



California Society of the  
Sons of the American Revolution

Gen. George S. Patton, Jr., Chapter

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Minutes of the Meeting for  
**10 June 2005**

The regular monthly luncheon meeting of the General George S. Patton, Jr., Chapter SAR was held Friday, 10 June 2005, for the first time in the Garden Room of the Marie Calender's restaurant on Victoria Ave. near the Ventura County Government Center. The meeting was called to order by Chapter vice president Steve Hurst, due to President Richard Hawley's absence to Fort Collins, Colorado, for his grandson's graduation. The invocation and pledges to the flag and SAR were then given. In attendance were eleven compatriots: J. Stephen Hurst, Ron Risley, Bill Henry, Gary Smith, Robert Colbern, Alan Buckley, Hale Hamilton, Joe Coffman, Walt Yates, Ray Duquette, and Robert Taylor; and three guests, Mrs. Bernie Smith, Mrs. Joy Yates, and Mrs. Rosemarie Risley. Excused absences, besides Dick Hawley (who has suffered post-operation complications with a staph infection), included Frank Budroe, who is in Ashland, Oregon. Following a discussion on the menu, Ron and Marie Risley were formally thanked for their efforts in selecting Marie Calender's for our meetings. Steve Hurst noted he brought the award for Dallas Woodburn, our Knight essay winner, who was expected to attend, but apparently was unable to. Steve then called for officer and committee reports.

The minutes of the meeting for 13 May 2005 were read and accepted.

The treasurer's report was distributed by Ron Risley in Richard Caldwell's absence, and approved.

The registrar reported the applications for Gary Smith's brothers Robert and Bruce were approved in less than one month. Ray Duquette was in attendance today to receive his associate membership. Jim Shepherd's application is being worked on, and Bill Henry has 6 supplemental applications in process.

Due to absence, the chaplain's report was not presented.

Other reports:

One Eagle Scout candidate was submitted to Jim Cary for committee action.

**Old Business:**

Hale Hamilton, Joe Coffman, Murray Rickman and Steve Hurst (in uniform) attended the Memorial Day ceremony. Approximately 9 people were in attendance.

Gary Smith attended the Memorial Day ceremonies at Conejo Mountain, hosted by the American Legion.

The Chapter has been invited to the DAR's September meeting in Ventura.

Several stories regarding public reaction to the Revolutionary War uniforms were related.

Spirit of America awards are to be presented to the 4 Camarillo middle schools 15 and 16 June. A history of the award was given by Ron Risley. Presenters will be Bob Taylor (Los Primeros), Steve Hurst (Monte Vista), Mike Winters (Los Altos), and Ron Risley (Las Colinas). Ron Risley will also present the silver Good Citizenship award to Mr. Pat Fitzgerald as educator of the year. Discussion ensued as to adding other Ventura County school districts.

Recess was called 1234-1254 to eat lunch, during which a discussion of George Washington's lack of formal higher education was engaged in, his sensitivity to this lack, and his efforts in self-education.

**New Business:**

Copies of a booklet containing the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution were distributed by Ron Risley to the newer members.

Membership certificates for new members, Robert & Bruce Smith, were presented to Gary Smith, who participated in the swearing in for them in their absence. Ray Duquette was formally sworn in and presented with his associate membership certificate.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 1322 following the benediction.

Respectfully submitted

Robert Taylor, Chapter Secretary.