



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

Minutes of the **8 May 2015** Meeting

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

The regular monthly luncheon meeting of the General George S. Patton, Jr., Chapter SAR was held Friday, 8 May 2015, in the Garden Room of Marie Calender's Restaurant, 1295 S. Victoria Ave., Ventura, CA. The meeting was called to order by President Bob Colbern. The Invocation was given by Chaplain Bob Taylor, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and the Pledge to the SAR.

In attendance were eleven Compatriots: President Bob Colbern, Dan Sword, Bob Taylor, Gene Cooper, Ken Lynch, Bill Bays, Dick McMullen, Ron Risley, George Horne, Russ Ireland, and Richard Hawley, Guests included potential Compatriots Jim & Lucas Ontiveros, and Sunny McMullen.

Member and guest introductions were made.

Reports:

Acting Secretary Bob Taylor presented the minutes for the meeting of 10 April, which were read and approved.

Treasurer Gene Cooper presented the treasurer's report as of 30 April, which was approved.

The registrar's report was presented by Registrar Dick McMullen. The application for Robert Kelly Laymon has been resubmitted due to checkmarks on the initial submission. The applications for John Ward Willson Tunis III (MA patriot Guile Willson), James Taylor Wyly (SC patriot John Sevier), Keith Alan Thomas (VA patriot Richard Reeves), and James Jesse Davis (SC patriot Thomas Ewing) are ready for submission to the CASSAR Registrar. Dick is currently working on the application package for Allen L. Messenger.

New/Old Business:

Bob Taylor gave reports for several committees:

Chaplain: Reported on Steve Hurst's hospitalization and operation, and distributed a card for the chapter to sign.

Color Guard: Announced the Field of Honor, Castaways Park, Newport Beach, 15-17 May. This is a National event. The vigil at Washington's tomb at Mount Vernon is another National event, and will be held 19 Sep.

Sea Cadets: San Diego invitation to joint breakfast meeting at MCAS Miramar's officer club 16 May to honor the Gunfighter Squadron and Training Ship Top Gun Sea Cadet Units.

Valley Forge: Due to no package submissions by 16 Apr, the window for submission of applications has been extended to the end of May.

Spirit of America: Requested volunteers to present awards at the four middle schools of the PV School District in Camarillo 10-11 June and the Ventura County Christian School.

As a result of an email received from Dick McMullen, Bob presented several chapter newsletters for examination, which triggered discussion as to the preparation and distribution of them.

The Chapter roster was discussed, and is ready for distribution pending determination of Barry Walter's membership status. Currently, the chapter membership is 68 with 5 junior members.

Bob reported out on the spring Meeting of the Membership at Irvine 17-18 April; and, following lunch, noted the awards received by the chapter.

Program:

Compatriot Ron Risley presented a program relating the history of the General George S. Patton, Jr. Chapter, which incorporated on 29 Sep 1973 with 19 members. This was the first NSSAR chapter to be named for a contemporary person, and required obtaining the Patton family approval to use the name. The chapter initially met on the second floor of Loops cafeteria, followed by the Bard mansion (Navy Officers Club, NBVC Port Hueneme). Because of the security concerns caused by the 11 Sep 2001 attacks, the meeting was relocated to the Marie Callender's restaurant, our current location. Ron then discussed the WW II record of Patton's 137th Regiment, 35th Division, 3rd Army; and his 1955 involvement with it as a private in the Kansas National Guard.

Next Meeting:

The next Chapter meeting will be held on Friday, 12 June 2015, at Marie Calender's Restaurant. The program will be "Adventures in Genealogy", presented by former CASSAR president, Steve Hurst.

Closing:

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

Respectfully submitted,

Bob Taylor, Acting Chapter Secretary