



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



Minutes of the **10 June 2016** Meeting

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

The regular monthly luncheon meeting of the General George S. Patton, Jr., Chapter SAR was held Friday, 10 June 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 Compatriots: President Ken Lynch, Dick McMullen, Steve Hurst, Lou Kreuzer, Peter Bueschen, Bill Hurley, Richard Hawley, Bob Taylor, George Horne, Russ Ireland, Bill Bays, Eric Stassforth, Fred Dunn, Dan Sword, Harry Copeland, Tom Shaw, Barrie Walters, James Wyly, Keith Thomas, and Tom Allen. Our guest was Margie Kreuzer.

Member and guest introductions were made.

Reports:

Secretary Bob Taylor presented the minutes for the meeting of 13 May, which were approved as amended.

Treasurer Russ Ireland presented the treasurer's report as of 31 May, which was accepted as read.

The Registrar's report was presented by Registrar Dick McMullen and was accepted. The application for Thomas Fletcher Locke (PA Patriot John Locke) and the supplemental application for Robert Lee Taylor (CT Patriot Epaphras Lord) have been approved by NSSAR. The application for Derek Charles Dodds (VA Patriot Levi Phillips) is 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 awaiting additional information requested by the Registrar.

Old Business:

Chaplain's report: Ward White continues to improve, but is housebound.

Color Guard report: Bob Taylor reported attending the Field of Honor national event at Newport Beach 14 May. Bob gave a short report regarding the Memorial Day ceremony at the Pierce Brothers cemetery in Westlake Village 30 May; the color guard consisted of President Lynch, Dick McMullen, Bill Hurley, Eric Stassforth and Bob Taylor. Upcoming event will be the "Let Freedom Ring" ceremony in Cerritos 4 July.

Spirit of America report: Bob Taylor thanked President Lynch and Bob Colbern for presenting awards in Camarillo 9 June. Spirit of America awards were presented in Ventura (VCCS) 7 June and Camarillo (4 middle schools) 8-9 June.

New Business:

President Lynch provided additional notes for the Memorial Day ceremony at Westlake Village: Ed Holt represented the MOWW, Gene Cooper's wife sang in the choir, and Fred Dunn was also in attendance.

President Lynch noted ROTC awards were presented at Oxnard and Port Hueneme High Schools.

Bill Bays reported he had three more Flag Certificates to present, including one for new member Tom Shaw to be presented at our next meeting.

President Lynch reported the Sons of Liberty Chapter attended the Genealogy Jamboree at Burbank, along with representatives from the Daughter of Union Veterans and the Jamestown Society.

Russ Ireland attended the graduation ceremony for his grandson at West Point, and has another grandson in his third year at West Point. His grandson will be assigned to the 82nd Airborne at Fort Benning.

President Lynch noted in the Compatriot Magazine the information and registration for the Fall Board of Managers meeting 4-6 November in Burlingame. He further noted our chapter had 10 new members reported, with only San Diego beating us by one!

President Lynch reported his visit to the General Patton Memorial Museum in AZ during his vacation, and was very impressed by it.

Eric Stassforth noted he was a clerk at a polling station during the recent elections, and was quite impressed with the operational procedures in place.

Program:

Following lunch, Compatriot Jim Wyly presented the program "The Lost State of Franklin", originally hewn out of North Carolina and occupying the eastern edge of Tennessee from August 1784 to December 1788. Following the program, President Lynch presented a certificate of appreciation to Jim.

Next Meeting:

The next Chapter meeting will be held on Friday, 8 July 2016, at Marie Calender's Restaurant. The program is titled "The History of the Sons of the American Revolution", and will be presented by Robert Taylor.

President Lynch noted he has openings for program presenters 12 Aug, 14 Oct and 11 Nov. Eric Stassforth volunteered to present a program "Colonial Pewter" for 12 Aug, Barrie Walters "Kentucky" for 14 Oct, and Steve Hurst "Thomas Jefferson Miscellaneous" 11 Nov.

Closing:

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

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Taylor, Chapter Secretary