



California Society of the  
Sons of the American Revolution

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Minutes of the Meeting for  
**14 July 2006**

The regular monthly luncheon meeting of the General George S. Patton, Jr., Chapter SAR was held Friday, 14 July 2006, in the Garden Room of Marie Callender's restaurant, 1295 S. Victoria Ave., Ventura. The meeting was called to order by Chapter president Dick Hawley. In attendance were thirteen compatriots: Dick Hawley, Ron Risley, Harvey Bing Smith, Gary Smith, Dick McMullen, Richard Caldwell, Bill Henry, Jim Cary, Steve Colbern, Bob Colbern, Hale Hamilton, Frank Budroe, and Robert Taylor; and eight guests, Mrs. Rosemarie Risley, Mrs. Bernie Smith, Mrs. Shirley Hamilton, Mrs. Sunny McMullen, and Ron Risley's grandson, Richard Risley, member of Youth SAR.

President Hurst then called for officer and committee reports.

The minutes of the meeting for 9 June 2006 were read and approved.

The treasurer's report was read, corrected on number of meals reported and approved.

The registrar's report was read. Four new member applications have been approved by National. These four are Steven G. Colbern (ancestor Daniel Hallock, NY Continental Line), Harvey B. Smith (ancestor Moses Smith, MA Committee of Safety), Richard McMullen (ancestor PVT Benjamin Hall, MY Militia), and Spencer McMullen (ancestor Benjamin Hall, NY Militia). Three new member applications have been received at National and are pending. These are Randy Winton (ancestor ENS William Campbell, VA Continental Line), Jerry Winton (ancestor ENS William Campbell, VA Continental Line), and Nathan Winton (ancestor ENS William Campbell, VA Continental Line). Pres Dick Hawley has nine supplemental applications pending for his ancestors Comfort Chaffee (PVT, MA Continental Line), Ebenezer Chamberlain (PVT, NH Militia), Ebenezer Brooks (PVT, CT Militia), Simeon Pepper (PVT, MA Line), William Hanks (PVT, MA Militia), Nathaniel Lewis (PVT, CT Militia), Elisha Catlin (PVT, CT Line), Abraham Catlin (PVT, CT Militia), and Joseph Jones (PVT, MA Line). Robert Taylor is gathering supporting documentation for one supplemental application (ancestor PVT Michael O'Hair, VA Militia). Five prospective members are pending. It was reported that Roger Sheeley, who was Secretary in 1991, and Chaplain 1994-1995, has passed away. His wife Holly passed away earlier.

There was no chaplain's report.

Steven Colbern was presented with his membership certificate and sworn in. He provided a presentation on his ancestor, Daniel Hallock, who was aide to GEN Putnam, and a genealogical review. This was followed by the presentation of Spencer McMullen's membership certificate to his father, Richard McMullen, who stood in for him. Richard was accompanied by his wife, Sunny. Finally, the membership certificate for Harvey Bing Smith was presented.

**New Business:**

Nominations for officers to serve in 2007 are due, and a volunteer chairman for the Nominating Committee was requested.

**Old Business:**

The Pleasant Valley School District has sent a letter of thanks for the Spirit of America award presentations.

The Law Enforcement Commendation medal was presented by Pres Hawley to Greg Totten, Ventura County District Attorney, this morning.

Gary Smith moved that the silver Citizenship award be presented to Mike Morgan, Camarillo mayor. Motion was seconded and approved.

Certificates were sent to two Simi Valley Boy Scouts who had attained Eagle Scout.

Richard McMullen presented a short presentation on Ellis Island as a prison camp, jail ships, and the British inhumane treatment of American prisoners.

Possibility of obtaining name tags for members was discussed, and the Secretary was tasked to investigate and report back.

It was recommended the two Somis boys who saved the pilot of a private airplane after it crashed be presented an award for heroism.

The program was presented by Pres Hawley, which consisted of an explanation of the Ventura County Grand Jurys and its operations, along with a short history of the Grand Jury system.

The meeting was adjourned following the benediction.

Respectfully submitted

Robert Taylor, Chapter Secretary.