



California Society of the

Sons of the American Revolution

Gen. George S. Patton, Jr., Chapter

Minutes of the **9 August 2013** Meeting

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

The regular monthly luncheon meeting of the General George S. Patton, Jr., Chapter SAR was held Friday, 9 August 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 fourteen Compatriots: President Bill Bays, Vice President Bob Colbern, Secretary Ken Lynch, Chaplain Bob Taylor, CASSAR President Steve Hurst, Bill Henry, Dan Sword, Dick McMullen, Lou Kreuzer, Harry Copeland, Edwin Luth, Dick Hawley, Ron Risley, and Kent Gregory (from Orange County SAR Chapter). The five guests were Compatriot wives Sunny McMullen, Elaine Colbern, and Linda Luth, DAR Liaison Vicki Schmaeman, and Steve Ravaglioli.

Member and guest introductions were made.

Prior to the business meeting, Susan Van Abel spoke and distributed flyers for "Robert E. Lee – Shades of Gray", a full length, one-man play written and performed by Tom Dugan. The show will be at the Rubicon Theatre in Ventura, September 4-29, 2013. Additional information can be found on the Internet at www.rubicontheatre.org.

Reports:

Secretary Ken Lynch presented the minutes for the 12 July 2013 meeting, which were approved.

Treasurer Gene Cooper prepared the treasurer's report as of 31 July 2013, which was presented by Ken Lynch during Gene's absence. The report was approved.

Registrar Eric Stassforth prepared the registrar's report, which was presented by Bob Colbern during Eric's absence. William John Kilbourn's application for membership has been approved at Louisville (NSSAR #188015). George Horne, Bill Hurley, and Ken Lynch are assisting Eric in work on applications for William Buxton, Martin Spann, Don Bennett, David Hawley, Lucas Ontiveros, William Maple, Greg Askay, and Patrick Modugno.

New/Old Business:

The NSSAR has expanded the Veteran's Recognition Program to include the Korean and Vietnam Wars. Compatriots who are veterans of either or both wars are encouraged to complete and submit survey forms. On the Internet, Google *NSSAR Korean Service Veterans Corps Survey* and *NSSAR Vietnam War Veterans Corps Survey* to obtain copies of the forms. President Bays has informed that applicants should fill in his name as President and submit the form themselves. Do not send the form to him as the system will not allow him to add his name and the date.

Guest speaker Kent Gregory attended the NSSAR 123rd Annual Congress held in Kansas City in early July. He gave the luncheon group a brief description of conference highlights, saying he was impressed

by the video presentation showing the new headquarters and museum in Louisville. During the business proceedings, a motion to increase the fee for SAR Supplemental Applications was defeated.

Bob Ackley of the Riverside SAR Chapter took more than 1400 photographs at the NSSAR 123rd Annual Congress. Contact Bob at robert.ackley@sbcglobal.net for information and availability of photos.

Planning has begun for the 2019 NSSAR Annual Congress, to be held in Southern California. The site has not yet been determined. Compatriots interested in assisting with the planning should contact Steve Hurst.

The 2013 CASSAR Ladies Auxiliary Summer Newsletter featured a picture of Ward White's wife Sua and her dance group.

Bob Taylor announced he will be seeking the office of CASSAR Vice President South, and asked for endorsement of his candidacy by the Patton Chapter. A motion was made and approved to endorse Bob's candidacy. The term of office is for two years. The position is currently held by today's speaker, Kent Gregory.

Program:

"Music in America During the Revolution" Kent Gregory made a lively, informative, presentation describing music, popular tunes, and musical instruments during the Revolutionary War period. He played recorded tunes, sang, and played a fife and a drum. A notebook showing pictures of musical instruments of the 1700's was circulated.

Next Meeting:

The next Chapter meeting will be held on Friday, 13 September 2013, at Marie Callender's Restaurant. The luncheon meeting will feature the special program "The Huguenots", presented by Wayne J. Rogers of the Huguenot Society of California.

Closing:

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

Respectfully submitted,
Ken Lynch, Chapter Secretary