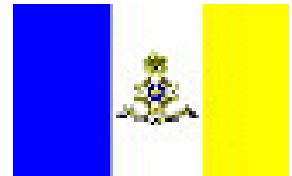


# Silicon Valley Forge

California Society of the Sons of the American Revolution

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## April 1 in Chico - Annual CASSAR Meeting

The 129th Annual Meeting of the California Society of the Sons of the American Revolution (CASSAR) will be hosted by the General George Washington Chapter. It will be held

**April 1-2-3, 2004**

### Holiday Inn - Chico

685 Manzanita Court,  
Chico, California 95926

Phone (530) 345-2491 or  
(800) 310-2491

**Registration Rate:** \$90 per person through March 15th, \$95.00 thereafter.

### Saturday Banquet

**Menu:** Choice of Prime Rib or Broiled Salmon.

**Room Rates:** \$68.00 + tax. Make reservations with the Holiday Inn under the SAR group name by 1 March 2004.

**Send Registration with check payable to General George Washington Chapter to:**

**Compatriot Robert Damon  
365 Canyon Highlands Drive  
Oroville, CA 95966  
Ph: (530) 538-2485  
e-mail: oro-fire2@cncnet.com**

Registration includes Friday Breakfast, Saturday Luncheon and Saturday Banquet. Non-registered banquet tickets are \$32.00 per person.

The ladies auxiliary tour will be of the Sierra Nevada Brewery.

The tour will be followed by a hosted luncheon at the Sierra Nevada Brewery in one of their beautiful dining areas, or weather permitting, outdoors in their spacious patio.

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### Special points of interest:

- *Memorial Day in Saratoga !*
  - *Procession begins at 9:45*
- *Fourth of July events in Redwood City and Cupertino*
- *Following 2004 meetings on May 15, June 19, September 18, October 16, and November 20*

## Saturday, March 20 Meeting

A special guest will speak at our May 20th Chapter meeting at the Windham Hotel in Sunnyvale.

This brunch will begin at 10:00.

Attendees may select from a beautiful buffet for \$15. The cost of beverages are included in this special price.

### Memorial Day

The Chapter Color Guard will be participating in a Memorial Day Event again this year.

The procession from downtown Saratoga to Madrona Cemetery.

## Check Out Chapter's American History Videos

Compatriots, check out the videos we have obtained from the Lewis & Clark Chapter of the Oregon State Society of the Sons of the American Revolution:

- The Story of the U.S. Constitution
- George Washington, Man or Monument
- Washington's Homes
- Story of Independence Hall and Liberty Bell
- The Battle of Yorktown — Washington's Crowning Achievement
- The Road to Independence
- The Recovery of the Remains of John Paul Jones
- 100 Years of the SAR — from 1889 to 1989
- Christmas in Williamsburg — A Tradition
- Thomas Jefferson
- "Washington Crossing the Delaware" and "The Price of Peace and Freedom" (both 30 min.)

These VHS videos are professionally narrated and in color. They run from 30 to 45 minutes. Those not produced in Oregon, were co-sponsored by the NSSAR, Pennsylvania, Maryland, or Connecticut state SAR societies. They are ideal for family or group viewing.

Loans are good for one month. You may pick videos up at a chapter luncheon meeting and return it the following month.

If you cannot attend a meeting, return it c/o D. A. Dailey, 3214 Alameda de las Pulgas, Menlo Park, CA 94025-6526.

## ROTC Awards Anticipated in 2004

The Chapter is looking forward to awarding ROTC medals at San Jose State and Santa Clara University, soon. More about this in the next issue of the *Silicon Valley Forge*.

Also more than a half dozen high school students will be receiving JROTC medals from, soon.



order your medal via  
[www.sar.org](http://www.sar.org)

## Chapter State Awards

We are hopeful that the Silicon Valley Chapter will be recognized as being tops among the 25 chapters throughout California.

On the right:  
One of our  
Certificates  
won in 2002



The National Society  
of the  
Sons of the American Revolution

The California Society

IN RECOGNITION OF OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT  
DURING THE CHAPTER ACTIVITIES CONTEST  
HELD DURING THE WINTER 2001 - 2002  
AWARDS THIS CERTIFICATE TO THE  
**Silicon Valley Chapter**

STATEWIDE WINNER OF CATEGORY #11  
"MOST RE-INSTATEMENTS"

6 APRIL 2002

*Earl L. Young*  
EARL L. YOUNG  
CHAPTER CONTEST REFEREE


*Charles R. Langman, Jr.*  
PRESIDENT CHARLES R. LANGMAN, JR.  
CDR USN (RET)  
*Floyd D. Bladwick*  
FLOYD D. BLADWICK  
CHAPTER SECRETARY

# Revolutionary Battles—The Early Years

1774 October 10 - **Point Pleasant** (WV) -- A surprise attack on a colonial militia force sent from the Virginia coast to repel Indian raids was repulsed. This saved many militia for later duty in the Continental Army.

[A summary from RLC-TN](#) describes this battle.

1775 April 17 - **Lexington and Concord** (MA) -- "the shot heard round the world" -- occurred when British troops raided towns near Boston seeking to collect or to destroy the towns' stocks of military supplies. This was the first conflict in which British troops and colonial militiamen shot at each other and suffered casualties. (100 colonists, 250 British)

 [A Delaware Society speaker](#) described this battle.

*Ext* [The origin of the Minuteman image](#) -- Bob O'Hara (MASSAR) wrote this essay for his students at Cornelia Strong College.

1775 May - **Ticonderoga** (NY) -- American ranger troops surprised and captured a major British fort. During the next winter ('75-'76), when the rivers were frozen enough to support the weight of the fort's cannon, they were hauled to Boston and used to threaten the British position there.

*Ext* [Fort Ticonderoga's history page](#) has information on the construction and use of the fort. The part concerning the American Revolution is titled "THE REVOLUTION" and is about 3/4 of the way down the page.

1775 June 17 - **Breed's Hill** (Boston MA) -- This is usually referred to as the battle of Bunker Hill, which lay to the rear of Breed's Hill and was not the scene of any fighting.

Two British attacks against entrenched colonist positions were beaten back by concentrated musket fire. The third attack succeeded only because the colonists ran out of ammunition. While the colonists were driven from the fortifications closest to Boston, they remained in a dominating position and Boston came under siege. (Casualties: 450 colonists, 1050 British)

1775 Nov 13, Dec 31 - **Canada** -- An invasion force of colonists captured Montreal, but failed to take Quebec. (Casualties: 100 colonists, 20 British)

1776 Mar 17 - **Evacuation Day** (Boston MA) -- After nine months under siege (and shortly after the cannon arrived from Fort Ticonderoga and were mounted on the hills overlooking Boston) the British withdrew from Boston by sea.

1776 July 4 -- **The Declaration of Independence** was proclaimed in Philadelphia, and the war took on a new meaning.


*Ext* [NJ during the Revolution](#), by Glen Valis, has extensive discussions of numerous events in NJ, including the battles of Trenton, Princeton, and Monmouth.

*Newsday's site has descriptions of about [twenty incidents](#) involving the patriots, the British, and the loyalists on Long Island.*

1776 Aug 27 - **Long Island** (Jamaica NY) -- Troops from a huge British invasion fleet forced the Americans from Long Island and nearly caught the entire American Army.

*The British occupied New York City for the next eight years until 1783. (Casualties: 1,000 colonists, 400 British)*

*Ext* [description by the state of Maryland](#)

 [The Sacrifice of the Maryland Continentals](#) to save the American army is described by this SAR newsletter article.

1776 Sept 16 - **Harlem Heights** - The Americans successfully defended their hold on the upper portion of Manhattan Island. (Casualties: 150 colonists, 300 British)

1776 Oct 28 - **White Plains** NY - The British outmaneuvered the Americans here and drove them out of New York south of Peekskill.

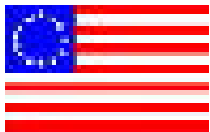
1776 Nov 16 and 18 - **Fort Washington and Fort Mifflin** NY and NJ -- These two forts across the Hudson from one another were over-run with great loss of life and loss of nearly all of the cannon that the Americans had. Since early October the Americans had now lost 4,000 troops and were forced to withdraw all the way to Pennsylvania, crossing the Delaware River near Trenton NJ. (Casualties: ??? colonists, ??? British)

1776 Dec 26 - **Trenton** (NJ) -- Washington and his troops crossed the ice-choked Delaware River (two American support columns turned back due to the bad conditions) and overwhelmed Hessian mercenaries in a surprise attack at dawn. (Casualties: 10 colonists, 100 Hessians)

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## Welcome to Our Newest Compatriots

California pins with the design shown below, are available for \$25. Proceeds will go into the CASSAR Permanent Fund. The fund level is about \$1K short of \$50,000.

For a \$250 donation, compatriots may join the Cogswell Sires.



In 2003 the following became members of the SAR:

- Allen Breed of Saratoga
- Dan Brewer of Los Gatos
- Terry Briggs of San Jose
- Evan Clayton of San Jose
- Greg Clayton of San Jose
- Robert Clayton of San Jose
- James Creech of Burlingame
- Frank Deppong of Los Altos
- Randall Epperson of Modesto
- Jack George of San Jose
- Jim George of Minnesota
- Richard Knock of Cupertino
- Prescott Richard Knock of Cupertino

- Spencer R. Knock of Cupertino
- William Melton of San Jose
- Rick Mc Laughlin of Soquel
- Gene Moses of Sunnyvale
- Charles Smart of Los Altos
- Jerry Spence of San Jose
- Greg Spence of San Jose
- Jim Spence of San Jose
- John Sybalski of Sunnyvale

