



California Society of the

Sons of the American Revolution

Gen. George S. Patton, Jr., Chapter

Minutes of the **13 September 2013** Meeting

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

The regular monthly luncheon meeting of the General George S. Patton, Jr., Chapter SAR was held Friday, 13 September 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, Registrar Eric Stassforth, Treasurer Gene Cooper, Secretary Ken Lynch, Chaplain Bob Taylor, CASSAR President Steve Hurst, Dan Sword, Dick McMullen, Lou Kreuzer, Harry Copeland, Bill Hurley, George Horne, and Ron Risley. The six guests were Compatriot wives Sunny McMullen, Carolyn Cooper, Mary Hurley, and Betsy Horne, DAR Liaison Vicki Schmaeman, and prospective member Bob Cooke.

Member and guest introductions were made.

Reports:

Secretary Ken Lynch presented the minutes for the 9 August 2013 meeting, which were approved.

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

Compatriots assisting Registrar Eric Stassforth with the high applications load gave individual reports:

- Ken Lynch - Lucas Ontiveras, William Maple, Vicki Schmaeman (Joel supplemental)
- George Horne - Martin Spann and David Hawley applications are at Louisville for final approval, Don Bennett, Charles Bradbury (supplementals)
- Bill Hurley - Patrick Modugno
- Bob Taylor - William Buxton
- Eric Stassforth - Bob Cooke

Bob Taylor reported on Color Guard activities. Bob will contact Ivy Lawn Memorial Park to determine what their future Color Guard needs will be. Bob also informed there are two uniforms available for Compatriots. Dick McMullen expressed interest in one of the uniforms.

New/Old Business:

Some highlights from the summer 2013 issue of The SAR Magazine were noted by President Bays:

- President General Joseph Dooley announced that 2000 copies of a pocket-sized booklet containing the texts of the Declaration of Independence and the U.S. Constitution have been printed. He is making 25 copies available for free to every state society. Additional copies can be purchased for \$1.00 each from NSSAR Merchandise.
- A photograph of the Sua White Traditional Korean Dance Troupe and members of the CASSAR Ladies Auxiliary, taken at the CASSAR Annual Spring Meeting in Ventura.

The Knight Essay Contest for 9th -12th grade high school students has been announced. The contest is for an original research paper of between 800 and 1200 words. The topic of the essay shall deal with the American Revolution, Declaration of Independence, or the framing of the United States Constitution. The deadline for local entries is December 31, 2013. Lou Kreuzer informed he has mailed flyers to local high schools and a notice to the Ventura County Star newspaper.

The 138th Fall Board of Managers Meeting will be hosted by the SAR Harbor Chapter at the Hacienda Hotel at LAX on November 1-2, 2013. The CASSAR Ladies Auxiliary has scheduled a free Ladies Tour of the Flight Path Learning Center at LAX on Friday, November 1, from 1:30 to 3:00 pm. In addition, in the evening from 6:30 to 9:00 pm, all participants at the meeting are invited to attend a dinner and tour at the Automobile Driving Museum, located two blocks from the hotel. For more information, check "Upcoming Events" at the CASSAR website, www.californiasar.org.

A special Eagle Scout Court of Honor will be held on Saturday evening, September 28, 2013, in Simi Valley to present the Eagle Scout rank to Nathan Thomas Heim and Matthew Paul Brown, both of Simi Valley. Bob Colbern, Vice President of SAR Patton Chapter, will make the presentations.

Ron Risley noted that September 18 will be the 96th birthday of Compatriot Frank Budroe. Frank is a long time member of SAR. He served two non-consecutive terms as Patton Chapter President.

Program:

After the scheduled speaker failed to arrive at the luncheon, President Bays gave a talk about the Battle of Monongahela during the French and Indian War. In 1755, a British force led by Gen. Edward Braddock engaged in a battle against French and Indian forces in an area near present-day Pittsburgh. The French and Indian forces, more familiar with fighting in a wooded terrain, soundly defeated the much larger British force. Gen. Braddock was wounded and died a few days later. Col. George Washington, who had accompanied the British force, was not wounded.

Next Meeting:

The next Chapter meeting will be held on Friday, 11 October 2013, at Marie Callender's Restaurant. The luncheon meeting will feature the Annual Awards Ceremony to honor members of the Chapter.

Closing:

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

Respectfully submitted,
Ken Lynch, Chapter Secretary