



SIGNERS CHAPTER NEVADA SOCIETY
MEETING MINUTES – November 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 **November 3, 2018**, at Giuseppe's Bar & Grille, 2630 W. Horizon Ridge Pkwy., Henderson NV, 89052. The meeting was called to order by President Donald L. Hotchkiss, Jr. at 9:06 AM.

Attendance: Our November meeting was attended by 16 people - 11 Members and 5 Special Guests (including possible transfer from CA Society, Mel Butler).

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

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

Introduction of Guests: Compatriot Michael Gravitt introduced our special guests at this meeting. The guests were Em Becker, Mel Butler (prospective transfer from California Society), Prentiss Eddy, Patty Maycumber, and Denise Selleck.

Minutes Approval:

1. The minutes of the October 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 Gary Parriott and seconded by Compatriot Roger Goeb.
3. The members unanimously approved the motion.

Officer Reports:

President: President Hotchkiss reminded everyone that Tuesday, November 6 is Election Day and that everyone should get out and vote. He mentioned that Signers Chapter elections will take place in January. A slate of nominees will be distributed at the December meeting and elections will take place at the January meeting. He reported that S.A.R. annual dues of \$50 are due in December. He mentioned that the Wreaths Across America event will take place on December 15 and that there will be a Signers Chapter Christmas party at the home of Luiz Marzullo that evening. He also mentioned that the George Washington Birthday Dinner will take place on February 23 and that the Nevada Society NSSAR Annual State Conference will take place April 12-14, 2019 in Tonopah, Nevada. Additionally, NSSAR National Congress will take place in Summer 2019 in Orange County, California, and President Hotchkiss announced the opportunity for Signers Chapter members to participate in a special all-day bus tour of the Old Nuc Test Site (NNSS) on June 17, 2019.

Vice President Admin, Registrar: (See Attachment 1.)

Secretary: No Report.

Treasurer: Compatriot Al Conant gave the Treasurer's Report. He indicated that the chapter currently has \$3,946.74 in the operating budget, \$3,695.30 in the scholarship fund, and \$13,367.57 in the scholarship savings account. (See Attachment 2.) He mentioned that Signers Chapter will receive \$5 from every wreath purchased through Wreaths Across America. We have currently raised about \$350-400 and those dollars will go to the Signers Chapter scholarship fund. He also mentioned that he is currently collecting 2019 dues from members. Because of Wreaths Across America and 2019 dues, there will be a swell in our account funds toward the end of this current year.

A motion to accept the Treasurer's Report was made by Compatriot Gary Parriott and seconded by Compatriot Joe de Beauchamp. The motion was unanimously approved.

Committee Reports: In the interest of time, Pres. Hotchkiss summarized activity within these committees unless there was something new or unique to be reported.

Facebook Chair: Compatriot Antonio Reyes continues to work on our SAR Facebook page.

Veterans Committee Chair: The group was reminded that Compatriot Len Becker continues to collect donations such as toiletries for use by veterans and their families.

Birthday Chair: Compatriot Joe de Beauchamp reported that there are 5 chapter member birthdays this month, including Compatriot Michael Gravitt.

Awards Chair and Civic Awards Chair: Pres. Hotchkiss is temporarily handling this. He mentioned we are searching for new awards and civic awards chairs. Nominations may be sent to his attention.

Flag Certificate Chair: Pres. Hotchkiss noted that Compatriot Kesler continues to work on the Flag Certificate Program.

State Conference Chair: Pres. Hotchkiss said that he is handling state conference matters and reminded the group of the meetings scheduled for next April.

Heritage Moment Chair: The schedule for monthly heritage moments has been filled for the rest of 2018 and into 2019. Please let Charles Smith know of your interest in giving a future Heritage Moment talk.

Old Business:

Wreaths Across America: Compatriot Al Conant announced that Wreaths Across America would take place at the Southern Nevada Veteran's Memorial Cemetery in Boulder City on December 15, 2018. He passed out forms that may be used to order wreaths. Order forms are due by November 27 to allow for submission and delivery. So far, 66 wreaths have been sold. Wreaths may be purchased online at the Wreaths Across America website (by doing a search for Signers Chapter on that site) or by using the order form and submitting it to Compatriot Conant along with a check. President Hotchkiss again reminded members that there will be a Christmas party on that same day at Luiz Marzullo's home in Henderson.

New Business:

Pres. Hotchkiss noted that we need a new chair for the Awards & Civic Awards Committee. We also need a color guard commander.

He also asks that if anyone knows a principal at a local private school, please let him know.

A new camp (#31) of the Sons of Union Veterans (SUV) is forming in Henderson NV.

Remarks for the Good of the Order: None.

Master Calendar:

Upcoming events were mentioned (and were noted on the meeting agenda).

Heritage Moment: Compatriot Joe de Beauchamp spoke on the topic of George Washington and the roll/role (pun intended) of Tabasco in the Revolutionary War. He also spoke about some of his ancestors and the role they played in the founding of America.

Speaker Program

Vice President Charles Smith gave a presentation entitled, "Commander-in-Chief Guards." He discussed George Washington's Guards and their role in the Revolutionary War.

Adjournment: The SAR closing was recited and the meeting was adjourned at 10:01 AM by President Hotchkiss.

The next meeting of the Signers Chapter will be at 9:00 a.m. on December 1, 2018, at Giuseppe's Bar & Grille.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Gravitt

Secretary Pro Tem, Signers Chapter

Attachment 1

Attachment 2