



SIGNERS CHAPTER NEVADA SOCIETY
MEETING MINUTES – July 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 **July 6, 2019**, at Giuseppe's Italian Grille, 2630 W. Horizon Ridge Pkwy., Henderson NV 89052. The meeting was called to order by Past President Don Hotchkiss at 9:08 AM.

Attendance: Our July meeting was attended by 19 people - 9 members, 3 candidates, and 7 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: Past Pres. Hotchkiss 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, Denise Selleck, Luiz Marzullo, Virginia Requa, Alexx Green, Ryan Ulrich, and Pichi Welsh.

Awards:

No awards were given at today's meeting.

Induction of New Members. No new members were inducted today.

Minutes Approval:

1. The minutes of the June 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 Larry Kesler and seconded by Compatriot Tommy Thompson.
3. The members unanimously approved the motion.

Officer Reports:

President, Registrar: President Charles Smith was not present today since he is attending national SAR meetings. His registrar report is attached to today's minutes. (See Attachment 1.)

Vice President: VP Gutting was not present at today's meeting.

Secretary: Secretary Till reported on communication from Compatriot Joe DeBeauchamp, our Birthday Chair, indicating that 10 chapter members have birthdays in July and will receive a birthday greeting from the Chapter. Compatriot Larry Kesler, present today, is among those with July birthdays.

Treasurer: Compatriot Al Conant reported that he does not yet have figures for the chapter's bus tour of the nuclear test site.

He gave the Treasurer's Report, indicating that the chapter currently has \$7,486.94 in the operating budget, \$3,586.30 in the scholarship fund, and \$13,373.31 in the scholarship savings account. He noted the recent \$1,000 donation to the chapter from Rodger Baker (friend of Secretary Robert Till) and indicated that a thank you letter had been sent from Pres. Smith. Figures are not yet available for sales at the chapter's fireworks booth. (See Attachment 2.)

The motion to approve the Treasurer's Report was made by Compatriot Larry Kesler and seconded by Compatriot Ben Allen. The motion was unanimously approved.

Committee Reports: In the interest of time, Past President Hotchkiss did not ask for committee reports.

Old Business:

Past Pres. Hotchkiss reviewed recent chapter activities. The bus tour of the nuclear test site went well. When all figures are in profit from the fireworks sales will probably be around \$2,000 or \$3,000. He thanked Compatriot Bill Jones for use of his generator, others for use of their trailer, and volunteers who helped staff the booth. A special note of thanks went to Luiz Marzullo who helped tremendously in the preparations and follow-up work for the fireworks sales.

Past Pres. Hotchkiss returned to the matter of format and frequency of chapter meetings. He described the informal meetings held by the northern Nevada chapter (Battle-Born Patriots) which have been called "Boys Night Out" gatherings, the possibility of our having formal and informal meetings for our chapter, and the possibility of new meeting locations for these events.

1. Secretary Till reminded the group of the motion, made and discussed at the last meeting that would change our chapter bylaw pertaining to chapter meetings. The motion was made, discussed, and amended at the June meeting to read as follows:

Meetings of the chapter may be held about six times during the calendar year, generally every other month, at a time and place designated by the Chapter President.

In accord with the rules pertaining to bylaw change, Secretary Till asked that the president should ask for any further discussion and then call for members to vote by show of hands on the motion. This was done and the motion carried by a vote of 8 yes and 0 no. Secretary Till then explained that the change would be implemented, as previewed in the calendar section of the agenda, with formal meetings coming up in September and November. Informal gatherings would be held in August, October, and December.

2. Treasurer Al Conant introduced the term "Compatriots' Muster" to refer to the informal gatherings that could be held on months without formal chapter meetings. He emphasized that these gatherings would be for social purposes, would allow us to greet new or prospective members, and would allow time for us to share stories about our patriot ancestors.

3. Past Pres. Hotchkiss confirmed that the O' Aces Bar & Grill on Decatur can be our new location for formal chapter breakfast meetings. It has a bigger, private room, better suited for speakers. Individual orders and individual checks are allowed.

New Business:

A first Compatriots' Muster has been scheduled for August 7, starting at 6:30 pm, at PT's Gold, a tavern located on Sunset Rd. (See attachment 3.)

Announcements for Good of the Order:

None today.

Master Calendar

Secretary Till identified several of the upcoming events listed on the calendar and asked Don Hotchkiss, as contact person, to confirm the change of dates for speakers previously scheduled for August and October meetings. He agreed and also noted that the September meeting (which will not change) will have Kevin Lord with an interesting presentation on his father's POW experience during World War II.

Adjournment: The SAR closing was recited and the meeting was adjourned at 9:34 AM by Past Pres. Hotchkiss. Breakfast was served at this point and members ate and socialized.

The next meeting of the Signers Chapter will be at 9:00 am on Sept 7, 2019, at O'Aces Grill located at 4955 S. Decatur Blvd, Las Vegas NV 89118 (just south of Tropicana Ave.).

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Till

Secretary, Signers Chapter

Attachment 1
Attachment 2
Attachment 3

Here Ye!

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Attention all Compatriots!

The first ever, Nevada Society
Sons of the American Revolution
Signers Chapter

Compatriots' Muster is Nigh!

Aug 7, 2019, Wed., beginning at 6:30 PM

Come one, come all, to the PT's Gold
1661 East Sunset Rd, Las Vegas Nevada
Right across the Runway at McCarran Airport

Notice! All members attending are required to:

Meet old friends, Greet new or prospective members,

Share your stories of the heroic acts of your ancestors,

and otherwise **Enjoy the company** of others so fortunate as to have had family willing to sacrifice and struggle to create this great nation.

Come and Hoist a Mug of Ale in honor of your Heroes

or merely enjoy the other libations and delightful dinner fare from the Pub

Note: People of bad spirit including Tory supporters need not attend.