



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

Minutes of the **9 November 2012** Meeting

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

The regular monthly luncheon meeting of the General George S. Patton, Jr., Chapter SAR was held Friday, 9 November 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 seventeen Compatriots: CASSAR Executive Vice President Steve Hurst, President Bill Hurley, Vice President Bill Bays, Treasurer Gene Cooper, Registrar Eric Stassforth, Ron Risley, Ward White, Bill Henry, Bob Colbern, Ed Holt, Ken Lynch, George Horne, Harry Copeland, Dick McMullen, Donovan Rundle, Robert Taylor, and Ed Luth (transferring from Kern County). Our seven guests were Compatriot wives Mary Hurley, Carolyn Cooper, Lois Lynch, Betsy Horne, Dr. Sunny McMullen, and Linda Luth.

Member and guest introductions were made. November birthdays were noted for the USMC (237th birthday 10 Nov), Joel Robbins (1 Nov), Travis King & Jerry Berger (both 2 Nov), David Weyers (17 Nov), David Bosworth & Randy Winton (both 27 Nov), and Rosemarie Risley (6 Nov).

Reports:

Due to the absence of the secretary, Bob Taylor presented the minutes for 12 October 2012; minutes were approved as read.

Treasurer Gene Cooper presented the treasurer's report, which was accepted. Regarding dues, Gene mentioned dues are \$65. From an initial membership of 64, 7 new members and 2 deceased, membership is now 69, of whom 22 are life members. Of the 47 owing dues, 14 have currently paid. For new members approved from 1 Nov, no dues for the following year are required (date is determined by the date of record on the membership certificate).

Registrar Eric Stassforth presented the registrar's report:

Applications for Harry Copeland and Christopher Pogemiller were approved by NSSAR.

The replacement certificate for Charles Bradbury is being processed.

Registrar is working on applications for prospective member Col Martin Spahn.

Eric stated the Family Tree website (LDS) is much better than the LDS Family Search site. He also mentioned the Find a Grave website as a volunteer opportunity.

Old Business:

- Ron Risley reported five Eagle Scouts from Simi Valley were recognized at their Courts of Honor. The Eagle Scouts so honored included Ryan Scott Blumquist, Christopher Busco and Rodrick Zierenberg on 3 Nov; and Trebor Herr and Nathaniel Mosley on 1 Dec.

- President Hurley distributed Declaration of Independence & U.S. Constitution books, courtesy of Bob Colbern.
- President Hurley requested Ron Risley present the 50-year Emeritus certificate from NSSAR to Joseph Coffman.
- Bob Taylor announced plans for the chapter's color guard participation at the Ivy Lawn Memorial Park Veterans Day ceremonies, and requested volunteers; Eric Stassforth, Bob Colbern and Steve Hurst will join Bob for the event.
- Bob Taylor discussed The Wreaths Across America event, which will be conducted at LA National Cemetery on 15 Dec. This is a national SAR event.
- Additional color guard activities include a public banquet honoring veterans at Ventura Baptist Church 13 Nov; Eric Stassforth and Bob Taylor will present the colors in company with two veterans. The Military Order of World Wars chapter in Santa Barbara is initiating a Massing of the Colors Saturday, 4 May 2013, and has requested the chapter color guard participation.

New Business:

- Compatriot Edwin Luth has requested transfer of his membership from Kern County following his move to Ventura.
- President Hurley requested the formation of a committee for guiding new members; Ron Risley, Eric Stassforth, Bob Colbern, Bill Bays, Bill Hurley and Bob Taylor volunteered.
- President Hurley and Bob Taylor gave a report on the 2-3 Nov Board of Managers conference in Monterey. It was noted the next edition of the CASSAR Compatriot will be the last printed edition, except through subscription. Henceforth, the Compatriot will be available on-line only.
- Sadly, a letter was received from Alanna Brown noting the passing of her father, Harry Brown on 10 Mar 2012. President Hurley requested the chaplain send a card of condolence.
- President Hurley noted compatriot Carl Wade has moved to Florida and requested transfer of his membership.
- Save dates: for the 17 Feb 2013 Massing of the Colors, a national event; and for the 2013 Spring Meeting of the Membership meetings in Ventura 11-14 Apr (volunteers requested).

The officers slate for 2013 was proposed and elected by acclamation:

- President Bill Bays
- Vice Pres Bob Colbern
- Secretary Ken Lynch
- Treasurer Gene Cooper
- Registrar Eric Stassforth
- Chaplain Bob Taylor

Program:

Ward White presented the video media program "The War of 1812 Bicentennial", detailing the war through video clips and the many events commemorating the bicentennial of the war planned across America. The presentation was very well received.

Next Meeting:

Friday, 14 December 2012 – program "Origins of the Christmas Stocking " will be presented by Rosemarie Risley at our annual Christmas meeting.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Robert Taylor, Acting Chapter Secretary