



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 fifth 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: May 19, 2007
Type: Chapter Meeting
Location: The Forum at Rancho San Antonio
23500 Cristo Rey Drive
Cupertino, California, 95014



Important Events

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Annual Meeting

May 26, 2007
Military Vehicle
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New Membership

Clyde Lee Ross will be inducted as a new Associate Member of the SVSAR Chapter.

Michael Patrick Moore will be inducted as a new Compatriot Member of the SVSAR Chapter.

Steven Roy will be inducted as a new Compatriot Member of the SVSAR Chapter.

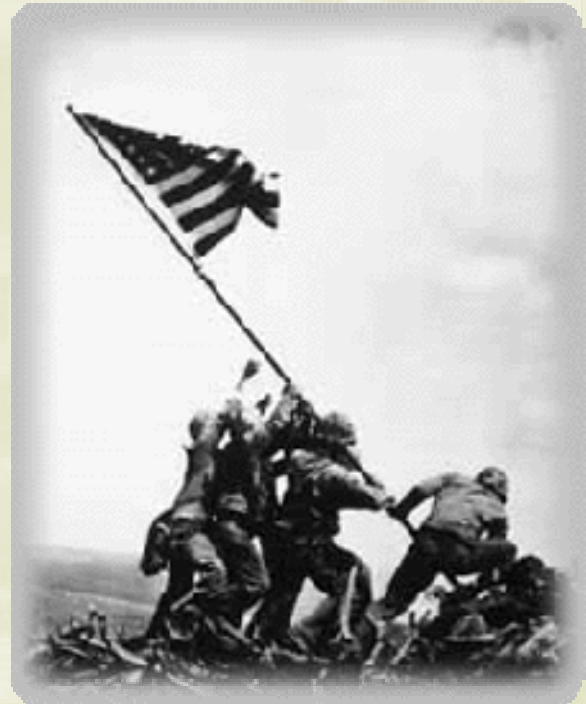
Recognition

Compatriot Leroy Vincent Epperson will receive the NSSAR War Service Medal & Certificate with the War Service Bar - World War II from Compatriot Allen Breed.

Compatriot Frank Harbour Grandle will receive the NSSAR War Service Medal & Certificate with the War Service Bar - World War II from Compatriot John A. Thompson.

Guest Speaker: "My Experiences as an instructor for the Iraqi police forces" by Master Sergeant Ray Pagan, USMCR

Ray Pagan is a law enforcement officer in the Central Valley and a member of the Marine Corps Reserve. He recently returned from a tour of duty in Iraq. While in Iraq he was an instructor for the Iraqi police forces. He will tell us about his experiences as an instructor, plus his impressions of Iraq, its people, and the progress of the war.





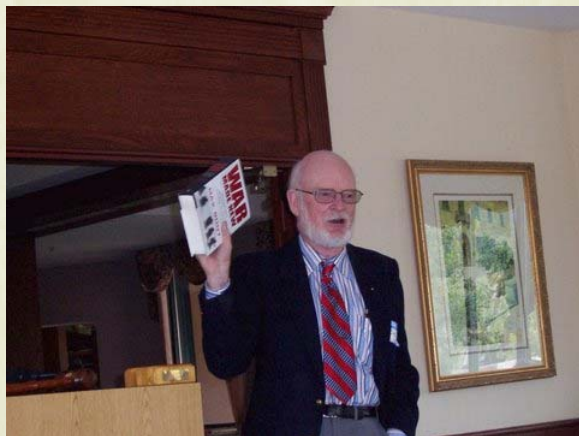
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New Membership



Above is a photograph of Craig Thomas Elrod (right) after he received the SVSAR Associate Membership Certificate and Pin from Charles A, Smart, III (left), SVSAR President. After his induction Associate Craig commented on his genealogical research.

Book Report



Above is a photograph of Compatriot Robert K. Loudon who presented a fascinating book report on "War Made New: Technology, Warfare and the

Course of History from 1500 to Today" by Max Boot.

Book Donation



Above is a photograph of Guest Clyde Lee Ross (left) and Compatriot Charles A, Smart, III (right), SVSAR President, holding the book "The American Heritage Book of The Revolution" by the Editors of American Heritage, Published by American Heritage Publishing Company, New York 1958. Mr. Ross graciously donated this book from his personal library to the SVSAR Library.





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War Service Medal

In the below photograph are Compatriot Allen Breed (left) and Compatriot Gerard LeStrang Cook (right) who received the War Service Medal with World War II Bar and Certificate.



After the award Compatriot Gerard LeStrang Cook shared with the membership a few of his recollections with the 10th Mountain Division in Italy during World War II.

In the photograph in the next column from left to right are Compatriot John A. Thompson with the family of Compatriot Rodney Lewis Mindling including Gayle Lombardi (daughter), Kim Mindling (wife of Carl Mindling), Carl Mindling (son) and Holly Boller (daughter).

The family of Compatriot Rodney Lewis Mindling accepted posthumously the War Service medal with World War II Bar and Certificate on behalf of their father.

After the award Gayle Lombardi shared with the membership her recollections of her father's experiences in the Coast Guard during World War II.





The American Revolution - Month by Month

Written by
Compatriot Andrew Jackson Stough, III

February of 1775



On June 17, 1774 the Massachusetts General Assembly meeting in Salem sent out a proposal to the representatives of all thirteen (13) colonies to meet in what would be known as a Continental Congress. On September, 5, 1774 the First Continental Congress met to try to diplomatically repair the damage done to relations due to the actions of the Parliament and the King since 1763 by drawing up petitions to the Parliament and the King to right the wrongs that the colonists felt had been done to them.

The powers in London took these petitions to be a further indication of the colonies' arrogance in defying the authority of the British government. The British government's reply was seen as another attempt by London to force its will on the colonies. At this point in time colonists looked upon themselves as much as British citizens as anyone living in the British Isles. Congress' only desire was to restore the old order and return to a life as loyal British citizens in the North American colonies, not as Americans who had lost all ties and allegiance to their King and country.

The First Continental Congress spent time protesting the imposition of taxes and imploring the Parliament to return to the old order of things. The First Continental Congress could well afford to take this approach since most of the colonists were not staring down the barrels of 10,000 British muskets. However, the people of Massachusetts were faced with incidents between the citizens of Boston and General Gage's 10,000 red coats. On May 17, 1774 General Gage returned to Boston as the Governor of the Bay Colony where he received a cool reception. Things did not go well between the General Gage and the people of Boston who remembered that the Boston Massacre had occurred during his earlier command of British troops in Boston. He had come with the instructions from London to beat to their knees the colonists of both the Port of Boston and the Bay Colony.

On June 1, 1774 General Gage established the Boston Port Act which closed the Port of Boston, thereby cutting off any sea-borne commerce or supplies to the city. If this were not enough the King had established the Quebec Act, which gave that Province all rights and territory to the French settlements in both the Ohio and Illinois territories. The Quebec Act gave to Canada rights greater than those given to





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the American Colonies. In addition, the Quebec Act cut off any westward expansion beyond the mountains to the English speaking colonies.

Perhaps it was paranoia but to Massachusetts it was an omen of what was to come. Such an act, and the imposition of troops on the populace, and the daily confrontations between troops and the citizenry had aroused the Bay Colony to consider means of self-protection from the redcoats.

A Provincial Congress held in Boston directed the towns to support not only the local militia, but to establish a rapid defense force – a select group to be called on a minutes notice to defend their citizens wherever needed. The Provincial Congress approved the purchase of guns, ammunition, powder and cannon to be stored for the day of need. In response General Gage sent troops to nearby Charleston and Cambridge to seize powder and cannon stored there. If previously there had only been suspicions, now there was concrete proof that General Gage intended to subject the colonists to brute force. Powder, shot and cannon were hastily gathered and stored while drilling of militia continued apace. New England, and Massachusetts in particular, prepared to defend themselves against the coming attack by General Gage.

Further proof came on February 26, 1774 when General Gage sent an expedition to Salem to seize military stores. A confrontation with local militia under the command of Colonel Timothy Pickering occurred at an open bridge. The possible collision between the two forces was resolved by the intervention of a minister who received a promise that the British would enter the town only for the purpose of searching for arms and munitions. The deal was struck, the bridge lowered and a fruitless search followed. The British returned to Boston without further incident. Two months later an incident at another bridge would change the fate of the colonists and their relationship with Britain forever.

References

1) "George Washington's War: The Saga of the American Revolution", Authored by Robert Leckie, Published by Harper Perennial, Reprint September 15, 1993, ISBN-10: 006092215X and ISBN-13: 978-0060922153

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May Membership Information

Anniversary

Name: Willis Sherman Clayton III
Anniversary Date: May 9, 1955

Name: Cray Timothy Foley
Anniversary Date: May 12, 1993

Name: John William George
Anniversary Date: May 12, 2003

Name: Richard James George
Anniversary Date: May 12, 2003

Name: Robert N. Grant
Anniversary Date: May 1, 1994

Name: Robert Kurtz Louden
Anniversary Date: May 12, 2003

Name: Ray D. Reynolds
Anniversary Date: May 17, 1990

Name: Wesley D. Sage
Anniversary Date: May 6, 1988

Name: Gregory Dennis Spence
Anniversary Date: May 12, 2003

Name: James Michael Spence
Anniversary Date: May 12, 2003

Name: John Thomas Watkins
Anniversary Date: May 7, 2004

Name: Matthew Thomas Watkins
Anniversary Date: May 7, 2004

Name: Robert Eugene Watkins
Anniversary Date: May 7, 2004

Birthday

Name: Michael Patrick Moore
Birth Date: May 2, 1941

Name: Christopher M. Palmer
Birth Date: May 3, 1951

Name: Bruce B. Roberts
Birth Date: May 22, 1946

Name: Clyde Lee Ross
Birth Date: May 5, 1920

Associate Membership

Name: Clyde Lee Ross
Induction Date: May 19, 2007

Compatriot Membership

Name: Michael Patrick Moore
Induction Date: May 19, 2007

Name: Steven Roy
Induction Date: May 19, 2007





May Membership Information

Member Honors



Compatriot Howard McDowell Peters, a patent attorney and founding partner of Peters Verny LLP, Palo Alto, California, was selected by council as one of two candidates for the 2008 president-elect of the American Chemical Society (ACS) from a field of four nominees prepared by the Committee on Nominations & Elections (N&E). Compatriot Howard, along with any petition candidates, will be listed on this fall's ballot.

The American Chemical Society (ACS) is a learned society (professional association) based in the United States that supports scientific inquiry in the field of chemistry. Founded in 1876 at New York University, the ACS currently has over 160,000 members at all degree-levels and in all fields of chemistry, chemical engineering and related fields. The ACS is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization. The ACS holds national meetings twice a year covering the complete field of chemistry, plus dozens of smaller conferences in specific fields. Its publications division produces several scholarly

journals including the Journal of the American Chemical Society. The primary source of income of the ACS is the Chemical Abstracts Service and its publications. Chemical & Engineering News is the weekly news magazine published by the American Chemical Society and sent to all members.





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 Forum at Rancho San Antonio at 23500 Cristo Rey Drive, Cupertino, California, 95014. The telephone number is 650-944-0100. 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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