



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

Minutes of the **13 July 2012** Meeting

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

The regular monthly luncheon meeting of the General George S. Patton, Jr., Chapter SAR was held Friday, 13 July 2012, in the Garden Room of Marie Callender's Restaurant, 1295 S. Victoria Ave., Ventura, CA. The meeting was called to order by President Bill Hurley. The Invocation was given by Chaplain Bob Taylor, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and the Pledge to the SAR.

In attendance were fourteen Compatriots: CASSAR Executive Vice President Steve Hurst, CASSAR VP South Kent Gregory, President Bill Hurley, Vice President Bill Bays, Treasurer Gene Cooper, Registrar Eric Stassforth, Bob Colbern, Bill Henry, Ken Lynch, Dick McMullen, Ron Risley, Dan Sword, Bob Jordan, and Robert Taylor. The thirteen guests included the speaker, Rev. Dr. Gary Alan Dickey; Prospective Compatriots Carl Wade, Harry Copeland, Chris Pornyuer and Jack Short; Compatriots' wives Carolyn Cooper, Sunny McMullen, Rosemarie Risley, Barbara Sword and Elizabeth Copeland; and guests Gary Dickey, James McGinley and Jim Cary.

Member and guest introductions were made. Birthdays for Mark Drury, Alfred Siegel and Richard Caldwell were recognized by President Hurley.

**Reports:**

Due to the absence of the secretary, Bob Taylor presented the minutes for June 2012; minutes were approved.

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

Registrar Eric Stassforth presented the registrar's report:

Application for Jack Short has been received by NSSAR.

Prospective members being assisted include Harry Copeland and Chris Pornyuer.

Four supplemental applications are being processed.

President Hurley emphasized that the roll of the Registrar is to ensure applications meet membership requirements; not do the applicant's research.

**Old Business:**

- Sunny McMullen sent a progress note in response to the Chapter's get-well card, and was in attendance.
- Steve Hurst and Bob Taylor reported on the 122<sup>nd</sup> NSSAR Congress at Phoenix 7-11.
- VP South Kent Gregory reported out that \$7M has been collected for the NSSAR Center for Advancement of American History (CAAH), and Sam Powell, president of the foundation, has donated \$1.5M with an offer to match an additional \$1.5M towards completion of the project.
- Kent Gregory noted CASSAR no longer participates in the Rumbaugh Oratory contest due participant expense; now relies on DVD recording, with chapters providing the experience before

submitting to NSSAR. The brochure contest is a CASSAR test project at this time, and hasn't been accepted by NSSAR yet.

- CASSAR Exec VP Steve Hurst reported he has been complimented on our early preparations for the 2013 Spring MOM conference, and raised again his desire to have the memorial service at the Ventura Mission. He has been advised by Rev. Carlson to contact the Mission priest.
- Bob Taylor noted the recent purchase of a used uniform by Eric Stassforth for the Color Guard, and encouraged other members to consider doing the same or purchasing new uniforms. The chapter will reimburse each purchaser of a new uniform \$150 to offset the cost.

#### **New Business:**

- President Hurley announced the 137<sup>th</sup> Fall Board of Managers meeting in Monterey 2-4 Nov 2012.
- President Hurley announced the CA Veterans Home will be having a garage sale 8AM to 1PM on Saturday, 18 Aug.
- President Hurley suggested that the notice for renewal of 2013 SAR dues be handled via e-mail vice postal mail, as has been done in the past.

#### **Program:**

Following an introduction by President Hurley, the Rev. Dr. Gary Alan Dickey presented a program on the "Security Concerns Facing America Today". His program was based on international seminars and symposiums at the War College and other military venues, and emphasized the world looks to the USA as the "only world army". He noted the current gridlock in Wash DC, and noted that "war is politics" with generals being hampered by politicians. He requested prayer for our men and women in the military services. At the conclusion of the program, President Hurley presented Rev. Dr. Dickey with a certificate of appreciation.

President Hurley introduced CASSAR VP South Kent Gregory, who gave his greetings to the chapter and presented Bob Taylor with a CASSAR Certificate of Appreciation.

#### **Next Meeting:**

Friday, 10 August 2012 – Special program will be presented by the Sua Performing Arts group, who will present "The Art of the Korean Dance".

Closing: The meeting was adjourned following the SAR recessional and the benediction by Chaplain Taylor.

Respectfully submitted by,  
Robert Taylor, Acting Chapter Secretary