



California Society of the
Sons of the American Revolution
Gen. George S. Patton, Jr., Chapter

Minutes of the **13 April 2012** Meeting

(Website: <http://pattonpatriots.org/>)

The regular monthly luncheon meeting of the General George S. Patton, Jr., Chapter SAR was held Friday, 13 April 2012, in the Garden Room of Marie Callender's Restaurant, 1295 S. Victoria Ave., Ventura, CA. The meeting was called to order by Vice President Bill Bays. President, Bill Hurley was in Sacramento attending the CASSAR Convention. The Invocation was given by Ward White, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and the Pledge to the SAR.

In attendance were eight Compatriots: Vice President Bill Bays, Treasurer Gene Cooper, Registrar Eric Stassforth, Ward White, Dr. Bill Henry, Richard McMullen, George Horne, and Ron Risley. The six guests were the speaker Ed Lynch, Compatriot's wife Dr. Sunny Vazquez-McMullen, Donald Bennett, John Short, Donovan Rundle and Carl Wade.

Member and guest introductions were made. Birthdays for Ron Risley, Gil Anema, Ed Holt, Joe Coffman and Louis Hanks were recognized by Bill Bays

President Hurley informed the Chapter of the loss of Ann Hawley, Compatriot Dick Hawley's beloved wife of 60 years, on 26 February. Services will be held at the Sunset Hills Country Club, Erbes Rd in Thousand Oaks, 21 April from 4-7 PM.

Reports:

Due to the absence of Secretary Gil Anema, no minutes were presented.

Treasurer Gene Cooper presented the treasurer's report. The report was approved as read.

Ron Risley presented the registrar's report due to the anticipated late arrival of Registrar Eric Stassforth:

Prospective members being assisted include: Dan Cormode of Ventura; Denis Murphy, Trevor Ashton & Dale DeHart of Camarillo; Jim Wiley & Robert (Bob) Steenberge of Thousand Oaks; Chuck Dollison of Newbury Park; and Chris Lowe, Michael Ford, Dennis Crandall, Steve hall, Dennis Jacobs, Ric Clark, Brian Foote, Brett Higby, Wm. Donovan Rundle (now ready to submit to CASSAR), Harry Copeland, Jack Short, Carl Wade and Trevor Ashton (approved, but name misspelled which will delay until next meeting).

New application for Hal Reniger (ancestor Nathaniel Butterfield) was received by NSSAR, who referred some questions back for response.

Supplemental applications for David Armstrong (ancestor Samuel Daggett Sr.) & Stephen Moeser (ancestor Soloman Ferre) were received at NSSAR. Stephen Moeser's genealogy was approved.

Old Business:

- April 21 there will be a get together to commemorate the life of Ann Hawley, wife of compatriot Dick Hawley at the Sunset Hills Country Club located at 4155 Erbes Rd. in Thousand Oaks from 4-7 pm.

New Business:

- Vice President Bill Bays asked for a vote for Bob Taylor to replace deceased Chaplin, Garland Middleton. Ron Risley objected by stating that no vote was necessary to make the change. Even though Bays did not agree, he did not press the matter and it was dropped (or deferred until the next meeting if President Hurley agrees that we need a formal vote).
- Vice President Bays advised members that a color version of the Compatriot is available on the website. A black and white version has been mailed.
- Vice President Bill Bays notified members that the San Diego Chapter of the DAR and CAR are arranging the 2nd annual Flag Day Celebration onboard the U.S.S. Midway Museum on 16 June. Members were asked if there was interest for the chapter color guard members or individuals to attend. The matter was deferred until the next meeting due to low attendance at the suggestion of Ron Risley.
- Compatriot Ron Risley presented the biography of deceased Chaplin Garland Middleton. The thorough biography was well-received by everyone in attendance.

Program:

Ed Lynch gave an interesting slide presentation about the Veterans History Project at the Library of Congress. Ed shared several interesting profiles of individuals who had recorded war their experiences. The project has recorded veterans from World I through the Gulf War and Afghanistan. Ed is looking for veterans to come forward and record their unique stories. Visit www.loc.gov/vets to print out an information kit or call Ed Lynch at 805 833-4785.

Next Meeting:

Friday, 11 May 2012 – Scheduled speaker will be Bob Gilliland test pilot of the world's fastest jet, the SR-71 "Blackbird".

Closing: The meeting was adjourned following the SAR recessional and the benediction by Ward White.

Respectfully submitted by,
Bill Bays, Acting Chapter Secretary