

Silicon Valley Forge

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Paul Brown

The Silicon Valley Chapter honored Palo Alto Police Officer Paul Brown at the March meeting. Paul Brown while on patrol, rescued an 89 year-old man from his daughter's burning home.

Paul Brown noticed a fire on Greer Road during his patrol. He ended up crawling into and out of the house to rescue the 46 year-old woman's father. He was heard shuffling about by the officer in the smoke filled home and found frozen.

Officer Brown recalls that he "took a big gulp of air, grabbed him down, and pulled him out."

Almost as soon as the two



To the left:

Captain Brad Zook, Paul Brown, and John Kohli.

exited the home, the building exploded, with flames bursting out of the windows.

Paul Brown believes he received "much ado about doing my job. I happened to be in the right place at the

right time. All the bricks fell into place in time and I was able to do what we are trained for and practice for."

Congratulations Paul for your heroism in doing your job so well!

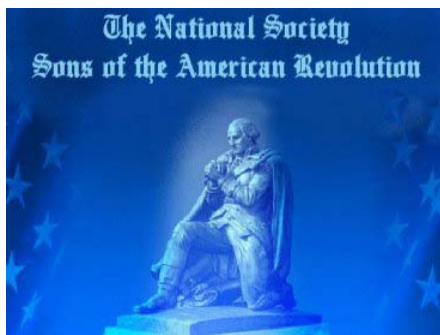
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Saturday Meetings on April 17 and May 15

A special guest from the DEA will speak at our April 17th meeting at the Wyndham Suites in Sunnyvale.

This brunch will begin at 10:00. Attendees may partake in the buffet bar for \$15. The cost of beverages are included in this price.



Special Features of Interest:

- Reports by Howard Jones

Howard Jones Speaking of T. Jefferson and the Barbary Coast

This year, we were in Madrid and used the Atocha railroad station twice for travel to and from the Mediterranean coast. Of course, that was the site of the recent terrorist bombings.

Heavily used with about 10 platforms with a subway station underneath. There are normally thousands of people in the station during peak hours.

TALGO 200 train to Malaga..... 200 km/hr (140 mph). Tunnels hurt your ears. Cambiador de Ancho in Cordoba.

The Alhambra palace and fortress was built by the Moors in the 9th century. It became the home of the Moorish kings who ruled Spain for 300 years. In the 15th century it was captured by the Spanish Catholics (3 year siege) under Ferdinand and Isabella.

I stood in the very chamber where Queen Isabella received Christopher Columbus in 1491 and announced her decision to finance his journey.

The Spanish hate the fact that the UK is still in Gibraltar. There are no road signs that give you any direction or distance. Suddenly you see it there – looking like Ayers Rock - as you round a bend in the road. Acquired in perpetuity by the British under a 1713 treaty, (War of Spanish Succession). Spain claims that there was an oral

agreement that it would be returned to them at some future date. Britain denies their claim.

As you enter Gibraltar you walk directly across the middle of the airstrip. There are 33 miles of tunnels – extensive fill. Spain once laid siege to Gibraltar. They got in close at the base of the rock and the British couldn't lower their cannons enough to shoot at them. Eventually solved. The border has often been closed. During Franco's reign the route to Spain was: Gibraltar> Tangiers> Spain. It's only 14 km from Tarifa to Tangiers. A fast ferry will get you there in 40 minutes. You can clearly see the mountains of North Africa.

Pirate ships and crews from Tripoli, Tunis, Morocco and Algiers – the Barbary Pirates - were the scourge of the Mediterranean for centuries. Their tactics were kidnapping, extortion, coercion, and ransom.

Britain & France had paid the pirates "protection money" for decades. America's ships were protected by the "pay-off" prior to independence. The 2 powers felt that it was easier to pay them off than it was to fight them. In 1785 the USA followed tradition and paid \$80,000 in tribute and directed Jefferson and Adams – then ministers in Europe - to begin negotiations with the thugs. Trouble began in 1785 when the Algerians captured 2 US ships and demanded \$60,000. Jefferson was then the US minister to France.

In 1785 & 1786 he tried to form a coalition of nations to oppose the pirates but Britain & France backed-out and it fell through.

"The object of the convention shall be to compel the piratical states to perpetual peace"

Jefferson to Adams and Monroe:

"Paying tribute will merely invite more demands....the only solution is a strong navy that can reach the pirates. The states must see the rod...it will be more easy to raise ships and men to fight these pirates into reason, than money to bribe them."

When Jefferson became president in 1801 he refused to give in to Tripoli's demands for an immediate payment of \$225,000 plus an annual payment of \$25,000.

"The style of the demand admitted but one answer. I sent a small squadron of frigates into the Mediterranean."

The show of force quickly awed Tunis and Algiers to break their alliance with Tripoli. The U.S. Marines fought against the pirates from 1801-1805. In 1805 a detachment led by Lt. Presley O'Bannon marched over 600 miles of desert to successfully attack Derna, Tripoli. Out of gratitude, a desert chieftain presented O'Bannon with a scimitar (sword) used by his warriors. All Marine officers carry a replica of this same sword today. A treaty followed in 1806 and Jefferson:

"The states on the coast of Barbary seem generally disposed at present to respect our peace and friendship."

EPILOGUE: The U.S. invaded Algiers again in 1815 to enforce the spirit of friendship. Britain and France continued to pay protection money to the pirates until the 1830's

ROTC Awards Anticipated in 2004

The Chapter is looking forward to awarding ROTC medals at San Jose State and Santa Clara University, soon.

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



Highlights from CASSAR Spring Meetings

News from the Chico meeting:

Silicon Valley Chapter recognized & awarded a certificate for most reinstatements.

Howard Jones presented Meritorious Service Medal for his work as Chapter President.

California Roster now available free on CD or \$20.00 if printed.

Knight Essay Contest: 132 essays submitted. Because of Calif's size we are now able to submit 2 "winners" to NASSAR.

This year's Eagle Scout winner at NASSAR was from Calif.

Valley Forge Program: 2 California teachers sent again this year.

They are still talking about subdividing Calif into North, Central, & South sections.

Approved CASSAR application fees at \$10.00.



Passed resolution to make life membership dues based upon actuary tables.

New medals available soon: (1) military service (not just "war" service), and (2) color guard (eligible with 3 years service).

Fall Managers Meeting will be in Monterey on November 5th & 6th at Casa Munras Hotel.

Howard Jones eulogized Chuck McCaleb at memorial service for all compatriots who passed away in the past year.

The following are our new officers for the coming year:

2004-2005 California Society of the Sons of the American Revolution Officers elected.

President: Stan Henderson

Exec VP: Larry Magerkurth

VP North: Bob Ebert

VP South: Karl Jacobs

VP Membership: Earl Young

Registrar: Thomas Chilton

Chancellor: John Dodd

Treasurer: John Holden

Secretary: Jim Shadwick

Chaplin: Lou Carlson

Genealogist:

Col. Richard Locke

Historian: Jim Shadwick

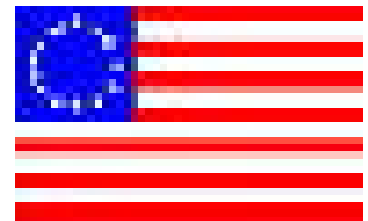
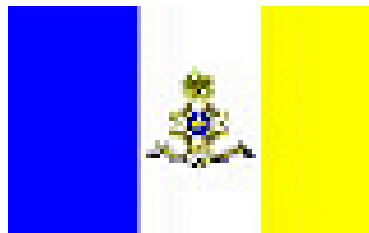
Sgt at Arms: Vernon Sharp

7-4-04 Festivities in Silicon Valley, California

The color guard will be involved in two activities this Fourth of July.

All compatriots and their families are welcome to participate.

Contact Color Guard Commander Chris Palmer for the details.



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Compatriot Breed Installed at March's Chapter Meeting



To the left:
Chapter President
John Kohli with
Allen Breed

