

**NEVADA SOCIETY**  
**SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION**  
**ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES – MARCH 12, 2016**

The 2016 annual meeting of the Nevada Society of the Sons of the American Revolution (NVSSAR) was held at the Peppermill Hotel and Resort in Reno, Nevada on March 12, 2016.

The 2016 NVSSAR annual meeting was well attended with numerous guests present. The listing of annual meeting attendees is on file in the NVSSAR Secretary/Treasurer's annual meeting file.

President Frank Gagliardi called the meeting to order at 4:00 pm and welcomed all of those present.

The Pledge of Allegiance and the SAR pledge were recited and Col. Edward Carson blessed the meeting.

President Gagliardi thanked the Nevada Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution (NSDAR) for permitting the NVSSAR to use their conference meeting facilities at the Peppermill Hotel.

President Gagliardi thanked Compatriot Roger Linscott and the NVSSAR Northern Chapter for hosting a very enjoyable dinner party at Louis' Basque Restaurant on Friday evening for all of those attending the NVSSAR annual meeting.

President Gagliardi introduced the distinguished guests; including NSSAR Inspector General (IG) Warren Alter and SAR Western District Vice President General (VPG) John Dodd; who were in attendance at the meeting.

Both IG Alter and VPG Dodd addressed the gathering and expressed their thanks for being invited to attend.

For their past and continuing service to the SAR's Western District, VPG Dodd presented District Meritorious Service Medals to Dr. Gene Butler and Brian Worcester.

NVSSAR President Gagliardi then presented the following awards to individuals who have exemplarily served the NVSSAR:

Distinguished Service Medal - Rev. Anthony A. Perry

Patriot Medal - David F. Hess

State Meritorious Service Medal - Roger E. Linscott

Robert E. Burt Boy Scout Volunteer Service Medal - Jay P. Chapman, Jr.

Silver Roger Sherman Medals - Fred W. Boughton, Jr.; Jay P. Chapman, Jr.;  
and James L. Graver

SAR Bronze Color Guard Medals - Dr. Gene P. Butler, David F. Hess,  
Gary B. Parriott and Brian I. Worcester

Daughters of Liberty Medal - Cindy Bell

Martha Washington Medals - Lynda Morrison-Rader and Kristina Perry

Certificates of Appreciation - IG Warren Alter, VPG John Dodd, Carol L. Allen,  
Jan Butler and John C. Ryland

Lydia Darraugh Medal - Carol Gagliardi

President Gagliardi recognized and thanked Compatriot Ben Allen for his 17 years of service to the NVSSAR as State Secretary/Treasurer and presented Compatriot Allen with a plaque engraved "In Sincere Appreciation and Recognition of Outstanding Leadership and Dedicated Services as Secretary/Treasurer".

President Gagliardi then recognized and thanked Compatriots Ben Allen and Rev. Anthony Perry for producing ***A History of the Sons of the American Revolution in Nevada 1910-2015*** and presented each of these compatriots with a handsome plaque and a Certificate of Appreciation. The income from the sale of this history will be credited to the Paul Jones Scholarship Fund.

The recipients of these awards were given a standing ovation.

NVSSAR Secretary Ben Allen reported that SAR membership in Nevada decreased from a total of 178 at the beginning of 2015 to 173 at the beginning of March 2016. The good news was that the Northern Chapter gained 5 members going from 71 to 76 but the Signers Chapter lost a total of 10 members going from 107 to 97. It is felt that the poor economy was the overall reason for the resignations of 12 compatriots during 2015.

Compatriot Allen regretfully reported the passing of Compatriots Joseph Carter, Almon Copley, Henry Fouts, Edwin Greenwood, Gale Hotchkiss and William Schmidt in 2015. They'll be sorely missed.

Compatriot Allen, as NVSSAR Treasurer, reported a balance of \$2,321 in the NVSSAR's operating account with all debts paid. Compatriot Allen also reported a balance of \$25,724 in the Paul Jones Scholarship Fund; \$25,000 of which is corpus and cannot be used for scholarship grants

Compatriot Allen reported that six (6) merit scholarships will be presented to deserving Nevada students this year. The scholarships to be given include two \$500 scholarships from the NVSSAR's Paul Jones Scholarship Fund, two \$500 scholarships from the Signers Chapter's Thomas Schick Scholarship Fund, and two \$500 scholarships from the Signers Chapter's Ladies' Auxiliary. Lisa Zeles, one of the scholarship recipients, was in attendance at the annual meeting and President Gagliardi presented her with her \$500 scholarship check. Ms. Zeles was moved by the presentation and thanked the NVSSAR for recognizing her with a scholarship.

There was no old business to be discussed.

Under new business, Compatriot Ben Allen moved that the bylaws of the Paul Jones Scholarship Fund be amended to permit the relatives of current members of the SAR and DAR to be considered for scholarship grants. Currently, the bylaws permit the consideration of only direct descendants of SAR and DAR members. The motion was seconded by Compatriot Brian Worcester and, after a brief discussion, was approved unanimously. A copy of the complete motion as presented is on file in the NVSSAR Secretary/Treasurer's annual meeting file.

Compatriot Dr. Gene Butler moved that the Nevada Society support Compatriot Jim Faulkinbury of the California Society in his quest for the position of Vice President General for the Western District. The motion was seconded by J. B. Coats and passed unanimously.

Compatriot Ben Allen, as chairman of the nominating committee, moved that the slate of officers as presented by the nominating committee be accepted. The motion was seconded by Compatriot John Ryland. There were no additional

nominations from the floor and the motion passed unanimously. While the report of the Nominating Committee is on file in the NVSSAR Secretary/Treasurer's annual meeting file, the major officers elected for 2016 include:

- President - Col. Edward G. Carson
- President Emeritus - Frank A. Gagliardi, Jr.
- VP South - Dr. Gene P. Butler
- VP North - David F. Hess
- Trustee - Brian I. Worcester
- Alternate Trustee - Dr. Gene P. Butler
- Secretary/Treasurer - Rev. Anthony A. Perry

Board of Trustees of the Paul Jones Scholarship Fund:

- President - Col. Edward G. Carson
- Vice President - Dr. Gene P. Butler
- Secretary/Treasurer - Rev. Anthony A. Perry
- Members at Large - Ben L. Allen and David F. Hess

The members of the nominating committee were thanked for their work.

There was no additional new business to be discussed.

The newly elected NVSSAR officers and Paul Jones Scholarship Fund Trustees were sworn in by VPG John Dodd. A standing ovation was given to the new officers.

Outgoing President Frank Gagliardi passed the NVSSAR President's medal and neck ribbon on to new NVSSAR President Col. Edward Carson. This medal and neck ribbon were donated to the NVSSAR by past state president Brian Worcester and traditionally are passed on each year from the outgoing state president to the incoming state president.

Incoming state president Col. Edward Carson presented outgoing state president Frank Gagliardi with a Past State President's pin and certificate. In addition, President Carson presented Compatriot Gagliardi with a Certificate of Appreciation and an attractive plaque to thank him for his service to the NVSSAR and to the SAR.

Under remarks for the good of the order, Warren Alter, who is a candidate for SAR Treasurer General, and John Dodd, who is a candidate for a position on the SAR Foundation Board, addressed the meeting. The members present at the meeting wished them both well on their quests.

Compatriot Allen noted for the record that the NVSSAR had once again presented the NSDAR with a \$200 donation to help them defray the costs of their annual conference and to thank them for their permission to use their meeting space for the NVSSAR annual meeting. President Gagliardi presented the check to DAR State Regent Morrison-Rader at the NSDAR's awards luncheon held earlier in the day.

Dr. Gene Butler reported that when he recently visited the SAR national office in Louisville, he donated a copy of ***A History of the Sons of the American Revolution in Nevada 1910 - 2015*** to the NSSAR Library and received a letter of thanks for his donation.

The SAR closing was recited and the 2016 annual meeting was adjourned by President Col. Edward Carson.

Respectfully submitted,  
Ben L. Allen, Secretary  
April 10, 2016