



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



Minutes of the **11 September 2015**
Meeting

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

The regular monthly luncheon meeting of the General George S. Patton, Jr., Chapter SAR was held Friday, 11 September 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 twenty-one Compatriots: President Bob Colbern, Steve Hurst, Ken Birdsall, Ken Lynch, Dick Hawley, Gene Cooper, Bill Hurley, Ward White, Dan Sword, Lou Kreuzer, Bob Taylor, Bill Bays, George Horne, Russ Ireland, Fred Dunn, Don Sykes, Barrie Walters, Robert Laymon, James Davis, John Mullen, and Dick McMullen. Guests included pending Compatriots Peter Bueschen and Luc Bell, and wives & daughter Mary Roberts, Sunny McMullen, Cheryl Laymon, Mary Hurley, and Carolyn Cooper.

Member and guest introductions were made.

Reports:

Acting Secretary Bob Taylor presented the minutes for the meeting of 14 August, which were read and approved.

Treasurer Gene Cooper presented the treasurer's report as of 31 August, which was approved. He will be contacting the chapter compatriots for their 2016 dues via e-mail.

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 NSSAR. The applications for Lucas James Ontiveros, and James Jesse Davis are pending at NSSAR. The applications for John Ward Willson Tunis III and Peter Winfield Bueschen have been submitted to CASSAR. The applications for Percy Wyly II (Memorial, SC patriot John Sevier), Keith Alan Thomas (VA patriot Richard Reeves), and Luc Anthony Bell (ME patriot Deacon Isaac Snow) are being prepared by the Registrar.

Chaplain Taylor gave a short report regarding the health of the chapter and the status of compatriot Byron Kelly.

President Colbern is preparing a letter to CASSAR and the Boy Scout Council regarding receiving invitations to honor courts late or garbled.

Vice President Lynch announced the San Diego Chapter will conduct a ceremony 19 Sep celebrating the 228th anniversary of the signing of the U.S. Constitution. He also encouraged chapter participation at the Fall Board of Managers Meeting in Nov. Flyers were distributed. In addition, Bill Hurley received a thank you with photos for his Spirit of America presentation in June, which was passed around. Lastly, Ken noted the Compatriot magazine is on line.

President Colbern presented new member James Taylor Wyly with his membership certificate and chapter welcome.

CASSAR Vice President South Jim Fosdyck greeted the chapter and provided a flag certificate for Bob Taylor to present to Cody Oswald for the proper display of the U.S. flag at his residence in Ventura. Jim also made announcements for the Fall meeting that the NSSAR PG will not attend and former PG Butler will be the banquet speaker with a program on Galvez and the American Revolution. He announced the CASSAR newsletter won an award at the NSSAR Congress, and an invitation for the color guard to honor the 125th anniversary of the DAR in Santa Monica 11 Oct. He finally noted that Orange County Chapter compatriot Dan Shippy, who portrays Gen George Washington at SAR functions was advisor for the movie "Redcoats".

The meeting was recessed for lunch.

New/Old Business:

The experience of a chapter registrar uncovering a criminal history of a new applicant during a background check was reported by Bob Taylor, and CASSAR is currently reviewing the issue.

Program:

Chapter President Bob Colbern presented the program "The 14th Colony", pertaining to the status of Nova Scotia and the efforts by the Americans during the Revolutionary War to bring them into association with the united colonies against the British. This would have potentially resulted in Nova Scotia becoming the 14th state of the United States. It was an interesting program.

Next Meeting:

The next Chapter meeting will be held on Friday, 9 October 2015, at Marie Calender's Restaurant. The program will be "Surprising Discoveries in Revolutionary War Research" by Ward White.

Closing:

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

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Taylor, Acting Chapter Secretary