



Silicon Valley Chapter Sons of the American Revolution



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Each one 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 patriotic accomplishments, community service, and support for the SVSAR. It is by these acts that we affirm 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 third chapter meeting of 2007.

All SAR, DAR, CAR and guests are welcome. All ladies will receive a single rose as a guest of the Silicon Valley Chapter.

Time: 9:30 am (Breakfast at 9:00 am)
Date: March 17, 2007
Type: Chapter Meeting
Location: Bay Café and Deli
1875 Embarcadero Road
Palo Alto, California, 94303



Important Events

April 20 & 21, 2007
CASSAR 132nd Spring
Annual Meeting

May 26, 2007
Military Vehicle
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Foundation (MVTF)
Tour

May 28, 2007
Memorial Day
Observance

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New Membership

Christopher A. Kirkpatrick will be inducted as a new Compatriot Member of the SVSAR Chapter.

Book Report

Compatriot Robert K. Loudon will present a book report on "Power, Faith, and Fantasy: America in the Middle East from 1776 to the Present" by Michael B. Oren.

Recognition

Compatriot Allen Breed will receive the NSSAR War Service Medal & Certificate with the War Service Bar - World War II from Compatriot Charles A. Smart, SVSAR President.

Compatriot John A. Thompson will receive the NSSAR War Service Medal & Certificate with the War Service Bar - World War II from Compatriot Charles A. Smart, SVSAR President.

Guest Speaker: "My Experiences as a Commissioner on the Apache Indian Reservation" by Dr. Robert Craig

Dr. Craig has been a Director of the Westborough Water District in South San Francisco since 1982 and has served as the President of the district on four occasions. He also serves as a Director on the Bay Area Water Supply and Conservation Agency. In addition, Bob currently serves as a Commissioner on San Mateo County's Local Agency Formation Commission.

From 1965 to 1994 Bob was a professor of Design and Industry at San Francisco State Univer-

sity. Prior to joining SFSU, he held various positions with the Lawrence Radiation Laboratory. Dr. Craig holds a Doctorate of Education at USC, a Masters Degree at SFSU, and a Bachelors degree at U.C. Santa Barbara. He also completed graduate studies in nuclear physics at UCLA.

One of Dr. Craig's most interesting assignments was serving as a Commissioner on the Apache Indian Reservation in Arizona. He will tell us about his experiences, and give us valuable insight into the status of the Apache Nation and the effectiveness of the reservation system. Shown below is a photograph of a young women in ceremonial apache dress.





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Associate Membership

Michael Patrick Moore received the SVSAR Associate Membership Certificate and Pin from Charles A. Smart, III, SVSAR President.

Reinstated Membership

Compatriots Anthony (Ken) K. Girdley and Robert A. Reid were recognized as a Reinstated Members of the SVSAR Chapter. Compatriot Ken was previously a member of the Kentucky Society of the Sons of the American Revolution.

Guest Speaker

Our speaker for our February 17, 2007 meeting was historian Jack Leathers who presented the topic of French explorer René-Robert de Cavalier, Sieur de LaSalle. Jack recounted LaSalle's exploits in the exploration of North America as well as his claim of a vast amount of territory for the French empire.

Jack Leathers was born and raised in the Midwest. He attended the University of Minnesota before moving west in 1952. He then attended the University of Washington where he was a member of the Husky's crew. Jack graduated from the University of California at Berkeley in 1955 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Finance.

Following graduation Jack served his country as a pilot in the Strategic Air Command. He was stationed at March AFB for 3½ years where he flew B-47 aircraft. Thereafter, Jack entered the business world and was a stock broker with Merrill-Lynch

for 5 years. He eventually found his niche as a banker specializing in corporate finance in both San Francisco and Chicago.

Following his retirement from the business world Jack was finally able to pursue his love of history. As a boy, Jack had eagerly listened to his grandfather's tales about the Civil War in the vicinity of the family's ancestral home along the Mississippi river in southeast Missouri. Jack's fascination for the Civil War would eventually lead him to the Peninsula Civil War Round Table where he would serve as its president. Jack has authored over 35 presentations on various topics concerning the Civil War and other historical events. It is estimated that Jack has made nearly 100 presentations to groups just like ours.





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Written by
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Some of the Players upon the Stage



John and Samuel Adams

John and Samuel Adams were second cousins, but as unlike as could be. Samuel, recalled as “Sam” Adams of Massachusetts, was the older of the two. Beyond their family connection and Harvard education the similarity ends. Sam, unable to make a living in any of the usual professions, found his niche in life as a political activist. However, King George, his ministers and local British authorities saw him mostly as a rabble rouser. He was the principal architect in the founding of the “Sons of Liberty” who harassed the local authorities and who were the indirect hand behind the “Boston Massacre”, which stirred the multitudes to desire active intervention against the British authorities. Sam went on to become a member of the Continental Congress where he and his younger cousin worked together for the first time.

John, the younger of the two, was born on a farm in Braintree, Massachusetts, and grew up as a distinguished scholar particularly in science and mathematics. He attended Harvard and was pushed by his mother toward the ministry. John, being more attuned to a discipline that deals in specifics, became a lawyer. He rose rapidly as an attorney who won cases, and attained prominence when he defended and won a smuggling case for John Hancock, the wealthiest man in the colony. He was not a part of the “Sons of Liberty”, but wrote of the current political problems bringing attention from the Massachusetts Assembly. From this time on he was connected to the evolution of the “American Political Revolution”, and ended up as a member of the Continental Congress. He was the only early president whose wife received as much public respect for her opinions and observations as did her husband, which was certainly an early milestone in the history of First Ladies.

Benjamin Franklin

Benjamin Franklin must be mentioned, but he is so well known for his efforts in the Revolution, before, during and after the war, that I see no reason to do other than bring up his name as a reminder of





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his part in the Revolution.

George Washington

Again, I feel that George Washington must be mentioned, but his story is so well known that nothing significant can be added.

Nathaniel Greene

Nathaniel Greene was a Quaker blacksmith who was read out of the church for his un-pacifist views of protecting oneself and one's country, and who enlisted as a private in the Rhode Island Militia. His education seems, beyond Grammar School, to have been acquired through his reading and study of military history and tactics. In this he was joined by, of all people, a well-educated bookseller named Henry Knox who was also deep into military reading, especially the use of artillery. While both Greene and Knox became generals, it was Greene who became one of Washington's most capable and trusted field commanders. He lacked Benedict Arnold's natural ability as a field commander, but made up for it through in-the-field training and experience. His dedication to the Revolution and his Loyalty to Washington as well as being the only successful leader of the Southern Army certainly entitles him to the title after Washington to be the most outstanding general of the war.

Richard Montgomery

As an officer in the British regular army Richard Montgomery fought in the French and Indian War. At a later date he resigned his commission to settle in the colonies where he married into a well to do family. Having been made a Brigadier General in the Continental Army, he was second in command to General Schuyler in the Canadian Expedition. In this capacity he was constantly urging Schuyler to speed up the departure date from Ticonderoga for Montreal. Upon Schuyler's departure he led the Northern Army into Canada and captured Montreal, but lost his life in the battle for Quebec. At forty years old, he was a handsome and dashing officer afire with ambition to serve the Patriot Cause. Had he survived the Canadian campaign he might very well have become, along with Greene, one of Washington's greatest generals.

Benedict Arnold

The picture of a bold buccaneer captain striding across the quarter-deck of a pirate ship puts me in mind of Benedict Arnold. Prior to his debasement as a traitor, he was, at the time, the greatest tactician and leader of troops in the Continental Army. Had it not been for Arnold's leadership and tactics at Sara-





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toga there may well have been no victory and no support from France, Spain, and eventually the Netherlands. Read any honest history of Arnold and you must come to the conclusion that he was, until his moment of perfidy, one of the best of Washington's generals. He was also the most discriminated and slighted officer in the Continental Army. George Washington was most disturbed upon learning that Arnold, a trusted lieutenant, had arranged to turnover West Point to the British. This was especially so when he learned that the turnover of West Point had been hatched in Philadelphia, and that Benedict Arnold had asked for command of West Point specifically for the purpose of splitting the colonies by giving control of the Hudson to Britain. Unfortunately, Arnold appears to have been a man that was so involved with his own ambitions and reputation as to overlook the eventual reward of his endeavors as one of Washington's generals.

King George III

King George III was the third Hanoverian King of England, and the first to speak English. Raised in the royal environment, he was dedicated to maintaining the Empire but he had no acquaintance with the British people other than the nobility, which surrounded him since his birth. He vigorously defended the Crown's interest in the North American colonies, but had no idea of the issues, and his ministers were of little help. Both king and ministers were unaware of the potential of the thirteen colonies to become a financial and productive center beyond anything that the world had seen. The Sugar colonies of the Caribbean were of more interest and apparent potential as well as the foothold in India. A more knowledgeable and capable monarch might have saved the North American Colonies for the Empire. But the king, his ministers and military failed to understand either the military capability or the will for freedom that evolved as relations broke down with the mother country.

Lord North & Lord Germaine

While these were not the only advisors to the king they appeared to have been the most influential in the poor to downright foolish decisions and actions taken to break the rebellion. The British generals and admirals, with the possible exception of Lord Cornwallis, were derelict in their duty to prosecute the war. At best they bumbled their way through the war, and with their decisions lost the colonies.

Captain Allen McLane

Finally, there is my own favorite warrior, Captain Allen McLane, who first appears in Ward's "The War of the Revolution" at Germantown where his company of light horses charged the British forward pickets requiring them to be rescued with the support of two field pieces. With his light horses sometimes supported by Oneida Indians he performed small miracles as in the rescue of General Joseph Reed from British bayoneteers. He continued to be brash and successful, but remained a Captain to the end. The fi-





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nal mention of Captain Allen McLane and his men was at Stony Point. His military career rose like a rocket, lit the night for a few minutes and then was seen no more.

The list goes on and on, other individuals of note are listed below.

- o Marquis Gilbert de Lafayette
- o Baron Jean de Kalb
- o Tadeusz Kosciuszko
- o John Paul Jones
- o Henry(Light Horse Harry) Lee
- o Baron Von Steuben
- o Banastre Tarleton

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March Membership Information

Anniversary

Name: Charles Hampton Chicks
Anniversary Date: March 19, 2004

Name: Evan Dale Clayton
Anniversary Date: March 10, 2003

Name: Robert Sherman Clayton
Anniversary Date: March 10, 2003

Name: David Barry Donahue
Anniversary Date: March 19, 2004

Name: Alan R. Eaton
Anniversary Date: March 31, 1993

Name: Gerald A. Hill
Anniversary Date: March 7, 1991

Name: John Elmo Perry
Anniversary Date: March 19, 2004

Name: John Alderson Thompson
Anniversary Date: March 25, 2004

Name: Henry Heath Wagener
Anniversary Date: March 30, 1946

Name: Philip Collins Walker
Anniversary Date: March 19, 2004

Birthday

Name: Jeffrey Alan Cauthen
Birth Date: March 11, 1947

Name: John Alexander Cauthen
Birth Date: March 16, 1979

Name: Robert Sherman Clayton
Birth Date: March 28, 1961

Name: Cray Timothy Foley
Birth Date: March 1, 1962

Name: James S. Jenson
Birth Date: March 2, 1920

Name: James Wilson McCall
Birth Date: March 10, 1953

Name: John Elmo Perry
Birth Date: March 25, 1932

Compatriot Membership

Name: Christopher A. Kirkpatrick
Induction Date: March 17, 2007

Obituary

Gerald Dean Spence left this mortal coil on Monday, February 5, 2007, at the age of 82. Gerald was born on June 4, 1924 in San Jose. A life long valley resident, he spent his formative years in Willow Glen attending San Jose High School, and spent his adult years in the Cambrian Park area with Joy, his wife of 61 years.

A very active man, Gerald spent 40 years working for the Pacific Bell telephone Company. During those years he was very active with his sons in Cambrian Park DeMolay and Willow Glen Lodge, F&AM. A life long bowler, after his retire-





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ment he developed an interest in and joined the Santa Clara lawn bowls. He was active with SIRS and spent his last years preserving history by helping "Portraits of the Past." Gerald was a WWII vet having served his tour of duty on the USS Howorth, and was active in the Howorth Association.



Gerald is survived by his wife Joy Spence; sons James Michael Spence and Gregory Dennis Spence; daughter-in-law Billie J. Spence, and grandchildren Victoria Lyne Spence and William Gerald Spence.

Although Gerald was not a member of the SAR, his wife, Joy Spence, is a member of the Santa Clara Chapter of the DAR; his two sons, James Michael Spence and Gregory Dennis Spence, are mem-

bers of the Silicon Valley Chapter of the SAR; his daughter-in-law, Billie J. Spence, is the Senior State President of the CSSCAR; and, his two grandchildren, Victoria Lyne Spence and William Gerald Spence are members of the CSSCAR and the Silicon Valley Chapter of the SAR, respectively.

A memorial service to honor Gerald was held on Monday, February 14, 2007, at 11:00 a.m. at Oak Hill Funeral Home, Chapel of the Roses, 300 Curtner Ave, San Jose. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests a donation to the U.S.O.





2007 Chapter Meeting & Event Schedules

2007 Meeting Schedule

SVSAR Chapter Meetings are scheduled for 9:00am on the third Saturday of January, February, March, April, May, September and October. The December chapter meeting and Christmas social is generally scheduled for 9:00am on the second Saturday of December. The meetings will be convened at the Bay Café and Deli (Palo Alto Golf Course), 1875 Embarcadero Road, Palo Alto, California, 94303. The telephone number is 650-856-0999 . Please visit the SVSAR Website at www.svsar.com/Contact_Us for Driving Directions, Road Map and Building Map.

No regular chapter meetings are scheduled for the months of June, July, August and November. The Christmas Social follows the end of the December Meeting.

2007 Meeting Schedule

- January 20, 2007 (9:00am - Bay Café & Deli)
- February 17, 2007 (9:00am - Bay Café & Deli)
- March 17, 2007 (9:00am - Bay Café & Deli)
- April 21, 2007 (9:00am - The Forum)
- May 19, 2007 (9:00am - The Forum)
- June of 2007 – No Meeting
- July of 2007 – No Meeting
- August 2007 – No Meeting
- September 15, 2007 (9:00am - The Forum)
- October 20, 2007 (9:00am - The Forum)
- November of 2007 – No Meeting
- December 8, 2007 (9:00am - The Forum)

Please visit the SVSAR Website at www.svsar.com/Meetings for details about chapter meetings.

2007 Event Schedule

April 20 & 21, 2007

CASSAR 132nd Spring Annual Meeting



The 132nd Spring Annual Meeting of the California Society, Sons of the American Revolution (CASSAR) will be held on Friday & Saturday, April 20 & 21, 2007, at the Hacienda Hotel LAX, 525 North Sepulveda Boulevard, Los Angeles, California, 90245.

The meeting is an excellent opportunity for SVSAR members to attend a CASSAR Spring Annual Meeting. Major activities include the election of officers and the adoption of the Annual Budget. During the business meeting, the Officer and Chapter reports will be presented. The annual Youth Awards Luncheon will occur on Saturday, as will the annual evening banquet.

The Announcement Poster for this event is posted on the SVSAR Website at the following Internet address: www.svsar.com/Events.





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May 26, 2007

Military Vehicle Technology Foundation Tour



The Military Vehicle Technology Foundation (MVTF) tour will be held at 1:00pm on Saturday, May 26, 2007, at 3915 Alpine Road, Portola Valley, California, 94028.

The Military Vehicle Technology Foundation is one of the largest and most significant collections of historical military vehicles in the world. The goal of the foundation is to acquire, restore, and interpret the historical significance of 20th & 21st century military vehicles. Domestic and foreign combat vehicles such as tanks, armored cars, self-propelled artillery, and other technically interesting mobile platforms are the focus of the collection. The foundation also maintains an extensive technical library that describes many vehicles down to the part level. Aside from the vehicles, there are towed artillery, antitank, and anti-aircraft guns. Military support equipment, inert ordnance, and accessories round out the collection.

The Announcement Poster for this event is posted on the SVSAR Website at the following Internet address: www.svsar.com/Events.

May 28, 2007

Memorial Day Observance



The SVSAR Color Guard has been invited to participate in the 139th Memorial Day Observance at 10:30am on Monday, May 28, 2007, at the San Francisco National Cemetery located in The Presidio of San Francisco.

Color guardsmen from the San Francisco and Silicon Valley chapters, along with other SAR members and guests who wish to participate in the parade, will gather at the Parade Ground parking lot between 10:00am - 10:15am. The parade will begin at 10:30am at the corner of Sheridan Street and Montgomery Street, proceed along Sheridan Street, and end at the San Francisco National Cemetery. The formal ceremony will begin at 11:00am. Those who are not marching may go directly to the San Francisco National Cemetery to get a good seat.

The Announcement Poster for this event is posted on the SVSAR Website at the following Internet address: www.svsar.com/Events.





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July 4, 2007

Independence Day Observance



The sixth annual Saratoga Independence Day Observance, the birth of America and our freedoms, will be celebrated from 10:15am to 12:00pm on Wednesday, July 4, 2007, at Saratoga's Azule City Park (behind Blue Hills School on Goleta Avenue near Sea Gull and across the freeway from Kevin Moran Park).

Children and adults are encouraged to decorate their bikes and their pets with red, white, and blue. Activities will include a band, singing, choir, dance, hand bells, Sons of American Revolution (SAR) in period dress, and the ringing our Liberty Bell thirteen (13) times to honor the colonies, our freedoms and our soldiers. Following the ringing of the bell there will be a Family Patriotic Parade around the park, which will include small bikes, pets, strollers, groups, adults, etc. After the parade children will receive an ice cream or an otter bar. The dress is patriotic casual, and there is no charge.

The Announcement Poster for this event is posted on the SVSAR Website at the following Internet address: www.svsar.com/Events.

September 19, 2007

Constitution Day



The Silicon Valley Chapter (SVSAR) has been invited by Veterans Administration (VA) Chaplain Marsha Davis (Palo Alto Chapter of the DAR) to assist with Constitution Day from 10:00am to 2:30pm on Wednesday, September 19, 2007, at the Veterans Administration Palo Alto Health Care System (VAPAHCS), 3801 Miranda Avenue, Palo Alto, California, 94304-1290.

Chaplain Marsha Davis will collaborate with the Volunteer Service and a Recreation Therapist for the Constitution Day, along with various lineage groups. Those in Colonial and Revolutionary costumes are welcome to join the SVSAR Color Guard for a hospital-wide photo at the American Eagle in front of Building 100 at approximately 1:00pm. On Constitution Day, September 17, 1787, only one item of business occupied the agenda of the Continental Congress, which was to sign and make official the Constitution of the United States of America.

The Announcement Poster for this event is posted on the SVSAR Website at the following Internet address: www.svsar.com/Events.





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November 1 & 2, 2007

CASSAR 132nd Fall Board of Managers Meeting



The 132nd Fall Board of Managers Meeting of the California Society, Sons of the American Revolution (CASSAR) will be held on Thursday and Friday, November 1 & 2, 2007, at the Hotel Mar Monte, 1111 East Cabrillo Boulevard, Santa Barbara, California 93103.

The tentative schedule includes a Hospitality get-together on Thursday evening, Breakfast Buffet on Friday morning followed by CASSAR and LAUX business meetings. Lunch will be on your own. The Presidio of Santa Barbara presentation will be at 3:00 pm on Friday. Closing out the Fall Meeting will be a Banquet on Friday evening

The Announcement Poster for this event is posted on the SVSAR Website at the following Internet address: www.svsar.com/Events.

November 11, 2007

Veterans Day Parade



The 89th Annual Veterans Day Parade will be held at 11:00am on Sunday, November 11, 2007 at Delmas Street, San Jose. The Parade begins at 12:00 noon in downtown San Jose on Delmas Street and ends at San Carlos Street.

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 County of Santa Clara. This year's Parade, the largest Veterans Day Parade in Northern California, honors all those who have served, and those who are continuing to serve their country.

The Opening Ceremony for the Veterans Day Parade begins on the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month with a memorial ceremony at Plaza Cesar de Chavez on Market Street in honor of the 1918 Armistice of the "War to End All Wars".

The Announcement Poster for this event is posted on the SVSAR Website at the following Internet address: www.svsar.com/Events.





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December 8, 2007
Christmas Social



The December SVSAR Chapter Meeting is our last meeting of the year and is immediately followed by the SVSAR Christmas Social.

The meeting is open to all SAR, DAR and CAR members, wives, children, friends and those interested in the SVSAR Chapter. The SVSAR Chapter Meeting will have a shortened agenda. The SVSAR Christmas Social will have non alcoholic eggnog and small hour d'oeuvres.

The Announcement Poster for this event is posted on the SVSAR Website at the following Internet address: www.svsar.com/Events.





2007 Chapter Information

2007 Officers

At the Chapter Meeting held on December 9, 2006, the following members were elected to the positions listed below by unanimous consent.

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