



SIGNERS CHAPTER NEVADA SOCIETY
MEETING MINUTES – September 1, 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 **September 1, 2018**, at Giuseppe’s Italian Grille, 2630 W. Horizon Ridge, Henderson NV, 89052. The meeting was called to order by President Pro Tem Al Conant at 9:14 AM.

Attendance: Our September meeting was attended by 18 people - 12 Members, 5 Special Guests, and 1 Candidate.

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

Pledge: President Pro Tem Al Conant 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, Todd Cofell, Alexx Green, Pat Maycumber, Jan Thompson, and candidate Ronald Moore.

Induction of New Members: There were no new members to be sworn in at today’s meeting.

Minutes Approval:

1. The minutes of the August 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 Ben Allen.
3. The members unanimously approved the motion.

Officer Reports:

President: President Pro Tem Al Conant reminded everyone that the Constitution Day Dinner will be on Saturday, September 22, and that the guest speaker will be Mark Hall-Patton from “Pawn Stars.” He also reminded everyone that Wreaths Across America is coming up in December and that annual membership dues should be paid in December.

Vice President Admin, Registrar: President Pro Tem Al Conant reported that we had 2 supplemental applications approved in August at the national level and we had one new approved junior member application in August. (See Attachment 1.)

Secretary: No report.

Treasurer: President Pro Tem Al Conant gave the Treasurer's Report. He indicated that the chapter currently has \$5,720.53 in the operating budget, \$3,422.30 in the scholarship fund, and \$13,365.45 in the scholarship savings account. (See Attachment 2.)

Committee Reports:

Veterans Committee Chair: Compatriot Len Becker continues to collect donations such as toiletries for use by veterans and their families. He recently delivered a 15-pound bag of collected toiletries to the VA Greater Las Vegas Fisher House. They were extremely appreciative. Compatriot Tommy Thompson asked if we would be collecting toiletries at the Constitution Day Dinner on September 22 and Compatriot Becker assured him we were. President Pro Tem Al Conant said we would provide a box at the dinner for collecting the contributions.

Birthday Chair: Compatriot Joe de Beauchamp reported that there are 8 chapter member birthdays this month, including Compatriot Henry Carter, a member who lives in Georgia and is the grandson of President Jimmy Carter, Anthony Reyes, and Leonard Becker, who was present at the meeting.

Awards Chair and Civic Awards Chair: President Pro Tem Al Conant announced that we are searching for new Awards and Civic Awards chairs. People should submit nominations to President Don Hotchkiss. President Hotchkiss is temporarily handling these two roles.

Flag Certificate Chair: Compatriot Larry Kesler, Flag Certificate Chair, announced that a Flag Certificate had been sent to Mount Mariah Lodge #39 of the Freemasons. Compatriot Larry Kesler is a member of that Lodge and mentioned that he is very proud of their display of the U.S. flag.

Constitution Day Dinner Chair: Compatriot Michael Gravitt mentioned that the date for the dinner is set for September 22 and the speaker will be Mark Hall-Patton, Administrator of the Clark County Museums and expert on "Pawn Stars." Members were encouraged to attend and submit their registration forms for the event.

JROTC Chair: Compatriot Michael Gravitt announced that he had updated the JROTC/ROTC spreadsheet with current contact information for Leadership Members at the various high schools and UNLV. He reached out to them via email to welcome them back for the 2018-2019 academic year and told them we look forward to working with them.

Master Calendar Chair: President Pro Tem Al Conant mentioned that upcoming events (from the Master Calendar) are printed on the bottom of the program for the meeting. He mentioned the Civil War Round Table, Executive Committee Coffee Meeting, Constitution Day Dinner, Nevada Society Annual State Conference in Tonopah, and the National SAR Fall Leadership Meetings in Louisville, KY. Compatriot Tommy Thompson mentioned that the Air Force JROTC is considering no longer allowing cadets to wear SAR medals on their uniforms. They consider SAR to be a fraternal society and therefore the medals are inappropriate. President Pro Tem said this issue would most likely be brought up at the National SAR Fall Leadership Meetings.

Hat Fund Chair: President Pro Tem Al Conant thanked everyone for their support of the hat fund. He mentioned that \$228 has been raised so far this year and that those dollars support the scholarship fund.

Old Business:

There was no old business to discuss.

New Business:

President Pro Tem Al Conant noted that we need a new Awards Chair and a new Civic Awards Chair. Nominations should be sent to President Don Hotchkiss.

He also noted that George Washington will be visiting local high schools. He asks that if anyone knows of a high school, please let President Don Hotchkiss know.

It is time to start thinking about Wreaths Across America.

A new camp (Senator Edward Dickinson Baker Camp No. 31) of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War (SUVCW) is forming in Henderson, NV. Compatriot Michael Gravitt mentioned that their organizational meeting will be right after the October Signers Chapter meeting and that email invitations will be sent to members this month.

Any ideas for Good Citizenship Medals should be sent to Compatriot Al Conant. Any community member may be considered for the medal.

Remarks for the Good of the Order: None.

Heritage Moment: Compatriot Larry Kesler spoke on "Dedication of a Corner Stone at the SAR National Library/Museum."

Speaker Program

Compatriot Jeff Gutting gave a very informative talk on Revolutionary War spies. He talked about Brian Kilmeade's *George Washington's Secret Six: The Spy Ring that Saved the American Revolution* and highly recommended reading it.

Adjournment: The SAR closing was recited and the meeting was adjourned at 10:17 AM by President Pro Tem Al Conant.

The next meeting of the Signers Chapter will be at 9:00 on Oct 6, 2018, at Giuseppe's Italian Grille.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Gravitt

Secretary Pro Tem, Signers Chapter

Attachment 1

Attachment 2