



California Society of the  
**Sons of the American Revolution**  
Gen. George S. Patton, Jr., Chapter

Minutes of the Meeting for  
9 January 2004

The Friday, 9 January 2004, meeting of the General George S. Patton, Jr., Chapter of the CASSAR was held in the downstairs banquet room of the Berylwood Officers Club, being called to order by Chapter Treasurer Ronald Risley at 12:00 p.m. pending the arrival of the Chapter President J. Stephen Hurst, which occurred almost immediately thereafter. Because of the attendance of the Conejo Valley Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution, introductions were made all around. Following the invocation, members and guests adjourned to the buffet. For the SAR, ten compatriots were present: President J. Stephen Hurst, Ron Risley, Frank Budroe, Joe Coffman, Don Wooldridge, Bob Taylor, Alan Buckley, Dick Hawley, Richard Caldwell, and Paul Brown. For the DAR, sixteen members were present: Chapter Regent Pat Griffen, Mary Brown, Dee Rickards, Mary Hurley, Lolita Smith, Joan Ayril, Ruth Marriott, Claudia Allen, Helen Wyers, Marie Harris, Helen Stewart, Anita Schmidt, Nancy Kilbourn, Yvonne Knerr, Donna McCullough, and Suzanne Makuch. Two additional guests were present: Rosemarie Risley and Earl Williams. President Hurst reconvened the meeting at 1:30 p.m.

It was announced that on 26 December 2003 President Stephen Hurst's son, Eric, had posthumously received the Carnegie Heroes Award for his heroic attempts to save the life of a young lady in Minnesota.

DAR member Dee Rickards, a docent at the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library, gave a well-received presentation of the library, its history and the docent work there.

The Treasurer's report was distributed: As of 31 December 2003, \$11,867.33 in total chapter funds were on hand, with 2004 state and national dues for annual dues-paying members still to clear.

The minutes for the 12 December 2003 meeting were distributed with no corrections noted.

Old business: none noted.

New business:

- The annual George Washington birthday ceremony will be conducted 22 February at Forest Lawn – Hollywood Hills/Burbank.
- Two new members were initiated: Perry O. Ward, Jr., of Oxnard and William M. Hurst of Englewood, Ohio.

- It was noted the April meeting will fall on Good Friday and should be rescheduled.

The meeting was adjourned following the SAR Recessional and Benediction, and a tour of the Berylwood Officers Club (Bard Mansion) was conducted for the DAR members by Rosemarie Risley.

Respectfully submitted, Robert Taylor, Chapter Secretary