



SIGNERS CHAPTER NEVADA SOCIETY
MEETING MINUTES – April 6, 2019

Call to Order: The monthly meeting of the Signers Chapter of the Nevada Society of the Sons of the American Revolution (NVSSAR) was held on **April 6, 2019**, at Giuseppe's Italian Grille, 2630 W. Horizon Ridge Pkwy., Henderson NV 89052. The meeting was called to order by President Charles B. Smith V at 9:02 AM.

Attendance: Our March meeting was attended by 30 people - 15 members, 2 candidates, and 13 special guests.

Blessing: Compatriot Larry Kesler provided us with an inspirational invocation and asked for a blessing on the meal we were about to share.

Pledge: President Smith led the group in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by the SAR pledge.

Introduction of Guests: Secretary Robert Till introduced our special guests at this meeting. The guests were Jan Thompson, Virginia Requa, Linda Mesinar, Eileen Hefner, Denise Selleck, Stephen Sinko, Alexx Green, Luiz Marzullo, Sandra Barth, Bob Barth, Sue Huron, Doug Pushard, and Beth Till.

Awards:

President Smith presented a certificate and Silver Good Citizenship Medal to Douglass Pushard. The medal is presented to persons of prominence in the areas of government (including military service) and other fields of endeavor. Mr. Pushard was recognized for his service in the Merchant Marine during WW II, his founding role in the American Merchant Marine Veterans Association, and other contributions to the community.

President Smith presented a Military Service Certificate to Compatriot Jim Farmer for his service in the U. S. Air Force, retiring as a Lieutenant Colonel, and leading Air Force development of military GPS systems.

President Smith also presented a Military Service Certificate to Compatriot Robert Till for his 8-year service in the U. S. Army Reserves, Signal Corps branch. He held the rank of Captain at the time of discharge.

Induction of New Members.

President Smith inducted a new member, Michael Bradley, sponsored by President Smith himself. Compatriot Bradley's patriot ancestor was John Woody who served under Gen. John Butler in the Hillsborough District Brigade (near Orange County NC). Compatriot Larry Kesler pinned the SAR rosette on Compatriot Bradley. President Smith also presented a Military Service Certificate to Compatriot Bradley for his service as an enlisted man in the U. S. Army.

President Smith inducted a new junior member, Brenden Hefner, sponsored by Compatriot Steve Early. Much of the work on the application had been done by Brenden's relative, the late Frank Huntley, a fellow compatriot of this SAR chapter. President Smith performed the swearing-in and Compatriot Early pinned the SAR rosette on Compatriot Hefner. Brenden's grandmother, DAR member Linda Mesinar presented Brenden with a SAR member badge and spoke of Brenden's patriot ancestors, James Osgood and William Douglass. Brenden is a freshman and the only one on the JROTC Drill Team at Sierra Vista High School. After high school, he plans to join the U. S. Marine Corps.

Minutes Approval:

1. The minutes of the March meeting, as prepared by Secretary Till, had been distributed to the membership via the Internet.
2. A motion to accept the minutes was made by Compatriot Jeff Gutting and seconded by Compatriot Larry Kesler.
3. The members unanimously approved the motion.

Officer Reports:

President, Registrar: President Smith submitted a monthly registrar report but made no additional comments at this time. (See Attachment 1.)

Vice President: VP Gutting reported on efforts to arrange presenters at all the ROTC/JROTC award ceremonies this spring and indicated that a few more volunteers are still needed.

Secretary: Secretary Till reported for Birthday Chair, Compatriot Joe DeBeauchamp, that there are 9 member birthdays during this month of April. Two members present today were acknowledged, Compatriots Don Hotchkiss and Fred Boughton.

Secretary Till also reported on recent communication about Giuseppe's staff member Joseph who has been a regular server for many of our recent breakfast meetings. Joseph has moved to Salt Lake City where he will be involved in the care of his in-laws.

Treasurer: Compatriot Al Conant gave the Treasurer's Report, indicating that the chapter currently has \$8,510.14 in the operating budget, \$3,438.30 in the scholarship fund, and \$13,371.21 in the scholarship savings account. (See Attachment 2.) He noted that the chapter has about \$3,000 in outstanding bills for the upcoming state meeting and about \$2,000 in bills for the summer bus trip to the Nuclear Test site.

The motion to approve the Treasurer's Report was made by VP Jeff Gutting and seconded by Compatriot Don Hotchkiss. The motion was unanimously approved.

Committee Reports: In the interest of time, there were no reports from committees at this time.

Old Business: None.

New Business: No new business was brought up at this time.

Announcements for Good of the Order:

Alexx Green, DAR member from the Valley of Fire chapter, announced that there would be a flag retirement ceremony on Saturday, May 4, at 10 am at the Veterans Memorial Cemetery. She acknowledged that this will occur at the same time as our regular SAR monthly meeting, but asked that we spread the word.

Compatriot Gary Parriott reported that the Nevada Society of Colonial Dames gave a \$25 donation to be put forward to our scholarship fund. He also noted that he and Larry Kesler participated in the presentation of colors to open the Colonial Dames' 37th Annual Conference with three "Pages" carrying the Colors for this most unique Color Guard.

Compatriot Parriott also noted that the chapter's Color Guard equipment has now been transferred to the safe keeping of Compatriot Tony Perry. A copy of the Inventory of Color Guard Equipment is attached for the record and future reference. Tony and Kris Perry will confirm the list as they find space to store the various items. (See Attachment 3.)

Compatriot Don Hotchkiss reminded the group of the NV Society SAR annual state conference in Tonopah next weekend (Apr 12-14) and added that there is still time to add people. He also mentioned that the bus tour of the Old Nuclear Test Site has a full bus scheduled but could add another bus if enough additional people are interested.

Program Speaker: President Smith turned the meeting over to Secretary Till, program speaker for today's meeting. Secretary Till (aka Dr. Robert Till) then gave a presentation on the Whiskey Rebellion that included background on the Revolution on the western frontier, involvement of his patriot ancestor David Smith, logic of and reaction to Hamilton's whiskey tax, the rebellion and political consequences, and the fate of rye whiskey from that time period to the present. The presentation ended with toasts acknowledging both the federalist and anti-federalist perspectives of that period.

Adjournment: The SAR closing was recited and the meeting was adjourned at 10:50 AM by President Smith.

The next meeting of the Signers Chapter will be at 9:00 am on May 4, 2019, at Giuseppe's Italian Grille.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Till

Secretary, Signers Chapter

Attachment 1
Attachment 2
Attachment 3