



SIGNERS CHAPTER NEVADA SOCIETY
MEETING MINUTES – March 3, 2018

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 **March 3, 2018**, at Giuseppe's Italian Grille, 2630 W. Horizon Ridge, Henderson NV, 89052. The meeting was called to order by President Donald L. Hotchkiss, Jr. at 10:37 AM.

Attendance: Our March meeting was attended by 25 people - 17 Members, 1 candidate, and 7 Special Guests.

Blessing: Compatriot Joe DeBeauchamp provided us with an inspirational invocation and asked for continued blessing on us all.

Pledges: President Hotchkiss led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America and following this the SAR pledge was recited.

Introduction of Guests: As Secretary, Compatriot Robert Till introduced our special guests at this meeting. The guests were Virginia Requa, Elaine Kesler, Em Becker, Prentiss Eddy, Denise Selleck, Jan Butler, Luiz Marzullo, Alan Aimone (candidate), and Jeffrey Alpert (our guest speaker).

No awards or swearing-in of candidates today.

Minutes Approval:

1. The minutes of the February meeting, as prepared by Secretary Robert 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 Roger Goeb.
3. The members unanimously approved the motion.

Officer Reports:

President: President Hotchkiss gave no report at this time but was delighted to announce that the Chapter has volunteers to cover all 26 of the JROTC awards to be given out this spring.

Vice President Admin, Registrar: Vice President and Chapter Registrar Charles Smith is out of town at the national SAR Leadership Conference. His report, submitted earlier, is attached. (See Attachment 1.)

Secretary: Compatriot Till had no report at this time.

Treasurer: Compatriot Al Conant gave the Treasurer's Report. He indicated that the chapter currently has \$5,166.88 in the operating budget, \$3,764.30 in the scholarship fund, and \$13,362.02 in the scholarship savings account. Compatriot Becker moved acceptance of the Treasurer's report and Compatriot Larry Kesler seconded. The motion passed unanimously. (See Attachment 2.)

Committee Reports:

Facebook Chair: Compatriot Antonio Reyes was not present, but President Hotchkiss noted that our Facebook page is operational.

Veteran Committee Chair: The Honorable State President, and Chair of our Veterans Committee, Len Becker noted that he had received a thank-you card from the Veterans Hospital for useful items that our chapter has donated, and he reported that folks at the Fisher House (for veterans and families) were most appreciative.

Web Site Chair: Compatriot Tony Perry was not present, but President Hotchkiss noted that our SAR web site is also operational.

Birthday Chair: Compatriot Fred Boughton, as chair of our Birthday Committee, acknowledged several member birthdays in March by sending cards and he acknowledged birthdays of two members present today – Compatriots Tommy Thompson and Ben Allen.

Awards Chair: Compatriot Andrew Waller, recovering from surgery, was not present at the meeting.

Flag Certificate Chair: Compatriot Larry Kesler had no report today.

Member Bio Chair: Compatriot Al Conant reported that he had recently received on member bio and he reminded members that the bio form has been made available. Members are asked to fill it out.

Civic Awards Chair: Compatriot Antonio Reyes was not present.

Master Calendar Chair: Compatriot Till reported that he is making revisions to the master calendar to reflect accurately those upcoming events that are of interest and relevant to SAR activities. President Hotchkiss took this opportunity to mention the upcoming presentation to be given by Edwin P. Rutan II at the Civil War Round Table on March 27. The talk will focus on the 179th New York Volunteers during the Civil War.

Hat Fund Chair: The hat is here for anyone willing to donate.

JROTC Awards Chair: President Hotchkiss noted that the preparation is done for the upcoming JROTC awards that will be given at local high schools later this spring.

Eagle Scout Chair: Compatriot and Chairman Jay Chapman could not be present today.

Constitution Day Dinner Chair: President Hotchkiss noted that Compatriot Gravitt has agreed to coordinate the fall Constitution Day Dinner and a speaker has already been lined up – Mark Hall-Patton, Curator of the Clark County Museum.

Patriot Bio Chair and Chapter Color Guard Commander: State Color Guard Commander Gary Parriott is out of town at the national SAR Leadership Conference.

Heritage Moment Chair: No heritage moment today.

Fourth of July Fundraiser: President Hotchkiss mentioned this summer fundraiser organized by the Friends of the Fort and asked that we consider donating one hour of time to help. For each such hour, \$10 would be given to our chapter.

Old Business: None at this time. At a later time, there will be an After-Action Report on the George Washington Dinner.

New Business:

The most important new business has been our need to relocate our meetings. President Hotchkiss pointed out that we're here (at Giuseppe's) and this seems to be working out.

Other new business includes the upcoming state meeting (NSSAR) in Reno, April 13-15. Meetings, a dinner, and activities have been planned. We need to support this effort.

Announcements and Remarks for the Good of the Order:

The monthly leadership coffee meeting will be held at Barnes and Noble on March 16 at 9 am.

Members were encouraged to contribute to the Hat Fund.

The LV Round Table will meet on March 27 (as noted earlier).

Heritage Moment/Presentation

There was no heritage moment today, but special guest Jeffrey Alpert gave a presentation on the Kiel Ranch and North Las Vegas history.

Adjournment: The SAR closing was recited and the meeting was adjourned at 12:05 PM by President Hotchkiss.

The next meeting of the Signers Chapter will be April 7, 2018, at Giuseppe's Italian Grille. Watch for the announcement.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Till

Secretary, Signers Chapter

Attachment 1

Attachment 2