



California Society of the

Sons of the American Revolution

Gen. George S. Patton, Jr., Chapter

Minutes of the **11 October 2013** Meeting

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

The regular monthly luncheon meeting of the General George S. Patton, Jr., Chapter SAR was held Friday, 11 October 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, Secretary Ken Lynch, Chaplain Bob Taylor, CASSAR President Steve Hurst, Dan Sword, Ron Risley, George Horne, Ward White, Bill Henry, David Armstrong, Randy Winton, and Martin Spann. The three guests present were Compatriot wives Elaine Colbern and Judy Winton, and DAR Liaison Vicki Schmaeman.

Member and guest introductions were made.

Reports:

Secretary Ken Lynch presented the minutes for the 13 September 2013 meeting, which were approved.

Treasurer Gene Cooper prepared the treasurer's report as of 17 September 2013, which was presented by Ken Lynch during Gene's absence. The report was approved. Compatriots were also reminded that SAR 2014 annual dues are due to Treasurer Gene Cooper prior to 15 November 2013. The dues amount is \$65.00.

Registrar Eric Stassforth presented the registrar's report with inputs from George Horne, Bob Taylor, and Ken Lynch for applications of prospective members they are assisting. Applications for Membership have been approved at Louisville and NSSAR numbers assigned for David Springer Hawley (#188801), William John Kilbourn (#188015), and Martin Bruce Spann (#188680). Joel Edward Schmaeman's application for reinstatement has been approved.

Bob Taylor reported on Color Guard activities. The NSSAR will participate in the national Wreaths Across America Day events on Saturday, 14 December 2013. The event will be celebrated locally at Conejo Mountain Memorial Park in Camarillo. Chapter members can participate without being in the Color Guard. A new NSSAR color guard event, Let Freedom Ring, will be held at the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library on 4 July 2014. Bob also noted the Chapter will receive another flag streamer at the upcoming Fall Board of Managers Meeting, for participation in the Fields of Valor event in Costa Mesa this past spring.

Vice President Bob Colbern reported on the Eagle Scout Program. Bob presented Eagle Scout certificates to Nathan Thomas Heim and Matthew Paul Brown at the special Eagle Scout Court of Honor event in Simi Valley on Saturday, 28 September 2013.

New/Old Business:

President Bill Bays noted there will be upcoming vacancies in CASSAR, including the offices of Vice President – South and State Treasurer. Bob Taylor had previously announced he will be seeking the office of Vice President – South and has received the endorsement of the Patton Chapter.

The Joseph S. Rumbaugh Historical Oration Contest for 9th-12th grade high school students has been announced. The contest is for an original speech of 5 to 6 minutes length on a subject dealing with an event, personality, or a document pertaining to the American Revolutionary War and showing a relationship to America today. The deadline for local entries is 1 March 2014.

The SAR Foundation is continuing to raise the money needed to complete the Center for Advancing America's Heritage in Louisville. Various donation levels will be recognized by lapel pins and other awards.

President Bays presented a Member Certificate to Martin Bruce Spann (ancestor – William Sheldon) and a Supplemental Ancestor Certificate to David Scott Armstrong (ancestor – Samuel Daggett, Sr.).

Program:

The luncheon meeting featured the Annual Awards Ceremony to honor members of the Chapter. The following awards were presented by President Bays to the members and guests listed:

Medal of Appreciation – Elaine Colbern

Daughters of Liberty Medal – Vicki Schmaeman

Outstanding Citizenship Award – Bill Henry, Dan Sword, and David Armstrong

Bronze Color Guard Medal – Bob Colbern

Meritorious Service Medal – George Horne

Bronze Good Citizenship Medal (Compatriot of the Year) – Ken Lynch

Silver Good Citizenship Medal – Bob Taylor

Certificate of Meritorious Service – Ward White

Distinguished Service Award – Steve Hurst

Bronze Roger Sherman Medal – Ron Risley

Next Meeting:

The next Chapter meeting will be held on Friday, 8 November 2013, at Marie Callender's Restaurant. The luncheon meeting will feature a slideshow presentation by Nancy Kilbourn, titled "NSSAR Headquarters and Library". Nancy is a member of the DAR Conejo Valley Chapter and the Conejo Valley Genealogical Society. The presentation will describe her recent visit to the National Society SAR headquarters in Louisville, Kentucky.

Closing:

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

Respectfully submitted,
Ken Lynch, Chapter Secretary

