



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 October 2008**

The regular monthly luncheon meeting of the General George S. Patton, Jr., Chapter SAR was held Friday, 10 October 2008, in the Garden Room of Marie Callender's Restaurant, 1295 S. Victoria Ave., Ventura, CA. The meeting was called to order by Chapter President Bill Henry with Compatriot Gary Smith giving the Invocation, followed by the Pledge to the Flag and the Pledge to the SAR. In attendance were eighteen compatriots: President Bill Henry, Vice President Ward White, Registrar Ron Risley, Treasurer Richard Caldwell, Past Presidents Steve Hurst and Hale Hamilton, Bob Taylor, Gary Smith, Ken Lynch, Dick McMullen, Bob Colbern, Steve Colbern, Bill Bays, David Bosworth, Bill Hurley, Lou Kreuzer, George Horne, associate member Garland Middleton. One Chapter Youth Registrant, Mr. Garrett Colbern, was in attendance. The eleven guests included our guest speaker and wife of compatriot Dick McMullen, Dr. Sunny Vasquez McMullen, and compatriots' wives Mrs. Rosalee Middleton, Mrs. Lois Lynch, Mrs. Rosemarie Risley, Mrs. Shirley Hamilton, Mrs. Darian Taylor, Mrs. Betsy Horne, Mrs. Mary Hurley, Mrs. Bernie Smith, Mrs Elaine Colbern, Mrs. Karen Bosworth.

Reports: Reports were given by the following officers:

The Secretary Bob Taylor presented the minutes of the 12 September chapter meeting, which were approved as read.

The Treasurer Richard Caldwell presented the treasurer's report, which was approved as submitted.

The Registrar Ron Risley presented the registrar's report. Changes from last month include the membership application for Dr. Robert E. Jordan (patriot ancestor Mark Snow, MA militia) was approved by NSSAR 7 Aug. The membership application for Louis Kreuzer II (ancestor Pvt Griffin Lewis, VA) was received by NSSAR 9 Sep; pending. The membership application for Rick Manzer is ready for signature. The supplemental application for Gilbert Anema (patriot ancestor Pvt. Alexander Tucker, MD militia) was received by NSSAR 22 Sep, and is pending, while the supplemental application for David Bosworth (patriot ancestor Pvt. Daniel Driggs, CT militia) was sent to CASSAR 1 Oct, also pending. Steve Hurst received a thank-you note from Dr. Jordan.

President Henry presented the Youth Registrant certificate to Garrett Colbern, grandson of compatriot Robert Colbern (compatriot ancestor Daniel Hallock, NY line of the Continental Army); while Dr. Robert E. Jordan (patriot ancestor Mark Snow, MA militia Apr 1775 through Sep 1778) was presented his membership certificate and sworn in as a full member in absentia through surrogate Ron Risley.

Chaplain Gary Smith reported a card of condolence had been sent to former associate member Ed Seaman, whose wife has recently passed away. Bill Hurley reported on his condition after shattering his arm with a fall at home, and his consequent 7-hour operation and lengthy recovery.

Standing committee reports:

Recognition:

Ward White voiced concern over the membership non-attendees.

Bob Colbern reported he had delivered medals to ROTC & JROTC cadets during April, May and June.

Ivy Lawn Memorial Park is conducting Veterans Day ceremonies on Tuesday, 11 Nov (1100-1200), and the Chapter Color Guard will participate. Compatriots Hale Hamilton, Steve Hurst, Ron Risley and Bob Taylor will compose the Color Guard.

The Ventura Chapter of the Veterans of WW II will be closing, with the remaining members being incorporated into the Conejo Chapter.

Garland reported on the preparations for displaying the flags at Ivy Lawn, and invited members to assist. There will be a work party 1 Nov to tidy up the area, the flags will be installed 8 Nov and taken down 15 Nov.

The Knight Essay article has been published in the newspaper after 5 attempts, and President Henry may request members to assist as judges.

Ward White encouraged the members to invest in SAR uniforms, for which the Chapter provides a \$150 rebate.

Bob Taylor introduced his new wife, Darian; they were married 19 Sep.

Chapter Development:

Ron presented the keys to a successful Chapter: Recruitment (need new members), Participation (all members active), and Leadership (with new slate, members encouraged to support).

Budget:

Nothing to report. CDs were discussed; Steve Hurst stocks are down 40%, comparable to 1987; currently in recession, not depression. Money from CDs will be deposited in interest-bearing savings accounts.

Nominating Committee:

President Henry reported the slate of officers for 2009 will be presented at the Nov meeting for election. Those with leadership aspirations were encouraged to contact Steve Hurst, and nominations will be accepted from the floor. The officers will take office in January 2009. The slate of officers for 2009 are:

President: Ward White

Vice President: Robert Taylor

Secretary: Gil Anema
Treasurer: Bill Bayes
Registrar: George Horne
Chaplain: Gary Smith
Historian: Hale Hamilton

Old Business: None

New Business:

The CASSAR Board of Managers will be meeting 7-8 Nov in Burlingame, CA, to vote on proposed by-law changes. Dick Hawley will be attending in the absence of Bill Henry and Ron Risley.

Congratulations were given to Garland and Rosalee Middleton, who are celebrating their 56th wedding anniversary today.

President Henry announced that AOL will no longer host the Chapter's website, and Alan Buckley has requested assistance in setting it up with Roadrunner. Gary Smith offered to assist.

The possibility of offering ancestor name tags to the members was discussed as a potential money-maker for the Chapter.

Program: Following lunch, Bill Henry introduced the guest speaker, Dr. Sunny McMullen, possessor of two PHDs (Education and Latin Studies), who gave an interesting history on the participation of Spain in the Revolutionary War. Starting with the Spanish involvement in the New World, Dr. McMullen described the extent of the Spanish territories, and the financial and material provisions to the Colonies during their war with Britain. Her research also uncovered her mother's ancestor, who was a soldier in the army of Bernardo de Galvez, who captured Fort Bute (or Manchac) in Louisiana from the British. The presentation was well received, and generated considerable discussion. At the conclusion of the presentation, President Henry presented Dr. McMullen with a certificate of appreciation.

Closing: The meeting was adjourned following the SAR recessional and the benediction by Gary Smith.

Respectfully submitted by,

Robert Taylor, Chapter Secretary.