



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 November 2006

The regular monthly luncheon meeting of the General George S. Patton, Jr., Chapter SAR was held Friday, 10 November 2006, in the Garden Room of Marie Callender's restaurant, 1295 S. Victoria Ave., Ventura. The meeting was called to order by Chapter registrar Ron Risley. President Dick Hawley is recovering following surgery, and Vice president Steve Hust is in Virginia for a seminar. In attendance were eight compatriots: Ron Risley, Richard Caldwell, Frank Budroe, Bill Henry, Ward White, Harry Brown, Ray Duquette, and Bob Taylor; one distinguished guest and program presenter Mr. David Nichols; and three guests, Mrs. Willette Budroe, Mrs. Rosemarie Risley, and Mrs. Marion Brown. In addition to the absence of compatriots Hawley and Hurst, Gary Smith is in Germany, and Hale Hamilton is on a trip.

The invocation was given by compatriot Budroe, followed by the pledges to the Flag and the SAR.

Old Business:

Ventura County Fire Chief Bob Roper sent a letter of thanks to the chapter for the Fire Safety Commendation award awarded to him; his letter was read.

Compatriot Risley reported on the state meetings held in Folsom, CA. There is a new contest for the best chapter in the state. Our chapter is considered medium sized. Monthly reports are required, and our chapter was presented with several awards for permanent retention due to the number of times won.

Ron Risley reported on the status of the state meetings to be held in Santa Barbara the 1st week of Nov 2007. The hotel has not yet been selected.

Reports: The following reports were presented:

The treasurer's report was read, discussed, and approved. The chapter's funds will be left with Bank of America.

The minutes for the meeting of 13 October 2006 was read, corrected, and approved.

The registrar's report was read. NSSAR has requested additional documentation for Bob Colbern's application. The membership applications for Alan Henrikson and Ray Duquette have been approved by NSSAR, and the application for Frank Henry of Woodbridge, VA, has been submitted to NSSAR. The supplemental applications for Bob Taylor (1), Dick Hawley (3), Hale Hamilton (2), and Richard McMullen (1) are pending at NSSAR.

There were no chaplain's or committee reports.

Ray Duquette was presented with his certificate, and formally sworn in. His application was unique in most records being in French.

New Business:

The slate of chapter officers for 2007 was presented and elected.

The color guard for the Veteran's Day ceremony at Ivy Lawn Memorial Park will be Frank Budroe, Alan Buckley, Ron Risley and Bob Taylor. They are eligible for the Color Guard medal.

Chapter dues were discussed. They have not changed from \$10 since chapter formed in 1977, while most are \$15 to \$20. Motion made to raise dues to \$12, carried.

Ron Risley commended Steve Hurst for work performed as state broker, which allowed state to earn a substantial income by nature of being part of a special fund.

Program: The program was presented by our guest, Dave Nichols of Green Thumb Nursery, and consisted of a description with samples of the various plants and flowers prevalent in the America of Revolutionary War times. Of particular interest were the plants used for medicinal purposes. The program was the work of Rosemarie Risley, and was very well received.

It was announced that compatriot Chuck Bennett will be signing copies of his veterans book at the Reagan Library.

The next meeting will be the annual Christmas meeting on Friday, 8 December 2006. The new officers will be installed.

The meeting was adjourned following the benediction by Frank Budroe.

Respectfully submitted

Robert Taylor, Chapter Secretary.