



California Society of the
Sons of the American Revolution

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Minutes of the Meeting for
12 August 2005

The regular monthly luncheon meeting of the General George S. Patton, Jr., Chapter SAR was held Friday, 12 August 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 twelve compatriots: J. Stephen Hurst, Joe Coffman, Dick Caldwell, Alan Buckley, Pastor Leonard DeWitt, Bill Henry, Gary Smith, Robert Colbern, Hale Hamilton, Jim Cary, Ray Duquette, Dick Hawley (who arrived later) and Robert Taylor; and two guests, Mrs. Bernie Smith and Mrs. Rosemarie Risley. Steve then called for officer and committee reports.

The minutes of the meeting for 8 July 2005 were distributed, corrected and accepted.

The treasurer's report was distributed by Ron Risley, and approved.

The registrar's report was not available, due to Ron Risley's sickness. Associate member Richard James McMullen will complete his SAR application following sister's acceptance by DAR.

The chaplain's report was not available; however, Steve Hurst reported out on Ron Risley's illness and hospitalization due to a kidney stone.

Old Business:

The Orange County potluck was discussed; however, no members attended.

The Knight Essay contest was discussed and explained, and a request was made for a Chairman volunteer. The contest is open to all high school seniors. The secretary was requested to distribute the Knight Essay package received via e-mail to all members.

New Business:

The annual selection of a middle or high school teacher to attend Valley Forge was discussed. Selection will be made next summer after the application process has been completed. A volunteer has been requested to be chairman for this worthwhile program. Question was raised whether a private school teacher would be eligible; Steve Hurst to obtain an answer for the members.

Jim Cary provided a report on the Boy Scout committee; no additional information.

The program was a panel discussion on the origins of the Revolutionary War, culminating with the Battle at Camden, SC, and the final battles in the south, leading to Yorktown. Bob Colburn initiated the discussion, which was interrupted by the lunch (1235-1305), followed by Hale Hamilton and Jim Cary. The program was well documented, interesting and well-received by the membership.

The next regular Chapter meeting will be convened at Noon on Friday, 9 September 2005, at Marie Calenders. In addition, for those who can attend, the chapter has been invited to attend the September DAR meeting.

Dick Hawley mentioned his 2 operations plus infection, which prevented his attendance and slow recovery, and will be absent from the September meeting due to an Alaskan cruise (4-11 September) for his wife and him.

The program for next month will be presented by Hale Hamilton, Joe Coffman and Bob Taylor, and will cover the Naval side of the Revolutionary War, with Hale presenting John Paul Jones, Joe Coffman the American privateers, and Bob Taylor the French involvement.

The meeting was adjourned at 1354 following the benediction.

Respectfully submitted

Robert Taylor, Chapter Secretary.