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

Minutes of the **12 June 2015** Meeting

(Website: **http://pattonpatriots.org/**)

The regular monthly luncheon meeting of the General George S. Patton, Jr., Chapter SAR was held Friday, 12 June 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 twelve Compatriots: President Bob Colbern, Steve Hurst, Don Bennett, Bill Hurley, Ward White, Dan Sword, Bob Taylor, Barrie Walters, Bill Bays, Fred Dunn, Dick McMullen, and Lou Kreuzer, Guests included Peter Bueschen and pending Compatriots Lucas Ontiveros and Jim Wyly.

Member and guest introductions were made.

Reports:

Acting Secretary Bob Taylor presented the minutes for the meeting of 8 May, which were read and approved.

Bill Bays in the absence of Treasurer Gene Cooper presented the treasurer's report as of 31 May, which was approved.

The registrar's report was presented by Registrar Dick McMullen. The applications for Robert Kelly Laymon, James Taylor Wyly, and John Lawrence Mullen III have been approved by CASSAR and submitted to NSSAR. The applications for Lucas James Ontiveros (CA Spanish patriot Jose/Josef Ontiveros) and John Ward Willson Tunis III (MA patriot Guile Willson) have bben submitted to CASSAR for approval. The Registrar is preparing James Jesse Davis (SC patriot Thomas Ewing and Keith Alan Thomas (VA patriot Richard Reeves) applications; both require additional proofs.

New/Old Business:

President Colbern reported on the Eagle Scout and Veteran committee activities. He further reported the awarding of two ROTC medals to Oxnard and Port Hueneme high schools. Ward White provided the name of Joshua Filgueras, whose Eagle Scout Honor Court will be 14 June; Ron Risley will provide the certificate and letter, and Ward will present them.

Bob Taylor gave reports for several committees:

> Chaplain: No one has been reported as requiring the Chaplain's attention; Chaplain requested the membership's assistance in being informed of any needs. Steve Hurst thanked us for our concerns during his recent operation and hospitalization.
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> Color Guard: The Chapter Color Guard commander reported on the Field of Honor in Newport Beach 16 May and attended by Bob Taylor and Dick McMullen. He also reported on the Memorial day ceremony at Cemetery Park in Ventura 25 May; Eric Stassforth and Bob Taylor attended and Eric blew taps with his new bugle, while Bob was a keynote speaker.

Valley Forge: Bob announced the selection of two teachers for the Valley Forge Teachers Recognition program: Jenny Stocks, sponsored by Gold Country; and Nicole Jacobson, sponsored by Sacramento. They will fly to the Freedoms Foundation in Valley Forge 3 July.

Spirit of America: Bob reported on the presentations at the Ventura County Christian School 9 June, and the four middle schools of the Pleasant Valley School District in Camarillo 10-11 June. Bill Hurley gave his experiences at the Santa Rosa and Las Colinas schools, while Bob Colbern gave his for Monte Vista.

The Chapter roster was discussed, and is nearly ready for distribution; Barry Walter's membership is being reinstated. It was also recommended a meeting reminder be sent a week before the meeting; there was additional discussion for those not having computers.

Sea Cadets: Bob discussed the NSCC Sea Cadet award he will present tomorrow to PO1 Kevin B. Grebbien, Michael A. Monsoor Battalion, U.S. Navy Sea Cadet Corps, mainside (Area 14) of the Camp Pendleton Marine Corps Base.

Bob Colbern requested volunteers for program speakers for upcoming meetings; there are currently openings for July, August, October and November. Discussion followed regarding the use of impersonators like Don Ancell, who portrays Abraham Lincoln.

Bob Taylor requested volunteers to serve on the Chapter committees.

Program:

Former CASSAR President and Chapter Compatriot Steve Hurst presented a program relating his adventures in genealogy. His genealogical research covered the Wabash Valley, Indiana, not finding any Hurst forebears prior to the Civil War. He also discussed his experiences as CASSAR Registrar, which lasted one year. He discussed his ancestry through the English royal line and the War of the Roses.

Next Meeting:

The next Chapter meeting will be held on Friday, 10 July 2015, at Marie Calender's Restaurant. The program is pending

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