



California Society of the **Sons of the American Revolution**

Gen. George S. Patton, Jr., Chapter

Minutes of the **13 December 2013** Meeting

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

The regular monthly luncheon meeting of the General George S. Patton, Jr., Chapter SAR was held Friday, 13 December 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 ten Compatriots: President Bill Bays, Registrar Eric Stassforth, Secretary Ken Lynch, Chaplain Bob Taylor, CASSAR President Steve Hurst, Dan Sword, Ward White, Lou Kreuzer, Dick Hawley, and Harry Copeland. The three guests present were Compatriot DAR Liaison Vicki Schmaeman, Barrie Walters, and Robert Jordan.

Member and guest introductions were made.

Reports:

Secretary Ken Lynch presented the minutes for the 8 November 2013 meeting, which were approved.

The Chapter Treasurer was not present, so there was no treasurer's report.

Ken Lynch presented the registrar's report during the absence of the Registrar.

Applications were received at National on 1 November 2013 for four members of the Buxton family: William P, William G., John, and Andrew (Bob Taylor assisting).

Three supplemental applications for Joel Schmaeman are ready for submittal to the State (George Horne assisting).

Applications are in process for Don Bennett (George Horne assisting), William Maple (Ken Lynch assisting), and Patrick Modugno (Bill Hurley assisting).

Prospective members are Bob Cooke, Barrie Walters, Floyd Dwight, Ernest Thorpe, and Greg Askay.

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; Bob Taylor will give the proclamation. Bob also announced the upcoming Massing of the Colors celebration of George Washington's birth. The event will be held at 2:30 pm, Sunday, 16 February 2014, at Forest Lawn, Hollywood Hills.

Lou Kreuzer reported on the Knight Essay Contest. The deadline for submittals is 31 December 2013. Ventura County Christian School has been added to the list of local high schools contacted.

New/Old Business:

The France Society SAR is actively looking for young people to participate in the Youth Exchange Program. More information is available on the SAR website at www.sar.org/youth/exchange_program.

Program:

“George Washington’s Christmas, 1776” - Bob Taylor’s narration recounted George Washington and the Continental Army crossing the Delaware River on the night of 25 December 1776 and the Battle of Trenton the following day. With his army shrinking due to expiring enlistments, desertions, and weather related illnesses, Washington planned and led a surprise attack against the Hessian forces in Trenton, New Jersey. After a brief battle, nearly the entire Hessian force was captured, with negligible losses to the Continental Army.

The program concluded with President Bays conducting a raffle with Vicki Schmaeman handing out the gifts and all luncheon attendees receiving a free gift.

Next Meeting:

The next Chapter meeting will be held on Friday, 10 January 2014, at 11:30 am, at Marie Callender’s Restaurant. The luncheon meeting will feature a special program “Artifacts from the Revolutionary War Blacksmith’s Forge”, presented by Compatriot Dan Sword.

Closing:

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

Respectfully submitted,
Ken Lynch, Chapter Secretary