



## Silicon Valley Chapter Sons of the American Revolution



Founded as the Palo Alto Chapter in 1955



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### Important Events

**November 3-4, 2006**  
CASSAR 131st Fall  
Managers' Meeting

**November 11, 2006**  
San Jose Veterans  
Day Parade

## Next Chapter Meeting on December 9, 2006

Each of us joined the Silicon Valley Chapter of the Sons of the American revolution (SVSAR) in order to recognize our fellow citizens, patriots and youth for their accomplishments, community service, and support for the SVSAR. It is by these acts that we affirm by example our faith in the Declaration of Independence, the Constitution, the Bill of Rights, an independent Supreme Court, and a nation of free citizens. Please join us for the eighth chapter meeting of 2006.

**Time:** 9:30 am (Breakfast at 9:00 am)  
**Date:** December 9, 2006  
**Type:** Chapter Meeting  
**Location:** Bay Café and Deli (See Directions and Map at the SVSAR Website at the following website address listed below)  
[www.svsar.com/Contact\\_Us](http://www.svsar.com/Contact_Us)

**Recognition:** Compatriot Stephen R. Renouf, CASSAR Vice President - North, will present the NSSAR Liberty Medal and Certificate to Compatriot Terry Lee Briggs, SVSAR Registrar, for his good work in signing, as a first line sponsor, the membership applications of ten new members.

**Recognition:** Compatriot Stephen R. Renouf, CASSAR Vice President - North, will present the NSSAR Oak Leaf Cluster and Certificate to Compatriot Donald Britton Miller for his good work in signing, as a first line sponsor, the membership applications of an additional ten new members.

**Recognition:** Dean John K. Swensson will be recognized for his faithful work as the Dean of the Language Arts Division at De Anza College, and for his kind support of the SVSAR Scholarship program. Compatriot Richard T. Knock, member of the

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### Next Chapter Meeting on December 9, 2006 (continued from page 1)

#### Recognition:

SVSAR Scholarship Committee, will present Dean Swensson an American Flag, which was flown over the United States Capital, and a Flag Certificate. Compatriot Howard McDowell Peters, Chairman of the SVSAR Scholarship Committee will present Dean Swensson the Certificate of Special Congressional Recognition from the office of Congresswomen Anna Eshoo, the Certificate of Special Congressional Recognition from the office of Congressman Mike Honda, and the NSSAR Silver Good Citizenship Medal and Certificate. The NSSAR Silver Good Citizenship Medal and Certificate is the highest award that a chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution (SAR) may award to a citizen.

#### Guest Speaker:

Mr. Ray Bisio presents "The Siege of Yorktown". Our speaker Mr. Ray Bisio is a VIP. That is, he a member of a growing number of concerned citizens who offer their skills to the National Park Service. As a VIP (Volunteer In Parks), Ray worked as a volunteer at two National Military Parks, Gettysburg and Yorktown.

For many summers from June through August, and from 1992 until 2006 Ray would show up at answering restoring ar-leading tours Visitors. He service to and York-



the assigned park to help out by the phones, doing research, tifacts, making presentations and about the parks to interested has amassed over 2,000 hours of both National Parks at Gettysburg town.

Today he

will share the Yorktown

experience with us as he presents "The Siege of Yorktown".

Ray is a retired school teacher and administrator having recently retired after 46 years of service. He has taught and administered in California and overseas in Europe and at all levels of education from elementary through college and for the military at their bases. He is currently a guest lecturer at Barstow College in Barstow, California. He holds degrees from University of California, Berkeley, San Jose State University, UCLA and USC.







## Induction of James Vincent Marino

The photograph shows Compatriot James Vincent Marino (right) with Compatriot SVSAR President, immediately which Compatriot Jim recited received his Compatriot Membership Certificate and SAR



several minutes afterwards and his more recent family lore.

Compatriot Jim spoke for describing his Patriot Ancestor

## Color Guard Recognition

The photograph shows Compatriot William Howard Jones, SVSAR Chairman of Speakers and Color Guardsman, after receiving the NSSAR Bronze Color Guard Medal and Certificate at the SVSAR Chapter Meeting of October 21, 2006. This makes the seventh SVSAR Color Guardsman to receive this coveted NSSAR



The SVSAR Color Guard Commander and Compatriot Christopher M. Palmer with patriots Willis Sherman Clayton, T. Knock, John R. Kohli, John Dwayne Alton Meyer and Don

the SVSAR Color Guard at the

Be sure to come and see 88th Annual Veterans Day Parade at 11:00am, Saturday, November 11, 2006 in San Jose, California. The announcement with details is posted on page 8.

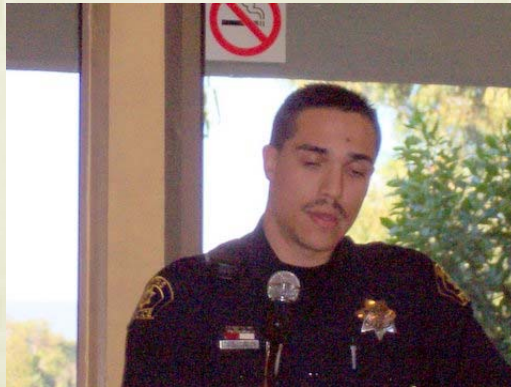
We are in Division 1, Unit 14, again in the vanguard. Please be there by about 10:30am, but be aware that the streets could be closed thereafter, and you may have to walk a bit further depending on where you park. The Parade proceeds in rain or shine at 12:00pm noon, sharp. Rain is predicted for the morning, so be prepared!. Please bring your costumes as more may show up than there are uniforms, so bring what you can. We are not going to have any rides as the insurance rules have changed, so no golf carts. If DAR follows us as in previous years, there might be one seat for a ride. We can meet in the parking lot near Autumn at Santa Clara in front of the Arena (Shark Tank). Parking should be free. If you have any questions contact Compatriot Christopher M. Palmer, SVSAR Color Guard Commander, at (408) 267-5238 (home), (408) 640-2898 (cell) or cmprgceghg@aol.com (Email).





## Law Enforcement Medal

The photograph shows Officer Joseph Heylen, Milpitas Police Department, speaking at the SVSAR Chapter Meeting of October 21, discharge of his duties in saving infant. Earlier, Compatriot President, presented Officer Heylen the Law Enforcement Medal and Certificate.



Listed below is the article from the Milpitas Post dated May 31, 2006, which documents Officer Helen's life saving ac-

2006 about the faithful the life of an eight month old Charles A. Smart, SVSAR Heylen the NSSAR Law Enforcement Medal and Certificate from the Milpitas Post dated Officer Helen's life saving ac-

## Officer Saves Infant's Life by Clearing Airway, CPR

Emergency dispatchers received a frantic 911 call May 15 at 11 a.m. on the 1000 block of Park View Drive in Milpitas, about an unconscious 8-month-old boy. When Milpitas Police Department Officer Joe Heylen arrived 90 seconds later, he heard frantic screams for help from the front porch of a neighbor's house. Officer Heylen quickly determined that the infant had a pulse but was not breathing. The baby's face was discolored, and his stomach was contracting as he struggled to take in air.

The officer used a combination of the "finger-sweep" and "back-blow" techniques to clear the child's airway of baby food. He then initiated a rescue-breathing procedure. Shortly, the infant, who was also suffering pneumonia, responded positively by making faint coughing sounds. The officer continued the procedure for more than two and a half minutes, until the arrival of paramedics from the Milpitas Fire Department, who took over the resuscitation effort.

An ambulance transported the infant to a nearby hospital for further examination. Doctors, later satisfied about the infant's progress, discharged him from the hospital. He is back home now and appears fine, according to police.

Heylen, 28, has been on Milpitas' police force for five years. The circumstances hit home for the officer, who has a 1-year-old daughter.

"After paramedics arrived, I replayed in my mind what had happened, which made me break down at the scene," Heylen said. "I'm happy I was able to do what I had to do and not freeze up."

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## 2006 Outstanding JROTC Cadet

The photograph shows Compatriot John R. Kohli, SVSAR Past President and Chairman of the ROTC/JROTC Recognition “2006 Outstanding JROTC Ca- Certificate to Cadet Jose Arteaga at Milpitas High School.



Committee, presenting the “det” Medallion and from the Navy JROTC program

This is one our most im- Youth Awards. Compatriot John ROTC-JROTC Recognition by NSSAR Bronze ROTC Medal in the high school JROTC level are listed below. From these programs, Cadet Arteaga was nominated and selected as the 2006 Outstanding JROTC Cadet.

portant recognition program for organized and led the 2006 personally awarding the and Certificate to twelve cadets program. The honored cadets twelve high school JROTC level

### High School Cadets - JROTC Program

Roger Gantan	Air Force JROTC	Oak Grove High School	Bronze ROTC Medal and Certificate
Samson Nguyen	Army JROTC	Andrew P. Hill High School	Bronze ROTC Medal and Certificate
Ryan Rabena	Army JROTC	Yerba Buena High School	Bronze ROTC Medal and Certificate
Samuel Ruelas	Army JROTC	Overfelt Creek High School	Bronze ROTC Medal and Certificate
Suong Bui	Marine Corps JROTC	Mount Pleasant High School	Bronze ROTC Medal and Certificate
Steven Cary	Marine Corps JROTC	Del Mar High School	Bronze ROTC Medal and Certificate
Jeffrey Clark	Marine Corps JROTC	Westmont High School	Bronze ROTC Medal and Certificate
Brandon Murillo	Marine Corps JROTC	Leigh High School	Bronze ROTC Medal and Certificate
Hernan Tantaruna	Marine Corps JROTC	Prospect High School	Bronze ROTC Medal and Certificate
Ilyn Vazquez	Marine Corps JROTC	Branham High School	Bronze ROTC Medal and Certificate
Ian Aguinaldo	Navy JROTC	Silver Creek High School	Bronze ROTC Medal and Certificate
Jose Arteaga	Navy JROTC	Milpitas High School	Bronze ROTC Medal and Certificate





## SVSAR Scholarship

The photograph shows from left to right, Compatriot Charles A. Smart, III, SVSAR President, Ms. Christina G. Hicks, winner of the 2006 SVSAR Scholarship, and Compatriot Richard T. Knock, member of the SVSAR Scholarship Committee and SVSAR Color Guard, at the SVSAR Chapter Meeting of October 21, 2006 where the SVSAR Scholarship was awarded to Ms. Christina G. Hicks .

Ms. Christina G. Hicks honored us with a reading of her winning essay for the 2006 SVSAR Scholarship. After the reading, presented Ms. Hicks with the \$500.00, the American Flag, States Capital, the Flag Certificate, Congressional Recognition Congresswoman Anna Eshoo, Citizenship Medal and Certifi-



Compatriot Richard T. Knock SVSAR Scholarship award of which was flown over the United States Capital, the Certificate of Special Recognition from the office of Congresswoman Anna Eshoo and the NSSAR Bronze Good Citizenship Medal and Certifi-

The SVSAR Scholarship Chapter recognition program embodies the qualities of leadership. The student must submit two documents: 1) personal qualifications, and 2) an essay entitled "Why I am proud to be an American".

ship is an extraordinary SVSAR designed for a student who knowledge, goals, service and submit two documents: 1)

The NSSAR Bronze Good Citizenship Medal is awarded to individuals who have attained noteworthy achievements in their school, community, or state. It can be presented by the National Society, State Societies or Chapters.

## Program Speaker

### "The Ancient Art of Grave Dowsing"

The photograph shows Compatriot William Howard Jones, SVSAR Chairman of the SVSAR Color Guard, making his presentation on "The Ancient Art of Grave Dowsing" at the SVSAR Chapter Meeting of October 21 2006. Compatriot Howard recently completed a cemetery restoration project in North Central Arkansas. Harris Cemetery was Virtually destroyed by the great flood of 1927. In fact, only one tombstone remained standing after the floodwaters of the White River receded. A two ton boulder and



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## The Ancient Art of Grave Dowsing (continued from page 6)

memorial plaque were installed at the cemetery this year to honor his ancestors. Over 30 people attended the ceremonies.

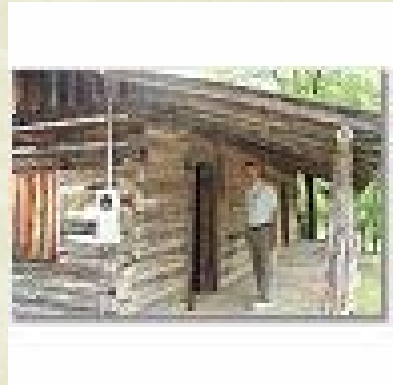
Harris Cemetery is located on restoration project no one knew how the project, Compatriot Howard bedowser who would eventually play a cemetery. Everyone was amazed when old cemetery with the rods crossing She located 39 graves in the first row located underneath a present day drive-



private property. Prior to the many people were buried there. During came acquainted with a local grave key role in the restoration of the the grave dowser walked through the and uncrossing at three foot intervals. alone. Three of these graves were way!

Nearly everyone has the power addition to locating graves, the dows-react to living people. Our speaker will dowsing and will allow others to try amazing demonstration!

to practice the art of grave dowsing. In ing process will also locate water and put on a practical demonstration of their hand as well. Be prepared for an



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## THE UNITED VETERANS COUNCIL OF SANTA CLARA COUNTY'S 88TH ANNUAL VETERANS DAY PARADE



The United Veterans' Council of Santa Clara County's 88<sup>th</sup>  
Annual Veterans Day Parade  
Saturday, November 11<sup>th</sup>.

Each year since 1919, the United Veterans Council of Santa Clara County has conducted an Armistice Day Ceremony and produced a Veterans Day Parade with support from the City of San Jose and Santa Clara County. This year's Parade, the largest Veterans Day Parade in Northern California, honors all those who have served, and those continuing to serve their country.

**Opening Ceremony** begins at 11:00 AM at Plaza de Cesar Chavez on Market Street in downtown San Jose in honor of the 1918 Armistice of the "War to End All Wars". It will feature the World War I reenactment group "Welcome Home Doughboys" who will present the colors.

The **Grand Marshal** for this year's Parade is retired Air Force Lieutenant Colonel Frank Kappeler. Frank was the navigator on B-25 bomber aircraft number eleven, the "*Hari Carrier*," during Jimmy Doolittle's 1942 raid on Tokyo as the first response to the World War II attack on Pearl Harbor.

**Parade Master of Ceremony** will be "Officer Vic" from KSFO 560 AM Radio. Also featured in the Parade will be the **Giant American Flag**, sponsored by KSFO Radio.

**The Parade** steps off at 12:00 Noon in downtown San Jose from Delmas Street and travels east along Santa Clara to Market Street. The Parade then proceeds south on Market, passing the reviewing stand at Park Street, opposite Plaza de Cesar Chavez, and ends at San Carlos Street.

