



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 July 2005

The regular monthly luncheon meeting of the General George S. Patton, Jr., Chapter SAR was held Friday, 8 July 2005, in the Garden Room of the Ventura Marie Calender's restaurant on Victoria Ave. The meeting was called to order by Chapter vice president Steve Hurst, due to President Richard Hawley's absence as a result of post-operative complications. The invocation and pledges to the flag and SAR were given. In attendance were ten compatriots: J. Stephen Hurst, Ron Risley, Frank Budroe, Bill Henry, Gary Smith, Robert Colbern, Hale Hamilton, Jim Cary, Ray Duquette, and Robert Taylor; and three guests, Mrs. Bernie Smith, Mrs. Shirley Hamilton, and Mrs. Elaine Colbern. Absences besides Dick Hawley included Joe Coffman, who had his knee surgically replaced today. Steve then called for officer and committee reports.

The minutes of the meeting for 10 June 2005 were distributed and accepted.

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

The registrar reported that four of the supplemental applications for Bill Henry's ancestors were submitted in June, with two more being submitted in July. Jim Shepherd has 4 to 5 supplemental applications in preparation. The registrar emphasized the importance of ancestor genealogy, and to ensure the facts fit and are supportable.

The chaplain's report was presented with no additional news to report. Frank will be returning to Oregon and will not be in attendance at the August meeting.

Other reports:

The Eagle Scout committee's report was submitted by Jim Cary. Four certificates were presented. The concept of an automatic presentation of the certificate upon attainment of the Eagle rank was agreed to, and Jim will talk to the Boy Scout Council.

The Spirit of America award presentations were reported on by the presenters (Bob Taylor, Las Primeros; Steve Hurst, Monte Vista; Mike Winters, Las Altos; and Ron

Risley, Los Colinas). Ron Risley also presented the educator of the year award to Pat Fitzgerald, principal of Los Colinas. Everyone was highly enthused by the experience. The lunch was served and a recess was called from 1235 to 1300. The cost for the lunch is now \$14 due to the sales tax not being computed previously. Bob Colbern announced he and his wife will be celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary, which elicited good wishes and congratulations.

Old Business:

The article in the 3 July edition of The Star newspaper regarding the movement to restore St. Mary's Cemetery was discussed, particularly how the momentum has increased of late.

Dallas Woodburn, winner of the Knight Essay contest, has been sent her award. She subsequently called and will attempt to visit with us in September.

New Business:

Information on the 2nd Annual Orange County potluck and barbecue was discussed and distributed. The barbecue is scheduled for 6 August, with RSVP requested by 29 July.

The program was a panel discussion on the Declaration of Independence, with Bill Henry presenting why there was a Declaration, Bob Taylor discussing who wrote it and when/where it was signed, and finally Steve Hurst presenting an overview of the signers. The program was well received by the membership, and it was felt this format should be pursued. The next panel will discuss the Battle at Camden, South Carolina, with Bob Colbern, Hale Hamilton and Jim Cary forming the panel

The next regular Chapter meeting will be convened at Noon on Friday, 12 August 2005, at Marie Calenders.

The meeting was adjourned at 1357 following the benediction.

Respectfully submitted

Robert Taylor, Chapter Secretary.