



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

Minutes of the **11 January 2013** Meeting

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

The regular monthly luncheon meeting of the General George S. Patton, Jr., Chapter SAR was held Friday, 11 January 2013, in the Garden Room of Marie Callender's Restaurant, 1295 S. Victoria Ave., Ventura, CA. The meeting was called to order by President Bill Bays. The Invocation was given by Chaplain Bob Taylor, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and the Pledge to the SAR.

In attendance were eighteen Compatriots: President Bill Bays, Vice President Bob Colbern, Secretary Ken Lynch, Treasurer Gene Cooper, Registrar Eric Stassforth, Chaplain Bob Taylor, CASSAR Executive Vice President Steve Hurst, Ron Risley, Ward White, Bill Henry, Bill Hurley, George Horne, Lou Kreuzer, Donovan Rundle, Sam Thompson, Harry Copeland, Ed Holt, and Edwin Luth. Also in attendance were three guests: Compatriot wives Rosemarie Risley and Jeneth Rundle and Compatriot mother Mary Thompson.

Member and guest introductions were made. January birthdays were noted for Bob Colbern, Dick Hawley, Lou Kruezer, Eric Stassforth, and Ken Lynch.

Reports:

Secretary Ken Lynch presented the minutes for the 14 December 2012 meeting, which were approved as read. The minutes were prepared by Acting Secretary Bob Taylor, who has assisted in the secretary transition.

Treasurer Gene Cooper presented the treasurer's report, which was accepted. Gene reported good response from his telephone campaign to those who have not paid their dues. As part of the campaign to collect dues, he sent emails to 33 and letters to a further 13 compatriots without email accounts. The annual report was submitted to CASSAR at the end of December.

Registrar Eric Stassforth presented the registrar's report: Membership certificates have been received for Harry Copeland and Donovan Rundle, and supplemental certificates for Bob Taylor. Eric is working on the application for prospective member Col. Martin Spahn, and is obtaining replacement supplemental certificates for Charles Bradbury.

Old Business:

- Knight Essay committee chair Lou Kreuzer reported there were no submissions for the contest. Lou has accepted the chairmanship for the 5th grade poster contest and has started contacting schools.
- The Meeting of the Membership spring 2013 conference committee chairman Bob Taylor reported on the planning progress. The conference pins and miniature flags have been ordered, and the Ventura Visitor & Convention Bureau has been contacted. Bob presented the draft

registration form, which requires completion; and emphasized the need for volunteers from the chapter to host the registration table, man the hospitality suite, and other functions. The committee is composed of Bob, Steve Hurst, Ron & Rosemarie Risley, Bill Bays, Bill Hurley, Bob Colbern, George Horne and Gene Cooper. The next meeting will be held at Marie Callender's in a week or so. President Bays announced there will be no Chapter meeting for April.

New Business:

- President Bays announced the Conejo Valley Genealogical Society annual seminar will be held in Thousand Oaks on 23 March 2013, and distributed flyers.
- Bill Hurley reported on a new Boy Scouts award, the North Star Award, presented to those outside of scouting who have had a great impact on the Scouting program. He announced Ron Risley will receive the award at the 2013 conference.

Program:

Following the lunch break, Bill Hurley presented the program: "Intelligence Operations during the Revolutionary War", which detailed the various intelligence gathering and counter spying efforts by both men and women from Paul Revere and throughout the Revolutionary War. The program was informative and well-received

Further Business:

Ron Risley presented a memorial tribute to the memory of our and SAR's long-time emeritus Compatriot, Joseph A. Coffman, who passed away in December 2012 in Idaho. His life and career were highlighted, as was his long-time support of this Chapter.

An award presentation was then made for Bill Hurley, who was presented with his Past Chapter President pin and an appreciation certificate for today's program.

Compatriot William Donovan Rundle, Jr. was sworn in as a SAR Compatriot, ancestor patriot James Calloway, followed by Compatriot Harry Rayburn Copeland, who was sworn in based on his patriot ancestor Jeremiah Hart, Jr. Bob Taylor then received supplemental certificates for two patriot ancestors, Solomon Phelps and Solomon Phelps, Jr.

The Chapter welcomed Compatriot Ed Luth who has transferred from the SAR Kern Chapter in Bakersfield.

Next Meeting:

The next meeting will be held on Friday, 8 February 2013 at Marie Callender's Restaurant. The program, "Separation of Church and State" will be presented by Dick Hawley.

Closing:

The meeting was adjourned by President Bays following the SAR Recessional and the Benediction by Chaplain Taylor.

Respectfully submitted,
Ken Lynch, Chapter Secretary