



SIGNERS CHAPTER NEVADA SOCIETY
MEETING MINUTES – September 7, 2019

Call to Order: The every-other-month meeting of the Signers Chapter of the Nevada Society of the Sons of the American Revolution (NVSSAR) was held on **September 7, 2019**, at O’Aces Grille, 4955 S. Decatur Blvd, Las Vegas NV 89118. The meeting was called to order by President Charles B. Smith V, at 9:11 AM.

Attendance: Our September meeting was attended by 31 people - 19 members, 3 candidates, and 9 special guests.

Blessing: Compatriot Joe DeBeauchamp 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, Denise Selleck, Doug Wood, Anita Wood, Elaine Kesler, Daniel Bass, Steven Fields, Don Hunter, and Stan Vaughan.

Induction of New Members. Pres. Smith carried out the induction for our new member, Aren Haug. Mr. Haug spoke about his patriot ancestor, Israel Keyes, who joined the Continental Army in Massachusetts and served as a Private. He was involved in several battles throughout the War, including the Battle of White Plains in New York.

Awards:

Pres. Smith presented the War Service Medal and Certificate to Lt Col James O’Dell, a member of our chapter.

Pres. Smith also presented Certificates of Appreciation to several individuals for their assistance and support in running the fireworks booth in July. Those recognized included: Robert Till, Larry Kesler, Al Conant, Jeff Gutting, Darold Haug (whose certificate was accepted by Aren Haug), Randy Balice, and Paul Bell. The fireworks sales generated \$2,400 for our chapter.

Minutes Approval:

1. The minutes of the July 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 Tony Perry and seconded by Compatriot Ben Allen.
3. The members unanimously approved the motion.

Officer Reports:

President, Registrar: President Charles Smith reported on several topics related to discussions and actions at the recent SAR Annual Congress, including the election of Compatriot James Fosdyck as our Western District VP General and National Color Guard Commander, revision of procedures for discipline and due process, and the awarding of the Houston Chapter Award to the Nevada State SAR for having the largest percentage of new members transferred from the CAR (Children of the American Revolution). President Smith also noted that, in his role as registrar for our state, he has had his busiest month ever, working with 11 eleven individuals on membership applications and materials. (See Attachment 1.)

Vice President: VP Jeff Gutting reported that planning is underway for the Constitutional Day Dinner on September 14 at the National Golf Club. The social hour will be from 5 to 6, then dinner, and then a speaker at 6:30. The dinner is co-sponsored with the Silver State DAR chapter and there will be a silent auction to generate funds for scholarships.

Secretary: Secretary Till had no correspondence to report on, but he mentioned that Pres. Smith, who also worked the fireworks booth in July, received a Certificate of Appreciation from State Pres. Don Hotchkiss.

Treasurer: Compatriot Al Conant gave the Treasurer's Report, indicating that the chapter currently has \$8,144.01 in the operating budget, \$3,586.30 in the scholarship fund, and \$13,374.75 in the scholarship savings account. (See Attachment 2.)

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

Committee Reports: In the interest of time, Past President Hotchkiss did not ask for committee reports (unless something new or important should be shared).

Compatriot Joe DeBeauchamp, our Birthday Chair, indicated that he sent out birthday wishes to 8 compatriots with birthdays in September and heard back from three of them. Compatriot Len Becker and his wife are doing well and are receiving home health care. Compatriot Antonio Reyes, and his wife Liberty who is on active duty, are expecting a third child. And, one of the Carter boys (great-grandson of Pres. Carter) is planning to join SAR.

Old Business:

VP Gutting brought up the matter of our chapter not having a color guard. Pres. Smith reviewed some of the issues and recent conversations he has had with Paul Hicks, Color Guard Commander for the Nevada northern chapter.

New Business:

There was no new business.

Announcements for Good of the Order:

Our speaker at the November 2 meeting will be Kevin Lord, presenting on the subject of his upcoming book about his father's WWII service as an airman on a B24 bomber and as a POW in Germany after he was shot down.

Master Calendar

Pres. Smith identified several of the upcoming events listed on the calendar and asked Secretary Till to lead discussion on the scheduling of our next Compatriots' Muster. Two dates were discussed and there seemed to be preference for the October 9 date. Two locations were discussed – PT's Gold, where the August muster was held, and O'Aces Grill, the

current location for our breakfast meetings. After some discussion, it was decided that the next muster will be at PT's Gold again (at 6:30 pm) on October 9. Future dates and places can be discussed at a later time.

Speaker Program:

Today's speaker was Ms. Denise Selleck whose presentation was titled: "A Brief and Incomplete Look at the Barbary Wars." She gave an interesting and informative talk on the difficulties for our new country's leaders and service men as they dealt with the widespread and well-organized piracy against American ships.

Adjournment: The SAR closing was recited and the meeting was adjourned at 10:45 AM by Pres. Smith.

The next breakfast meeting of the Signers Chapter will be at 9:00 am on Nov 2, 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