



California Society of the
Sons of the American Revolution
Gen. George S. Patton, Jr., Chapter

Minutes of the **June 13, 2014** Meeting

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

The regular monthly luncheon meeting of the General George S. Patton, Jr., Chapter SAR was held Friday, 13 June 2014, in the Garden Room of Marie Calender's Restaurant, 1295 S. Victoria Ave., Ventura, CA. The meeting was called to order by 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 fifteen Compatriots: President Bill Bays, Vice President Bob Colbern, Secretary Eric Stassforth, Treasurer Gene Cooper, Dick Hawley Marty Spann, Don Bennett, Bob Cooke, Dan Sword, Bill Hurley, George Horne, Ron Risley, Bob Taylor, Steve Hurst, and Registrar Ken Lynch. Prospective members: Ken Birdsall, Barry Walters and Andy McDonald were in attendance. Marian Buxton, John Buxton, Verna Buxton, Andrew Buxton, William Buxton and Mrs. Horne were also in attendance.

Member and guest introductions were made.

Reports:

Secretary Eric Stassforth presented the minutes for the 9 May 2014 meeting, which were amended and then approved.

Treasurer Gene Cooper presented the treasurer's report as of the end of May, which was approved.

The registrar's report was read by Ken Lynch. Applications for Bob Cooke and Don Bennett (George Horne assisting) were approved at NSSAR. Five supplemental applications for Joel Schmaeman (George Horne assisting) have been approved at NSSAR. The application for Ken Birdsall has been revised at the request of the State Registrar and mailed. Membership applications for Barrie Walters and Andy MacDonald are being readied for mailing to the State Registrar. Applications are in process for Roland Thompson, Don Burk, Fred Dunn, Russ Ireland, William Maple, Dick Strayer, Ernie Thorpe, Mark Collins III, and Patrick Modugno (Bill Hurley assisting). Two supplemental applications are in process for Gene Cooper.

New/Old Business:

It was reported that Compatriot Luis Franks had passed away on April 23rd. Dan Sword announced that it was his 63rd wedding anniversary. Bob Colbern reported on 14 Eagle Scout certificates and the process to get the award. President Bays announced an upcoming excursion opportunity aboard a WWII Liberty Ship for those who might be interested.

Bob Taylor gave a report on the colorguard on Memorial Day at Cemetery Park in Ventura with Compatriots Taylor, Cooke and Stassforth participating. In addition, he mentioned SAR in France for Americans Involved in WWI 10-14 September, "Let Freedom Reign" at the City of Cerritos on July 4th, "Let Freedom Ring at the Reagan Library, the Field of Honor at Castaways Park in Newport Beach and Flag Day on the USS Midway; on June 14th. He also reported on the Spirit of America presentations by Compatriots Taylor, Cook, Hurley and Stassforth to Monte Vista, Los Primeros, Los Colinas and VC Christian School. He also reported on the Sea Cadets awards on June 7th at Camp Pendleton. Bob also reported that William Buxton placed first in the Brochure Contest earning a medal and a check for \$300.

President Bill Bays inducted several new members-Bob Cooke, Don Bennett, William Buxton (Jr. Member), John Buxton (Jr. Member), and Andrew Buxton (Jr. Member).

Program:

Compatriot Martin Spann gave a presentation on the "Badge of Military Merit" including his own personal experience in Iraq from which he was awarded the Purple Heart.

Next Meeting:

The next Chapter meeting will be held on Friday, 11 July 2014, at Marie Calender's Restaurant. The luncheon meeting will feature Eric Stassforth on "The Evolution of Democracy from Jamestown to 1776".

Closing:

The meeting was adjourned by Bill Bays following the SAR Recessional and the Benediction by Bob Taylor.

Respectfully submitted,
Eric Stassforth, Chapter Secretary