



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

**Regular Chapter Meeting  
17 October 2015**

Name of Chapter: Silicon Valley Chapter  
Date and Place of Meeting: Saturday 17 October 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 - Alan Fitch
Secretary:	Absent – Jeff Moore
Treasurer:	Present – Bill Dunton
Past President:	Present – Doug Bergtholdt

Hours of Meeting: 9:36 AM Call to Order  
11:10 AM Adjournment

Number Present: 16 SAR Members  
3 Guests

**Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag led by Jim Niforopulos**

**Invocation by Chaplain Richard Ferman**

**Pledge to SAR by President Doug Bergtholdt**

**Introduction of Members and Guests by President Terry Briggs.** Meeting attendees stated their names, the names of their patriot ancestors and identified their chapter and state officer positions and committee chair positions. Two recently approved SVSAR members were in attendance, Robert Morse and Harold Hughes. Guests in attendance were Alexander Montano, Bill Anderson and Ray Cosyn.

**Presentation:**

**Compatriot Chris Palmer gave a presentation entitled, “Bleeding Kansas during the U.S. Civil War” The presentation well received and was followed by a discussion and a number of questions and comments.**

**Approval of SVSAR September 19, 2015 Meeting Minutes:**

The draft of the SVSAR September 19, 2015 Meeting Minutes were posted as required on the SVSAR web-site for review. A motion by Compatriot Mike Malone was made to approve the SVSAR September 19, 2015 Meeting Minutes as posted on the SVSAR web-site. The motion was seconded by Compatriot Richard Ferman. There was no discussion raised related to the motion. The motion was unanimously approved in a vote of the members present.

**President's Report:**

- 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 dues increase from NSSAR. Members are encouraged to send their dues into SVSAR by December 15<sup>th</sup>. Significant extra work is required of chapter and state officers for dues received after December 31, 2015.
- New Chapter officers, which include President, Secretary, Treasurer, Registrar, Vice President Programs, Vice President Membership are needed for 2016 and are planned to be elected at the December 2015 SVSAR Meeting. President Briggs will not be standing for re-election. Treasurer Bill Dunton and Registrar Alan Fitch would like to step-down as SVSAR officers. Volunteers for all 2016 officer positions are needed. Jack Mallory has agreed to continue as Chairman for SVSAR Fund Raising and Social Events.
- The CASSAR Fall Board of Managers Meeting will be held on November 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> 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 and has not had insurance since some year before 2002.
- President Briggs reminded members that for those promoting the SAR Eagle Scout Scholarship program that the deadline for the chapter to receive applications is November 16, 2015. President Briggs also reminded members that for those promoting the SAR Knight Essay Contest for high school students that the deadline for the chapter to receive applications is December 31, 2015. For program requirements refer first to the SVSAR web-site.
- The NSSAR has developed a new member and supplementals on-line application data entry system that is in the beginning stages of the implementation process. More information will be provided as this system develops.

**Treasurer's Report - Bill Dunton:**

The SVSAR financial records and checking account register are current, up-to-date and there are no outstanding checks at this time. The current SVSAR funds are approximately \$22,000. Treasurer Dunton stated that all of the SVSAR funds are in a single checking account because of low interest rates and to avoid bank service charges that would result from separate bank accounts. Treasurer Dunton stated that the majority of the approximately \$22,000 of the SVSAR funds are designated for support of youth programs and that he has an accounting of those funds and an accounting of general funds. Funds are available to fund the 2016 SVSAR De Anza College Scholarship in the amount of \$1,000.00 as was done for 2015.

**VP Membership's Report - reported by President, Terry Briggs:**

The SVSAR currently has 118 members and is the fifth largest of the 26 CASSAR chapters.

**VP Programs' Report - reported by President, Terry Briggs:**

The SVSAR will meet again at the West Valley Library Community Room for the December 5, 2015 SVSAR meeting. The guest speaker for the December SVSAR meeting will be Ernest Guzman who will speak about crime in early San Jose's history. Guest speakers have been arranged for the January and February 2016 SVSAR meetings.

**Registrar's Report - reported by President, Terry Briggs:**

Since the September SVSAR meeting one new member, Jon Dickey, has been approved. In the past month, four new supplementals have been approved for SVSAR Compatriot Bill Jennings. Registrar Alan Fitch is currently working with a number of people on new member applications and new supplemental patriot ancestor applications. Alan Fitch and Bill Jennings both have 25 to 30 SAR approved supplementals. CASSAR Secretary Doug Bergtholdt reported that he understands that the current record for SAR supplementals is approximately 60 by one SAR member.

**Color Guard Report:**

Color Guard Commander Compatriot Chris Palmer reported that this will mark the seventeenth year that the SVSAR Color Guard will be participating in the San Jose Veteran's Day Parade on November 11, 2015 and volunteer SVSAR members are encouraged to participate. This Veteran's Day parade is one of the largest in California. The Color Guard may also join the YAPs in Pleasanton for the Pleasanton Veterans Day parade. The SVSAR Color Guard will be participating in the Wreathes Across America celebration on December 12<sup>th</sup> 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.

**SVSAR Fund Raising and Special Events Chairman Report:**

There are no fundraisers or special events planned or in planning at this time. The Chairman is requesting suggestions from SVSAR members.

**President Terry Briggs led the group in the SAR Recessional followed by the Benediction by Chaplain Ferman.**

**Adjournment of the September 19, 2015 SVSAR Meeting:**

A motion by Compatriot Jack Mallory was made to adjourn the SVSAR October 17, 2015 SVSAR Meeting. The motion was seconded by Compatriot Doug Bergtholdt. There was no discussion raised related to the motion. The motion was unanimously approved in a vote of the members present.

**President Briggs adjourned the October 19, 2015 SVSAR meeting at 11:10 PM.**