



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



Minutes of the **13 May 2016** Meeting

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

The regular monthly luncheon meeting of the General George S. Patton, Jr., Chapter SAR was held Friday, 13 May 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 twenty-one Compatriots: President Ken Lynch, Steve Hurst, Lou Kreuzer, Gene Cooper, Peter Bueschen, Ken Birdsall, Edwin Luth, Hal Reniger, Bill Hurley, Richard Hawley, Bob Taylor, Bob Colbern, Russ Ireland, Bill Bays, Fred Dunn, Tom Shaw, James Wyly, Bob Laymon, Martin Spann, Randy Winton, and Tom Allen. Our guest was Judy Winton.

Member and guest introductions were made.

Reports:

Secretary Bob Taylor presented the minutes for the meeting of 8 April, which were approved as read.

Treasurer Russ Ireland presented the treasurer's report as of 30 April, which was accepted as read.

The Registrar's report was presented by President Lynch in the absence of Registrar Dick McMullen and was accepted. The applications for Thomas Fletcher Locke (PA Patriot John Locke), Derek Charles Dodds (VA Patriot Levi Phillips), and the supplemental application for Robert Lee Taylor (CT Patriot Epaphras Lord) 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 on Bill Bay's recent illness. Ward White continues to have issues with his heart.

Color Guard report: Bob Taylor reminded the Chapter about the Field of Honor national event 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.

Spirit of America report: Bob Taylor again noted volunteers are needed for the ceremonies the week of 6 June.

Valley Forge report: Bob Taylor reported two teachers have been selected.

Bob Colbern noted he will present JROTC awards at Oxnard High School on 25 May and at Port Hueneme High School 2 June.

New Business:

President Lynch provided a recap of the 141st Spring Meeting of the Membership meeting 15-16 April in Sacramento. Ron Barker was elected President, Bob Taylor became VP-South and Dick Hawley was reelected Trustee. The Chapter was awarded a flag streamer for participation in the Massing of the Colors, and received checks for the Col. Locke award and dues reimbursement for Life Members.

Steve Hurst mentioned he felt the distribution of the handout from the TX SAR regarding certain phrase translations was inappropriate for that venue; he distributed a copy for the membership to read.

President Lynch reminded the membership of the upcoming NSSAR 2016 SAR Annual Conference on the American Revolution, which will be held 10-12 June in Pasadena.

President Lynch announced the 2017 Spring Meeting of the Membership will be held in Irvine 7-8 April.

President Lynch discussed speaker requirements for upcoming meetings, and currently needs speakers for the 8 Jul, 12 Aug, 14 Oct and 11 Nov meeting dates. Bob Colbern recommended inviting Richard Haynes Nixon, author of "Illusion of Freedom". Sunny McMullen has offered a DVD covering foods of the Colonial era "Taste of History", Fred Dunn offered a talk about the prophet Hosea, and Barrie Walters offered a talk on Kentucky as the 14th state.

VP Kreuzer displayed a chart on the ancestry of the Presidents of the United States, noting that all descend from King John of Britain.

Following lunch, new members Henry Austin Reniger III and William Thomas Allen were sworn into the SAR and presented with their certificates and rousettes, while the memorial certificate for Percy Wyly II was presented to his son, James Wyly.

Program:

Vice President Lou Kreuzer presented the program "Magna Carta", comparing the similarities of the Magna Carta with the U.S. Constitution and the Bill of Rights. Following the program, VP Kreuzer was presented with a certificate of appreciation.

Next Meeting:

The next Chapter meeting will be held on Friday, 10 June 2016, at Marie Calender's Restaurant. The program is titled "The Lost State of Franklin", and will be presented by Jim Wyly.

Closing:

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

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Taylor, Chapter Secretary