



California Society of the
Sons of the American Revolution

Gen. George S. Patton, Jr., Chapter

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Minutes of the Meeting for
8 April 2005

The regular monthly luncheon meeting of the General George S. Patton, Jr., Chapter SAR was held Friday, 8 April 2005, in the library of the Berylwood Officers Club. The meeting was called to order by Chapter President Richard Hawley. Following the invocation and pledges to the flag and SAR, the members adjourned to the buffet. In attendance were ten compatriots: President Richard Hawley, J. Stephen Hurst, Joe Coffman, Ron Risley, Alan Buckley, Richard Caldwell, Bill Henry, Gary Smith, Robert Colbern and Robert Taylor; and two guests, Mrs. Bernie Smith and Mrs. Rosemarie Risley. President Hawley reconvened the meeting following the luncheon, and called for officer and committee reports.

The minutes of the meeting for 11 March 2005 were distributed, discussed and accepted with one amendment. Amendment was to add the word "Valley" to the fourth line to read "Pleasant Valley Road Gates".

The treasurer's report was distributed by Ron Risley due to Richard Caldwell's deployment preparations, and approved. The decision to change financial institutions has been tabled until the treasurer's return. The proposal to raise the luncheon rate to \$15 has also been deferred. The source of the two investment CDs was explained by Ron Risley. The Spirit of America fund was created by Robert Nedry, who donated the money from the sale of items to provide Good Citizenship pins for deserving high school graduating class representatives. The Marie Johnson fund was donated by Norris Johnson in the memory of his wife.

The registrar reported Mark Drury's application was at National, while William Henry's application has not been logged at National yet. The supplemental application for Steve Hurst has also not been logged at National yet. Two prospective members have been contacted: Charles Ward of Apple Valley (ancestor Artemis Ward), and Raymond Duquette of Camarillo (ancestor Benjamin Allain). Gary Smith is preparing applications for his older brothers, Bob of St Paul, MN, and Bruce of New York City, NY. Discussion on SAR checking with DAR if earlier DAR lineages before 1967 are cited, and documentation requirements for Children of the American Revolution (CAR) followed.

No chaplain's report was presented due to the absence of the chaplain, who is in Oregon.

Old Business:

Steve Hurst reported the status of the Valley Forge Contest. He has received no response to his calls, although the selection process has been extended to the CASSAR business meeting 15 April. Stipulation is the nominee must be a high school history teacher.

Steve Hurst has been given the certificate and medal for presentation to the Knight essay contest winner, Dallas Nicole Woodburn. She has expressed interest in attending lunch for the presentation.

New Business:

JROTC outstanding cadets have been announced. For Oxnard High School, the outstanding cadet is Alex Amand, who will be presented the SAR JROTC medal by Joe Coffman at a 5 May ceremony. CAPT Farrell of Port Hueneme High School has selected Gabriel Mendez as outstanding cadet.

Scout Robert Walter Triol of Camarillo has attained Eagle rank, which was presented at Court on 19 March. He has joined the USMC, and reports to Boot Camp in July.

National reported that Jerry Berber of Ventura has renewed his membership with his dues payment; he had recently survived a bout with cancer. O.B. Dutton also renewed his National membership, but not Chapter or State membership.

The Chapter rebate paid to members buying a uniform, currently at \$100, was reviewed. At the time it was implemented, uniforms cost \$130. They now cost \$379. The rebate was then proposed to be increased to \$150, which was approved by vote.

Copies of the book "Rebels & Redcoats" by George F. Scheer and Hugh F. Rankin, originally published in 1957, were distributed to each member in attendance by the secretary for education and reference.

Joe Coffman was recognized after being mentioned in the Star newspaper as receiving the Advanced Insurance designation award on 15 March from the NAABC.

For the program, Ron Risley presented an excerpt on Lexington and Concord from the book "Why America is Free", distributed by the Mt. Vernon Ladies Association.

The next regular Chapter meeting will be convened at Noon on Friday, 13 May 2005.

The meeting was adjourned following the benediction.

Respectfully submitted
Robert Taylor, Chapter Secretary.