



California Society of the  
Sons of the American Revolution

Gen. George S. Patton, Jr., Chapter

Minutes of the Meeting for  
**9 July 2004**

The Friday, 9 July 2004, meeting of the General George S. Patton, Jr., Chapter of the CASSAR was held in the library of the Berylwood Officers Club, being called to order by Chapter President J. Stephen Hurst. Following the pledge and the invocation, members adjourned to the buffet. In attendance were eight compatriots: President J. Stephen Hurst, Ron Risley, Joe Coffman, Alan Buckley, John Boyles, Richard Hawley, Frank Budroe and Robert Taylor; and one honored guest, Willette Budroe. President Hurst reconvened the meeting at 12:41 p.m.

The minutes for 11 June 2004 were distributed and approved as read.

The Treasurer's report was distributed and accepted with no changes.

The Registrar's report was presented and approved as written. New member application for Charlie Ward, 56, Apple Valley, was received. His grandfather, Charles Edward Ward was a member of SAR, ancestor being Major General Artemis Ward of Massachusetts. DAR membership number also cited.

The Chaplain being recently returned from vacation had no report to present. He will be out of town Sep and Oct for a reunion in Bend, Oregon.

Alan Buckley will be on a trip in August, and will present a report for the Sep meeting.

**Old Business:**

The Spirit of America award presentations in the Camarillo middle schools were very positively reported on. This was followed by a history of the awards in the Chapter, particularly the lack of a chairman to contact the various school districts and maintain the scope of the awards beyond Camarillo.

Additional information regarding the flag pole destruction incident that occurred during preparations for the Memorial Day ceremony (part of the effort to restore the St. Mary's Cemetery in Ventura) was reported on by President Hurst.

President Hurst reported on the Ventura photographer he will reenact, John Calvin Brewster. Mr. Brewster is descended from Mayflower emigrants, and Jedediah Brewster, who served in the Revolutionary War. Mr. Brewster also helped found the Presbyterian Church in Ventura and the YMCA.

Subject of Chapter membership e-mail addresses was discussed with intent to distribute monthly minutes and possibly a quarterly newsletter. Tabled pending investigation into available web services.

The national SAR newsletter for May/June was discussed, with special mention being made of compatriot Ron Risley's speech being printed in it.

### **New Business:**

SAR awards discussed. Two awards were presented last year to Pastor DeWitt and sheriff Chris Godfrey. The Medal of Appreciation was approved for Patty Longo, ex-Ventura mayor and outgoing DAR regent, to be presented at the proposed dual meeting. The Law Enforcement Commendation was approved for Oxnard police Chief Art Lopez. The bronze Good Citizenship award was approved for Steve Schleder, who started the Save St. Mary's Cemetery restoration movement, and President Hurst. The silver Good Citizenship award was approved for compatriot Dick Hawley, for his service as Grand Jury foreman. The Outstanding Citizenship award was approved for compatriots Don Wooldridge and Robert Taylor for service to the chapter. State Secretary to be informed.

Compatriot Floyd Shadwick, State Historian, has requested \$160 from each chapter to defray the additional cost of putting SAR archival records on CDs. Individual compatriot donations were matched by chapter funds for total of \$140.

The Chapter program was an interesting presentation by compatriot Frank Budroe on famous lawman Wyatt Earp, whose Revolutionary War ancestors were Pvt. Phillip Earp of Maryland and William Earp, who helped supply the Army and died 1778. The highs and lows of Wyatt's life were described, along with his 1929 death in Los Angeles, CA, due to prostate cancer.

The meeting was adjourned following the SAR recessional and Benediction.

Respectfully submitted, Robert Taylor, Chapter Secretary.