



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

**Regular Chapter Meeting  
5 December 2015**

Name of Chapter: Silicon Valley Chapter (CASSAR Chapter 05)  
Date and Place of Meeting: Saturday 5 December 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:	Present – Alan Fitch
Secretary:	Present – Jeff Moore
Treasurer:	Absent – Bill Dunton
Past President:	Present – Doug Bergholdt

Hours of Meeting: 9:31 AM Call to Order  
10:35 AM Adjournment

Number Present: 18 SAR Members  
1 Guest

Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag led by President Briggs

Invocation by Chaplain Richard Ferman

Pledge to SAR led by Past-President Doug Bergholdt

Introduction of Members and Guests by President Terry Briggs

Medal Presentation by President Terry Briggs: SVSAR Registrar Alan Fitch was presented with the National Society Liberty Medal in recognition of his providing the application first line endorsement for ten new members' applications.

Induction of New Members: Registrar Fitch and President Briggs inducted the following new members: Rob Morse, Jonathan Dickey, Harold Hughes and Bill Lewis. Each new member spoke about his patriot ancestor.

Compatriot Sam Prather moved that the minutes from the last meeting be approved as posted on the SVSAR web-site. The minutes were approved with one token "nay."

Election of 2016 SVSAR Officers:

No names were submitted for Vice President Programs and Vice President Membership.

No nominations were submitted from the floor. Compatriot Richard Ferman moved that the above officers be approved. Compatriot Doug Bergtholdt seconded the motion. The slate of 2016 officers was approved unanimously and are as follows:

President: Compatriot Alan Fitch  
Secretary: Compatriot Jeff Moore  
Treasurer: Compatriot Sam Prather  
Registrar: Compatriot Terry Briggs

Past-President Doug Bergtholdt, who is also Secretary of CASSAR, installed the new officers.

Prompted by Compatriot Sam Prather, all in attendance gave President Terry Briggs a round of applause for his exceptional service as SVSAR president over the last three years.

A motion was made by member Doug Bergtholdt that for the SVSAR Chase Bank checking account that all four elected 2016 SVSAR officers and Past President Doug Bergtholdt could be authorized to sign checks on the SVSAR checking account and that Past President Doug Bergtholdt would remain the SVSAR member with primary responsibility for the checking account. The motion was seconded by member Sam Prather. There was no discussion on the motion. A vote was held and the motion was approved unanimously.

President's Report:

1. The November 2015 CASSAR Board of Manager's Meeting was in Riverside (President Briggs also serves as CASSAR Genealogist and attended the meeting along with CASSAR Secretary, Doug Bergtholdt, SVSAR past president):
  - CASSAR passed a motion to support of the SAR museum at NSSAR Headquarters in Louisville, KY.
  - CASSAR passed a motion to require that all new applicants for membership from California must not be included on "Megan's List" of sex offenders in order to be submitted by CASSAR for SAR membership .
  - CASSAR expects that all new membership and supplemental applications after some date in the Spring of 2016 will need to be submitted electronically through the new NSSAR on-line application data entry system. The new system is in the process of being tested now and CASSAR Registrars will be notified when the system is ready to be fully utilized
  - Chapters are encouraged to purchase liability insurance and directors and officers insurance.
  - Compatriot Ron Barker will be the new CASSAR president in April 2016.
  - The Spring 2016 CASSAR meeting will be in Sacramento.
2. Additionally President Briggs reported on the following:
  - 2016 dues notices have been sent out. As of December 5, 2015, 44 of the current 119 SVSAR members have not responded. Renewals are needed by December 15<sup>th</sup>, but no later than December 30<sup>th</sup>.

- CASSAR November 2016 Board of Manager's Meeting will likely be in the Bay Area and possibly Burlingame. Volunteers are needed.
- Efforts will continue to be made in 2016 to further enhance the SVSAR's collaboration with area SAR and DAR Chapters and the CAR Societies. President Terry Briggs is serving as the liaison between California SAR and CAR.
- Members are needed to serve as officers and committee chairmen. There is no active chairman to arrange for guest speakers, and the DeAnza College patriotic essay contest chairman.

Vice President Programs: (President Terry Briggs gave the report since this position is vacant.)

- Speakers have been arranged for January and February 2016. Speakers are needed for March, April, May, September, October and December 2016.
- Eagle Scout Recognition and Scholarship Applications were due in November. None were received.
- Youth Knight Essay Contest applications (high school sophomores, juniors and seniors) are due by no later than December 31, 2015.
- Youth Brochure Contest applications (middle school students) are due no later than December 31, 2015.
- Youth Oration Contest videos (high school students) must be submitted by no later than March 1, 2016.
- Youth Poster Contest (grades 3, 4, & 5) must be submitted by no later than March 16, 2016.
- Valley Forge Teacher applications must be submitted by no later than March 16, 2016.
- ROTC Recognition and Awards. Awards are made in April and May 2016. Compatriot John Koli has agreed to continue chairing the award presentations at high schools, San Jose State University and Santa Clara University.
- DeAnza College Scholarship. It was moved and approved to continue to allocate \$1,000.00 for his award.

Vice President, Membership: (Vacant. President Terry Briggs gave the report)

- SVSAR current membership stands at 119 (114 regular and 5 junior).
- Five Year Increment Anniversaries : Compatriots Jack Mallory and Scott Berman (15 years), Compatriot Eric Buran (10 years), and Compatriots Alan Fitch, David Crowder and Paul Van Buran (5 years).

Registrar: (Compatriot Alan Fitch):

- New Members since the October SVSAR meeting: Compatriots Jonathan Dickey and William Blair.
- Supplemental patriot ancestors approved since the last meeting: three for Compatriot Bill Jennings, who now has 31 approved patriot ancestors.
- Supplementals in for approval: five.
- New member applications in for approval: one, Roland Baker.
- Several prospective members have communicated with Compatriots Briggs and Fitch.
- SVSAR is the fifth largest chapter in California.

Treasurer: (Treasurer Bill Dutton is resigning from SVSAR on December 31, 2015. President Terry Briggs gave the report):

- Currently there is approximately (\$ confidential) in the SVSAR account.

Secretary: (Compatriot Jeff Moore) No report.

#### Committee Reports

Chaplain (Compatriot Richard Ferman): No report.

Chairman, Social Events (Compatriot Jack Mallory): Currently no new social events are being planned for 2016. Suggestions for events should be provided to Compatriot Jack Mallory. The book raffle is doing well.

Chairman, Photography (Compatriot John Koli): No report.

Color Guard Commander (Compatriot Chris Palmer):

- President Terry Briggs marched with the YAPs on November 1st at the Pleasanton Veteran's Parade
- SVSAR Color Guard with a 14 man contingent marched near the front of the San Jose Veterans' Day Parade on November 11<sup>th</sup>. The San Jose Mercury News published a full color photograph of the SVSAR contingent on the front page of the Local section December 5<sup>th</sup> members of the SVSAR Color Guard will march with the YAPs in the Pleasanton Holiday Parade.
- Upcoming events include Wreathes Across America on December 12<sup>th</sup> at the Golden Gate National Cemetery.
- Anyone interested in participating in the Color Guard is encouraged to contact Commander Palmer. Some outfits are available to be borrowed.

Chairman Eagle Scout Recognition (President Terry Briggs gave the report in Compatriot Peter Verbica's absence): Certificates are being prepared and sent out to new Eagle Scouts.

Chairman, Guest Speakers: See President's Report.

Chairman, DeAnza Scholarship: See President's Report.

#### Unfinished Business:

A new meeting venue is being sought. President Briggs has reserved our current location for the January and February 2016 meetings.

New Business: None

Chaplain Richard Ferman gave the SAR benediction

President Terry Briggs led the members in the SAR Recessional after which he adjourned the meeting with unanimous approval of the members in attendance.