- Recent Color Guard Events: February 7, 2015: Four Chaplains Memorial Ceremony at St. Francis Cabrini in San Jose, CA. Participating were Compatriots Chris Palmer, Ranney Thayer, Doug Bergtholdt, David Crowder, Jim Niforopulos, Terry Briggs and David Valadez. March 14, 2015: Dublin, CA Saint Patrick's Day Parade with the YAPs. Participating were Compatriots Chris Palmer, Ranney Thayer and Terry Briggs.
- Upcoming Events: May 25, 2015: Memorial Day Ceremony at the Madronia Cemetery in Saratoga, CA. July 4, 2015: Independence Day Celebration in Saratoga, CA; Rose, White and Blue Parade in the Rose Garden in San Jose, Ca; Ardenwood Park in Fremont, CA with the YAPs. November 2015 San Jose Veterans' Day Parade. December 12, 2015 at the Golden Gate National Cemetery.
- The Delta Chapter of SAR is interested in participating with SVSAR in some future Color Guard Events.
- Additional volunteers are [invited](#). Some uniforms may be borrowed for future events.

Chairman, Eagle Scout Recognition: (President Terry Briggs gave the report in Chairman Peter Verbica's absence)

- Certificates of Recognition have been mailed to new Eagle Scouts.

Unfinished Business:

- none

New Business:

- No new business.

Next Meeting will be on Saturday, Septmeber 19, 2015 at the San Jose West Valley Public Library Community Room.

SAR Recessional was led by Compatriot Jim Niforopulos.

Benediction: No benediction was given since the SVSAR Chaplain Richard Ferman had to leave early.

Motion to Adjourn was made by Compatriot Sam Prather, and Seconded by Compatriot Doug Bergtholdt, and was unanimously passed at 11:26 AM.