



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

Minutes of the **8 February 2013** Meeting

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

The regular monthly luncheon meeting of the General George S. Patton, Jr., Chapter SAR was held Friday, 8 February 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 thirteen Compatriots: President Bill Bays, Vice President Bob Colbern, Secretary Ken Lynch, Treasurer Gene Cooper, Chaplain Bob Taylor, CASSAR Executive Vice President Steve Hurst, Ron Risley, Ward White, Bill Henry, Bill Hurley, George Horne, Lou Kreuzer, and Harry Copeland. Also in attendance were three guests: Compatriot wives Rosemarie Risley, Betsy Horne, and Elaine Colbern.

Member and guest introductions were made. As for birthday recognitions, it was noted there were no Compatriots or guests present having February birthdays.

Reports:

Secretary Ken Lynch presented the minutes for the 11 January 2013 meeting, which were approved as read. Chapter Compatriots were reminded to inform the Secretary of e-mail changes.

Treasurer Gene Cooper presented the treasurer's report as of 31 January 2013, which was accepted. Gene reported that eight Compatriots have not yet paid their dues for 2013. It was suggested that anyone who personally knows an unpaid Compatriot might contact him to learn his desire.

There was no registrar's report as Registrar Eric Stassforth was absent.

Knight Essay committee chair Lou Kreuzer reported he is again contacting schools for essay submittals and reminding them of the 2 April 2013 deadline.

Committee Chairman Bob Taylor reported on the planning progress for the upcoming Spring Meeting of the California Society to be held in Ventura on April 11-14. Conference pins have been purchased and miniature flags are on order. Bob reemphasized the need for volunteers from the chapter to host the registration table, man the hospitality suite, and other functions. The conference registration form and the form for the CASSAR Ladies' Auxillary Tour are available from the Internet at www.californiasar.org. Following Bob's report, a group photograph of committee members Bob Taylor, Steve Hurst, Ron Risley, Rosemarie Risley, Bill Bays, Bill Hurley, Bob Colbern, George Horne and Gene Cooper was taken by Ward White. Each committee member was presented with a conference pin.

New/Old Business:

President Bays announced that SAR George Patton Chapter is now on Facebook, thanks to efforts by Bob Taylor and Alan Buckley. The website home page can be seen at www.facebook.com/pattonpatriots.

President Bays said the Chapter needs a volunteer for the children's SAR program, preferably someone with a child in the program.

Bob Taylor reported that more people are needed for participation in Chapter Color Guard activities in upcoming events. Participation with or without a uniform would be appreciated.

President Bays suggested a genealogy workshop be initiated for prospective members to help them complete their applications. One-on-one sessions could be conducted at a home or a library.

Ron Risley recommended a Firefighter of the Year award be presented to Chief Mark Lorenzen of the Ventura County Fire Department. After Ron outlined some of the Chief's career highlights, a motion was made and approved to proceed with the award. The City of Ventura will make the presentation.

Bob Taylor will present Good Citizen Awards to Sea Cadets on Saturday 23 February 2013. On the same day, Bill Hurley will present Eagle Scout Awards to three Scouts.

Program:

Following a cancellation by the scheduled speaker, Bill Hurley volunteered to make a presentation based on Dan Lynch's book *Google Your Family Tree*. In his presentation, Bill outlined the concept of filtering and other techniques useful for effective Google searches on the Internet.

Award:

President Bays presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Tanya Rivas, a Marie Callender's Restaurant waitress who has been the primary server for Chapter lunches.

Next Meeting:

The next Chapter meeting will be held on Friday, 8 March 2013 at Marie Callender's Restaurant and has been designated as a "Bring a Friend Meeting". Compatriots are encouraged to bring a friend who may be interested in the SAR. A program titled "Colonial Coinage" will be presented by Dane Nielsen. There will no Chapter meeting for April because of the CASSAR Spring Meeting on April 11-14, 2013.

Closing:

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

Respectfully submitted,
Ken Lynch, Chapter Secretary