



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

**Regular Chapter Meeting
19 September 2015**

Name of Chapter: Silicon Valley Chapter
Date and Place of Meeting: Saturday 19 September 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: 9:19 AM Call to Order
10:40 AM Adjournment

Number Present: 19 SAR Members
2 Guests

Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag led by President Terry Briggs

Invocation by Chaplain Richard Ferman

Pledge to SAR by President Terry Briggs

Introduction of Members and Guests by President Terry Briggs. Two newly approved SVSAR members were in attendance, Robert Morse and William Lewis. Guests in attendance were Sharon Pope and David Valadez.

President Briggs commented that this will be a short meeting due to a conflict on the meeting space.

President's Report:

- **As of early July 2015 the NSSAR has a new President General, Judge Tom Lawrence of Texas. Members are encouraged to refer to the national SAR magazine for information on effort to raise money for the SAR new office building**

and museum in Louisville, KY. Tabs are kept by chapter listing numbers of members who have contributed.

- The deadline for receipt of 2016 dues is December 31, 2015. Invoices will be mailed to all members in November. Total dues have been increased to \$72.00, due to a \$5.00 increase from NSSAR. Members are encouraged to send their dues into SVSAR by December 15th.
- New Chapter officers, which include President, Secretary, Treasurer, Vice President Programs, Vice President Membership will be elected at the December 2015 SVSAR Meeting. President Briggs will not be standing for reelection. Volunteers are needed.
- The CASSAR Fall Board of Managers Meeting will be held on November 6th and 7th at the historic Mission Inn in Riverside. CASSAR will discuss requiring all CASSAR chapters to obtain or maintain liability insurance and director's and officer's insurance. The SVSAR does not presently maintain liability insurance and director's and officer's insurance.
- President Briggs recognized that Compatriot Sam Prather had volunteered to serve on National IT Committee. He was thanked for his offer, but was told that they did not need his services at this time.
- A young man has been awarded the DeAnza College SAR scholarship. He will be invited to a future meeting.

Color Guard Report:

Color Guard Commander Compatriot Chris Palmer reported that the Color Guard was very active during the summer participating on Memorial Day at Madronia Cemetery in Saratoga and on Independence Day both in Saratoga and at Ardenwood Farm in Fremont. On average, the Color Guard does six or seven events per year. Forthcoming events include the San Jose Veterans Day parade on November 11th. This will mark the seventeenth year that the SVSAR Color Guard has participated in this parade, which is one of the largest in the nation. The Color Guard will join the YAPs in Pleasanton for the Pleasanton Veterans Day parade, and will be participating in the Wreathes Across America celebration on December 12th at the Golden Gate National Cemetery in San Bruno. Members are encouraged to join the color guard. Information is available from Compatriot Palmer regarding obtaining uniforms.

Presentation:

Compatriot James Hollabaugh gave a very interesting presentation entitled, "Torries: Expulsion of the Loyalists, America's First Civil War." A lively discussion ensued with many questions and comments.

Past President Bergtholdt led the group in the SAR Recessional followed by the Benediction by Chaplain Ferman.

President Briggs adjourned the meeting at 10:40 PM.