



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



Minutes of the **9 October 2015** Meeting

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

The regular monthly luncheon meeting of the General George S. Patton, Jr., Chapter SAR was held Friday, 9 October 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, Gene Cooper, Ron Risley, Bill Hurley, Ward White, Dan Sword, Bob Taylor, Bill Bays, George Horne, Marty Spahn, Russ Ireland, Fred Dunn, Jim Wyly, Don Sykes, Harry Copeland, Robert Laymon, John Mullen, and Peter Bueschen. Guests included Jack Johnson, Howard Levine, and Cheryl Laymon.

Member and guest introductions were made.

Reports:

Acting Secretary Bob Taylor presented the minutes for the meeting of 11 Sep, which were read and approved.

Treasurer Gene Cooper presented the treasurer's report as of 30 Sep, which was approved. He will be sending out dues notices next week, with payment due by the end of Nov and no later than 10 Dec.

The registrar's report was presented by Ken Lynch in Registrar Dick McMullen's absence. The applications for Peter Winfield Bueschen (MA patriot Lindsey Joslyn), Lucas James Ontiveros (CA patriot Jose/Josef Ontiveros) and John Ward Willson Tunis III (MA patriot Guile Willson) have been approved by NSSAR. The applications for Keith Alan Thomas and Luc Anthony Bell are pending at NSSAR. The applications for Bill Beal Barrows, Thomas Jacob Hassenbein and Roland Richard Wiley Thompson have been submitted to CASSAR. The memorial application for Percy Wyly II (TN patriot John Sevier) and applications for Bruce Gillies (NY patriot John Thompson), Hal (Henry) Reniger (MA patriot Butterfield) and Patryke Kim Thomas (MA patriot Zachariah Thomas) are being prepared by the Registrar.

Old Business:

Chaplain's report: Bob Taylor noted that Luc Bell is absent due to his mother's surgery, Dick Hawley's doctor reported his heart is no longer showing signs of congenital failure, and Rosemarie Risley is recovering well from her basal cell carcinoma removal. Bob Colbern reported his wife, Elaine, is recovering from cancer surgery and Marty Spahn stated his daughter has a brain tumor.

Color Guard report: Bob Taylor will be participating in the Santa Monica DAR chapter's 125th anniversary this Sunday, 11 Oct. Currently, there are no requirements for the color guard for Veterans Day.

Eagle Scout report: Bob Colbern reported missing two Eagle Scout Court of Honors due to not being informed, and has sent a letter to the CASSAR Eagle Scout committee. The county Boy Scout council also had an incorrect phone number for Bob.

Ron Risley reported the Outstanding Citizenship pin was awarded to Corey Walters instead of Barrie Walters at the last meeting, and will correct the error.

New Business:

Bill Bays reported finding an 1840's photo of his Revolutionary War ancestor on Ancestry.com. His ancestor fought at Cowpens, was wounded and spent three days on the battlefield before being cared for. He was married to an Indian lady. Any actual photo of a Revolutionary War veteran is a rarity.

Ron Risley reported attending his Commissioning Class reunion, and was depressed to see only 9 could attend, and only 4 of those 9 did not need assistance.

Program:

Compatriot Ward White presented "Surprising Discoveries in Revolutionary War Research", and promptly tested those present as to what they do or do not know about the Revolutionary War! The presentation was entertaining and educational, and was well received.

Following the program, compatriot Harry Copeland was presented the Bronze Good Citizenship medal he missed from the awards ceremony last month due to absence.

Next Meeting:

The next Chapter meeting will be held on Friday, 13 November 2015, at Marie Calender's Restaurant. The program will be "The Other 14th Colony - Vermont" by Fred Dunn.

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