



California Society of the
Sons of the American Revolution

Gen. George S. Patton, Jr., Chapter

Minutes of the Meeting for
11 March 2005

The regular monthly luncheon meeting of the General George S. Patton, Jr., Chapter SAR was held Friday, 11 March 2005, in the library of the Berylwood Officers Club. Due to a serious automobile accident on Ventura Road that closed the Bard Gate, arrangements were made to admit our members through the Sunkist and Pleasant Road Gates. Those present ate lunch prior to beginning the meeting to give others an opportunity to arrive. The meeting was then called to order at 12:35 pm, by Chapter President Richard Hawley, followed by the opening ritual including the invocation and the pledges to the Flag and SAR. In attendance were eight compatriots: President Richard Hawley, J. Stephen Hurst, Jim Cary, Ron Risley, Richard Caldwell, Frank Budroe, Gary Smith and Bill Henry. Guests included Mrs. Bernie Smith and Mrs. Rosemarie Risley. President Hawley called for officer and committee reports.

The minutes of the meeting on February 11, 2005, were distributed, discussed and accepted.

The treasurer's report was distributed and approved. \$10,185.28 was reported on deposit as of February 28, 2005.

The registrar reported the chapter had received the supplemental membership application for Steve Hurst on his patriot ancestor, Elijah Athey. Bill Henry had completed his application for SAR membership and was now joining the chapter as an associate member pending approval of his application by state and national. Mark Drury had submitted his membership application and it had been forwarded to state and national for approval. Steve Hurst had submitted another supplemental membership application on his patriot ancestor John Pound.

OLD BUSINESS:

Steve Hurst reported that Dallas Nicole Woodburn of Ventura had been selected as the winner of the Knight Essay Contest. Her essay had been forwarded to the state chairman for consideration at the state level competition. The chapter voted that she be awarded a bronze good citizenship medal as the chapter winner.

Steve Hurst reported that no application had yet been received from a teacher for the Valley Forge Competition. Two packages had been sent to interested teachers.

Compatriots Hurst, Risley, Buckley, Budroe and Taylor attended in uniform the 23rd George Washington Birthday Massing of the Colors and Salute to the Armed Forces at Forest Lawn Memorial Park in Hollywood Hills. Due to rain the services were held inside in the auditorium at the Hall of Liberty.

NEW BUSINESS:

Compatriot President Hawley presented the supplemental membership certificate to Steve Hurst on patriot ancestor, Elijah Athey.

Compatriot President Hawley initiated Bill Henry into the chapter as an Associate Member and presented him with his associate member certificate.

Compatriot Jim Cary assumed duties as the Eagle Scout Scholarship Program Chairman for the chapter, and Ron Risley transferred the certificate stock and paperwork that was associated with that program to him.

Compatriot Frank Budroe announced that he would be in Oregon for the April meeting. Compatriot Gary Smith volunteered to assume the duties of chapter chaplain in his absence.

Compatriot Richard Caldwell, a Lt. Col. in the U. S. Army Reserve (Dental Corps) announced that he had been alerted for a six month overseas deployment beginning in April 2005. Compatriot Risley will assume duties as chapter treasurer in his absence.

The coming California State Meeting, April 15 and 16, in Costa Mesa CA, was discussed. The chapter voted to send Compatriots Dick Hawley and Steve Hurst as their voting delegates. Compatriot Ron Risley will also be attending but will be voting as a state officer in his capacity as Managing Trustee of CASSAR Invested Funds.

Compatriot Risley gave a talk on "Freedom: The American Dream - The American Responsibility". He traced the birth of freedom in America and how it spread throughout the World. And how we as Americans have a responsibility to learn our national history and work today to preserve our precious liberties as individual citizens.

The next regular Chapter meeting will be convened at Noon on Friday, 8 April 2005.

The meeting was adjourned following the benediction.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Taylor, Chapter Secretary