



California Society of the

Sons of the American Revolution

Gen. George S. Patton, Jr., Chapter

Minutes of the **14 June 2013** Meeting

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

The regular monthly luncheon meeting of the General George S. Patton, Jr., Chapter SAR was held Friday, 14 June 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 Bob Colbern, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and the Pledge to the SAR.

In attendance were sixteen Compatriots: President Bill Bays, Vice President Bob Colbern, Secretary Ken Lynch, Registrar Eric Stassforth, Treasurer Gene Cooper, CASSAR President Steve Hurst, Bill Henry, George Horne, Dan Sword, Dick McMullen, Edwin Luth, Lou Kreuzer, Ed Holt, Harry Copeland, Ed Lewis, and Randy Winton. Our eleven guests were Compatriot wives Sunny McMullen, Linda Luth, Betty Copeland, Kathy Wittes, and Judy Winton, Compatriot daughter Aurora Lewis, Compatriot grandson Garrett Colbern, Speaker Vicki Schmaeman, Lucas Ontiveros, Brandon Matheson, and Don Bennett.

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

Reports:

Secretary Ken Lynch presented the minutes for the 10 May 2013 meeting, which were approved.

Treasurer Gene Cooper presented the treasurer's report as of 31 May 2013, which was approved.

Registrar Eric Stassforth presented the registrar's report. Eric reported that Bill Kilbourn's Application for Membership has been sent to the State. He is still working on applications for Martin Spann and William Maple, and the reinstatement form for Joel Schmaeman.

New/Old Business:

Noting that today is Flag Day, President Bays asked what else is celebrated on June 14. Bill Henry responded that it is also the date the U.S. Army was founded.

Gary Smith laid a wreath at Conejo Mountain Cemetery Park on Memorial Day, May 27.

Ivy Lawn Memorial Park Memorial Day ceremonies did not include color guards this year because their program has been changed.

The 123rd National SAR Congress will convene in Kansas City, Missouri, July 5-10, 2013.

Information for the General George S. Patton Memorial Museum in Chiriaco Summit, California, was circulated to the luncheon attendees.

Bill Henry's 59 year old son participated in 9 events and placed 2nd overall in the recent Highland Games in Albuquerque. Frank Henry has also been inducted into the Scottish Masters Athletics Hall of Fame. He is a former Patton Chapter member who transferred to a chapter in Virginia.

The California Patriot, the CASSAR newsletter, will no longer be mailed to members, but will be presented in its entirety on the CASSAR website at www.californiasar.org.

George Horne described the New Member Packet to be given new members and prospective members to inform them of Patton Chapter activities. Two sample packets were circulated among the luncheon attendees for review. Ken Lynch suggested it was perhaps not wise to distribute membership rosters to non-members. Discussion ensued and President Bays said the roster would be removed from packets presented to prospective members. George Horne accepted responsibility for being keeper of the packets and for having 20 New Member Packets assembled and ready for distribution.

Ken Lynch accepted responsibility for contacting members who the Chapter roster shows not having an email address to determine if they in fact do have an email address.

Presentations/Awards

Bill Hurley presented the SAR Bronze Good Citizenship Medal to Lolita Smith, the Conejo Valley DAR Chapter's Service for Veterans Chairperson, on May 6.

Bill Bays presented a Bronze Good Citizenship Medal to Courtney Murphy, an 8th grade student at Ventura County Christian School, on June 6. The school is a new addition to our Spirit of America Program.

Bob Taylor presented Outstanding Citizenship pins to Cameron Chatfield and Helen Zhang at Las Colinas Middle School on June 13.

Bill Hurley presented Outstanding Citizenship pins to Carlos Idea and Eleana Brumage at Monte Vista Middle School on June 13.

Bob Colbern presented Outstanding Citizenship pins to Patrick Huntsinger and Morgan Lockwood at the Los Primeros School of Science and Art on June 13.

Bill Hurley presented Bronze Good Citizenship Medals to Harrison Mello and Juliana Lamia at the Santa Rosa Technology Magnet School on June 13.

Program:

"Indian Abduction of the Livingston Family of Virginia" Vicki Schmaeman narrated the story of an Indian attack on her ancestral family during which her 5th great-grandmother and others were killed and some family members were taken hostage. A small band of Indians, led by a Cherokee warrior known as Captain Bob Benge, attacked the family household near Mendota, Virginia, in April, 1794. The Indians were followed and killed by the local militia and the hostages freed. The Indian leader's weapon, described as "Benge's Axe", was on display at the Cherokee Museum in North Carolina until recently.

Next Meeting:

The next Chapter meeting will be held on Friday, 12 July 2013 at Marie Callender's Restaurant. The program to be presented by Compatriot Dan Sword is titled "Who Am I?"

Closing:

The meeting was adjourned by President Bays following the SAR Recessional and the Benediction by Eric Stassforth.

Respectfully submitted,
Ken Lynch, Chapter Secretary

