



Silicon Valley Chapter Sons of the American Revolution



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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

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 Bronze 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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Recognition: SVSAR Scholarship Committee, will present Dean Swensson an American Flag, which was flown over the United States Capital, a Flag Certificate, and the Certificate of Special Congressional Recognition from the office of Congresswoman Anna Eshoo. Compatriot Howard McDowell Peters, Chairman of the SVSAR Scholarship Committee, will present Dean Swensson 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 the assigned park to help out by answering the phones, doing research, restoring artifacts, making presentations and leading tours about the parks to interested Visitors. He has amassed over 2,000 hours of service to both National Parks at Gettysburg and York-



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.



Santa Clara County Historical and Genealogical Society

Open House

Sunday, October 8, 2006

2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

October is History Month!!!

The Santa Clara County Historical & Genealogical Society (SCCHG) hosted and co-sponsored, and the Foundation & Friends of the Santa Clara City Library (FFSCCL) co-sponsored a History Fair Open House to celebrate family and local history during History Month.

At the invitation of Trina Gen-County Historical & Genealogical So- & Display, the SVSAR Chapter par- celebrate October as History Month History with a focus on Santa Clara

In the photograph below, from Briggs, SVSAR Registrar, Compatriot President, and Compatriot Richard T. Knock, member of the SVSAR Scholarship Committee and SVSAR Color Guardsman. Compatriot Richard wore the uniform of a private in the Revolutionary Army.

The SVSAR hosted a table in the Redwood Room of the Santa Clara Homestead Road. Santa Sunday, October 8, 2006 from Compatriot Terry managed Compatriot Richard assisted. and punch. Compatriot supply of Krispy Kreme

Representatives of history museums, genealogy of the 'Images of America' Santa Clara Valley cities par- copies of their books were for Park Library Heritage Pavilion were also given.



Santa Clara City Library (FFSCCL) House to celebrate family and local

try, Chairperson of the Santa Clara ciety (SCCHGS) Publicity-Exhibits ticipated in the Open House to for Family History and California County.

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Clara, California, 95051, on 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm. the SVSAR table and The SCCHGS supplied coffee Charles supplied an ample donuts.

other Santa Clara County societies and authors of some pictorial history books on ticipated. Autographed sale. Tours of the Central





The United Veterans Council of Santa Clara County (UVC) 88th Annual Veterans Day Parade

Saturday, November 11th, 2006

In the photograph, from left to right in the back row, shows Compatriot Robert D. Ebert, CASSAR President and member of the Color Guard of the Sons of Liberty Chapter wearing the uniform of General George Washington's Life Guards, Compatriot John R. Kohli, SVSAR Past President and member of the SVSAR Color Guard, Compatriot Jeffrey L. Windham, member of the SVSAR Color Guard, Tamara Windham, wife of Compatriot Richard T. SVSAR Scholarship SVSAR Color Guard, Christopher M. Guard Commander.



From left to are the Allison Wind-Compatriot Jeffrey L. Compatriot David D. President, and Jeffrey Compatriot Jeffrey L.

These six members of the Color the staging area before

November 11, 2006 88th Veterans Day Parade in San Jose, California. Compatriot Charles A. Smart, SVSAR President, Glenn Windham, brother of Compatriot Jeffrey L. Windham, and Linda Knock, wife of Compatriot Richard T. Knock, were there to support the Color Guard and the program.

Each year since 1919, the United Veterans Council of Santa Clara County (UVC) 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 try.



Glenn Windham, Knock, member of Committee and and Compatriot Palmer, SVSAR Color

right in the front row ham, daughter of Windham, Dailey, SVSAR Past Windham, son of Windham.

Compatriots and Guard are shown in marching in the No-





"Remembering Margaret Corbin, Daughter of the American Revolution"

They may be barred by law from combat roles today, but American women have a long tradition of fighting on the battlefield that goes back to the Revolutionary War and a young woman named Margaret Corbin.

On Nov. 16, 1776, Hessians under Washington on Manhattan Island, but such rapid artillery volleys that some re-by demons. A ridge later known as Fort of Pennsylvania Artillery, and among the Corbin. Beside him, handling ammunition Margaret, the daughter of a Scotch-Irish



British command attacked Fort countered such vigorous resistance and marked the Americans seemed possessed Tryon was defended by the First Company artillerists was a young private named John to feed the hungry cannon, was his wife, pioneer.

Suddenly a Hessian ball or shell wounding him. But Margaret had no time continued, and the men of the Pennsylv-ranks more than her wounded husband re- immediately accepted the call to duty and Soldiers remarked later that Margaret Hessian grapeshot tore into her, ripping an arm.

smashed into John Corbin, fatally to grieve; the enemy's relentless siege vania company needed her help in the quired her care and comfort. Margaret stepped into John's position at his cannon. served "with skill and vigor" - until away part of her breast and nearly severing

After the battle her comrades took their "Captain Molly" across the Hudson River to Fort Lee, N.J., where she received further medical care that ensured her recuperation. When she finally was well enough to travel, Margaret relocated to the Philadelphia area, continued her long-term recovery and became one of the original members of the Invalid Regiment created by Congress to care for disabled and crippled soldiers.

On June 29, 1779, the Supreme Executive Council of Pennsylvania, the decision-making body of the executive branch, allocated Margaret a \$30 stipend "to relieve her present necessities" and recommended that the Board of War give her a pension. Barely a week later, Congress received a letter from the Board of War supporting the Executive Council's recommendation. Congress immediately authorized that Margaret receive, for life, one-half of the monthly pay allotted soldiers and, as a one-time allocation, a complete outfit of clothing. By this act Congress pensioned the first female veteran in American history. Margaret died near Hudson Highlands, N.Y., in 1800. In 1909, more than a century

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later, a tablet was put in place at Fort Washington Avenue and Corbin Place in New York City recognizing Margaret Corbin as the "first woman to take a soldier's part in the war for liberty."

Many other American women have since seen hostilities - among them Mary Ludwig Hays McCauley ("Molly Pitcher"), who also stepped into her husband's position in the Revolutionary War at the Battle of Monmouth in 1778; Civil War scout and spy "General" Harriet Tubman; the more than 200 women killed by enemy fire in World War II; the eight women whose names are chiseled into the stone of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial; and Captain Linda Bray, who commanded a platoon of firefight.

In a sense, Margaret Corbin honors them all. Daughters of the American Revolution arranged to have Corbin's remains re-posted to a cemetery at the United States Military Academy at West Point. Next to the grave stands a memorial to the only Revolutionary War soldier buried on academy grounds - an artillery gunner, hero and a woman.



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