



California Society of the

Sons of the American Revolution

Gen. George S. Patton, Jr., Chapter

Minutes of the **8 November 2013** Meeting

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

The regular monthly luncheon meeting of the General George S. Patton, Jr., Chapter SAR was held Friday, 8 November 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, Registrar Eric Stassforth, Secretary Ken Lynch, Treasurer Gene Cooper, Chaplain Bob Taylor, CASSAR President Steve Hurst, Dan Sword, George Horne, Ward White, Bill Henry, Lou Kreuzer, Dick Hawley, and Bill Kilbourn. The nine guests present were Compatriot wives Carolyn Cooper, Lois Lynch, Betsy Horne, and Nancy Kilbourn, DAR Liaison Vicki Schmaeman, Kathy Thomson, and prospective members Barrie Walters, Floyd Dwight, and Lucas Ontiveras.

Member and guest introductions were made.

Reports:

Secretary Ken Lynch presented the minutes for the 11 October 2013 meeting, which were approved.

Treasurer Gene Cooper presented the treasurer's report as of the end of October, which was approved. Gene also reminded that SAR 2014 annual dues are due to him 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, including William Maple, William Buxton, Don Bennett, and supplemental applications for Joel Schmaeman. Leroy Martinez of the SAR South Coast Chapter will continue to assist Lucas Ontiveras.

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. If a Compatriot desires a Revolutionary War uniform, Patton Chapter will pay \$150 to help offset a total cost of approximately \$450 for a new uniform. Check with Bob for the possibility of obtaining a used uniform.

New/Old Business:

President Bill Bays presented a summary of items of discussion covered in the 138th Fall Board of Managers Meeting of CASSAR in El Segundo, November 1-2, 2013. Items of note included the following: 97 year-old Col. Richard E. Cole, James Doolittle's copilot during the World War II raid on Tokyo, was accepted as a member of SAR.

Applicant processing time at CASSAR has been reduced to two weeks for membership applications and four weeks for supplemental applications.

Patton Chapter is one of only eleven chapters participating in the Best Chapter contest. The 2019 National Society SAR Congress will be in California. The location has not yet been determined. SAR chapters can pay for DAR record copies needed for applications. Patton Chapter will pay the fee. The CASSAR Nominating Committee Officer recommendations were approved by a vote of attendees. Bob Taylor was selected for CASSAR Treasurer. It was recommended that all SAR members consider estate planning gift to SAR. Check the SAR website for details of giving. Bylaw 23 was passed to bring non-profit SAR in line with the Sarbanes-Oxley Act.

William John Kilbourn was sworn in as a SAR Compatriot (patriot ancestor – John Kilbourn) and presented his membership certificate. The membership certificate for David Springer Hawley (patriot ancestor – Joseph Hawley) was given to Compatriot Dick Hawley, for delivery to his brother.

President Bays announced the slate of officers for 2014 for Patton Chapter as follows: President – Bill Bays, Vice-President - Bob Colbern, Secretary – Eric Stassforth, Treasurer – Gene Cooper, Registrar – Ken Lynch, and Chaplain – Bob Taylor. The slate of officers was unanimously approved by the Compatriots present.

President Bays presented the following awards to the members listed:

Lamplighter Award – Ken Lynch

Liberty Medal – George Horne

Bronze Good Citizenship Medal – Dick Hawley

Outstanding Citizenship Award – Lou Kreuzer

Meritorious Service Medal – Gene Cooper

Program:

Nancy Kilbourn gave an informative talk about the new SAR Genealogical Research Library in Louisville, Kentucky. Nancy visited the library in June of this year. She also talked about the early history of the Louisville area and the founding of the city of Louisville by Gen. George Rogers Clark. Gen. Clark was the older brother of William Clark of Lewis and Clark Expedition fame.

Next Meeting:

The next Chapter meeting will be held on Friday, 13 December 2013, at Marie Callender's Restaurant. The luncheon meeting will feature the Chapter's Annual Christmas Program.

Closing:

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

Respectfully submitted,
Ken Lynch, Chapter Secretary