



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



Minutes of the **11 March 2016** Meeting

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

The regular monthly luncheon meeting of the General George S. Patton, Jr., Chapter SAR was held Friday, 11 March 2016, in the Garden Room of Marie Calender's Restaurant, 1295 S. Victoria Ave., Ventura, CA. The meeting was called to order by President Ken Lynch. The Invocation was given by Chaplain Bob Taylor, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and the Pledge to the SAR.

In attendance were eighteen Compatriots: President Ken Lynch, Steve Hurst, Gene Cooper, Ron Risley, Bob Colbern, Dick McMullen, Bill Bays, Peter Bueschen, Ken Birdsall, Barrie Walters, Edwin Luth, Ward White, Bob Taylor, Jim Wyly, Harry Copeland, Dan Sword, Russ Ireland, Fred Dunn. Guests included Sunny McMullen and Moustapha Abou-Samra.

Member and guest introductions were made.

**Reports:**

Secretary Bob Taylor presented the minutes for the meeting of 12 February, which were approved as read.

Treasurer Russ Ireland presented the treasurer's report as of 29 February, which was accepted as read.

The Registrar's report was presented by Registrar Dick McMullen and accepted. The supplemental applications for William John Kilbourn (CT Patriot Samuel Erwin/Irwin) and Robert Lee Taylor (CT Patriot Epaphras Lord) have been approved by NSSAR. The applications for Sean Michael McGarry (CT Patriot Joseph Hawley), David Andrew Norton (CT Patriot Joseph Hawley), Adam Richard Stevenson (CT Patriot Joseph Hawley), Henry Austin Reniger III, Percy Wyly II (SAR Memorial Application), William Thomas Allen (PA Patriot Abel Johnson), and Thomas Fletcher Locke (PA Patriot John Locke) are pending at NSSAR. The applications for John Clark Gable (CT Patriot Joseph Benedict Clinton, Sr.), and Clark James Gable (CT Patriot Joseph Benedict Clinton, Sr.) are being prepared by the Registrar.

**Old Business:**

Chaplain's report; Bob Taylor reported the death of a founding member of the chapter, Louis Franklin Hanks, who passed away 24 April 2014 in Vero Beach, FL.

Color Guard report: Bob Taylor encouraged color guard members to participate with the CASSAR color guard at the 141<sup>st</sup> Meeting of the Membership 14-16 April; it will be a national event and will feature a change of command for the CASSAR color guard commander. The Field of Honor national event will be conducted at Newport Beach 13-15 May. The chapter color guard has been invited to participate at the Pierce Brothers cemetery for Memorial Day 30 May. Other possible events include Flag Day 14 June and Let Freedom Ring 4 July.

Spirit of America report: Bob Taylor noted the ceremonies will occur the week of 6 June and volunteers are needed for the presentations.

Valley Forge report: Bob Taylor stated the deadline for applications is 15 April.

Additionally, Bob Taylor reminded members of the upcoming Alaska cruise; announcement is in the CASSAR Compatriot magazine.

President Lynch reported on the Massing of the Colors 14 February at Forest Lawn, Hollywood Hills, which was attended by several members of the chapter, including himself, Ken Birdsall (who shared photos of the event), Steve Hurst and Bob Colbern. He further reminded members of the Conejo Valley Genealogical Society's annual seminar 12 March in Thousand Oaks, encouraged the members to attend the 141<sup>st</sup> MOM at Sacramento 14-16 April and noting the invitation for dinner is at the historic Sutter Club, established 1889.

President Lynch announced next month's program speaker's topic will be "Is Our Constitution Relevant?" and noted Diana Johnson is a former music teacher. June's program will be "The Lost State of Franklin" by Jim Wyly, and Lou Kreuzer has offered a program regarding the Magna Charta. Additionally, Bob Colbern is a future speaker, and Sunny McMullen offered a DVD on colonial foods for a future presentation. The program slots are filling.

President Lynch noted the latest CASSAR Compatriot has an article on Mount Pleasant, and a younger brother of Jim Wyly's ancestor is mentioned. Bill Bays noted his ancestor (Russell) is also noted, and Ron Risley noted an ancestor (Fleming) as well.

Bob Colbern presented a report regarding the Eagle Scout Program.

Fred Dunn noted Bob Colbern's annual report for last year reported a Veteran's Committee for the chapter, and stated that next week (Wed) will be a joint meeting of the MOWW and MROA at the Las Robles Country Club. He noted the planning committee for Pierce Brothers had given their OK for the chapter color guard presentation for Memorial Day, the VFW will have a Flag Day ceremony at the Thousand Oaks Civic Center 14 June. Ron Risley noted he had been active in collecting items for the VA hospital.

#### **New Business: Nothing to report**

Bill Bays presented a Flag Certificate to Dr. Moustapha Abou-Samra who gave a spirited talk regarding his love for the United States and his pride in displaying the U.S flag, emphasizing the flag reminds him of Freedom, Justice, Generosity, Inclusion, Beauty, Pride, Peace, Fun, and Love. He provided photos of his impressive display. Bill also presented an additional Flag Certificate to Ron Colitti 2 March.

Following lunch, President Lynch presented Barrie Walters with his Outstanding Citizenship award, which had been earlier issued mistakenly to his son. Barrie noted his recent absence had been due to the death of his mother last month in Kentucky.

#### **Program:**

Ward White presented an audio-visual program "The Winter Patriots", noting the impact of cold weather warfare and comparing it to his childhood in NY and his experiences in Korea during the Korean War.

#### **Next Meeting:**

The next Chapter meeting will be held on Friday, 8 April 2016, at Marie Calender's Restaurant. The program is titled "Is the Constitution Relevant?", and will be presented by Ms. Diana Johnson.

#### **Closing:**

The meeting was adjourned by President Lynch following the SAR Recessional and the Benediction.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Taylor, Chapter Secretary