



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

Minutes of the **12 October 2012** Meeting

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

The regular monthly luncheon meeting of the General George S. Patton, Jr., Chapter SAR was held Friday, 12 October 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 twelve Compatriots: CASSAR Executive Vice President Steve Hurst, President Bill Hurley, Vice President Bill Bays, Registrar Eric Stassforth, Ward White, Bill Henry, Bob Colbern, Ed Holt, Ken Lynch, Jack Short, George Horne, and Robert Taylor. Our guest was Compatriot wife Susan Holt.

Member and guest introductions were made. October birthdays were noted for Bill Bays, Richard Manzer, Jim Williams, Murray Rickman, Phil Holmes and Tom Ruckman.

Reports:

Due to the absence of the secretary, Bob Taylor presented the minutes for 14 September 2012; minutes were approved as amended (name changed to John vice David Eisenhower).

Due to the absence of the treasurer, President Hurley presented the treasurer's report, which was accepted.

Registrar Eric Stassforth presented the registrar's report:

Certificate for Jack Short has been received by the Registrar, as has the replacement certificate for David Armstrong. The replacement certificate for Charles Bradbury has not been received.

The applications for Christopher Pogemiller and Brett Higby are at NSSAR.

Application for Harry Copeland is at CASSAR.

Supplemental applications for Bob Taylor are at NSSAR.

Registrar is working on applications for prospective members Don Bennett and Col Martin Spahn.

NSSAR is not accepting SAR applications posted on Ancestry.com as proof, except to grandfather in a son's application citing his father's application.

Noted CASSAR has received a total of 307 applications this year, including supplementals.

President Hurley congratulated Eric for his efforts with new applicants.

Old Business:

- The Wreaths Across America event will be conducted at LA National Cemetery on 15 Dec, and President Hurley provided a notice for compatriot information. Participation in the wreath laying ceremony or donations is accepted. This is a national SAR event.
- Information brochure on the new enhanced JROTC program was also passed around, and given to Bob Colbern.

New Business:

- President Hurley requested names of chapter compatriots who are WW II veterans; Bill Henry and Frank Budroe were provided.
- President Hurley announced the newly revised handbook is available on the NSSAR website.
- Bill Bays announced there will be a genealogy conference at the Ventura LDS Church 20 Oct.
- CASSAR Executive Vice President Steve Hurst announced two immediate CASSAR needs: an editor for the Compatriot magazine and a CAR Coordinator.
- President Hurley announced compatriots Bill Bays, Bob Taylor, Steve Hurst and himself will be attending the Nov Board of Managers conference in Monterey.
- Ward White noted the meeting agenda is incorrect and his program for the Nov meeting will encompass the Bicentennial commemoration events for the War of 1812.

New member John David “Jack” Short (ancestor John Gwinn) was sworn in as the chapter’s newest member.

Following lunch, the proposed slate for 2013 was updated:

- President Bill Bays
- Vice Pres Bob Colbern
- Secretary Donovan Rundle (tentative) (Alternate: Ken Lynch)
- Treasurer Gene Cooper
- Registrar Eric Stassforth
- Chaplain Bob Taylor
- Genealogist Jack Short (appointed position)

Program:

Bill Bays presented the program “The Battle of Alamance”, detailing a battle many consider one of the opening battles of the Revolutionary War. The battle occurred 16 May 1771 between the Regulators and Governor Lord William Tryon in the Piedmont area of North Carolina as a result of official corruption in the implementation of the Stamp Act and collection of taxes.

Next Meeting:

Friday, 9 November 2012 – program “The War of 1812 Bicentennial” will be presented by Ward White.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Robert Taylor, Acting Chapter Secretary