



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



Minutes of the **9 September 2016**
Meeting

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

The regular monthly luncheon meeting of the General George S. Patton, Jr., Chapter SAR was held Friday, 9 September 2016, in the Garden Room of Marie Callender'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 seventeen Compatriots: President Ken Lynch, Steve Hurst, Lou Kreuzer, Ron Risley, Dick McMullen, Bob Taylor, Russ Ireland, Dick Hawley, Bill Bays, Bill Hurley, George Horne, Dan Sword, Gene Cooper, Ken Birdsall, Marty Spann, Barrie Walters, Hal Reniger. Our guests included pending member Chuck Lombard and his wife, Ellie, Lois Lynch, Gail Ireland, Dr. Sunny Vasquez-McMullen, Joan H. (Dick Hawley's daughter), Mary Hurley, and Betsy Horne.

Member and guest introductions were made.

Reports:

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

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

Registrar Dick McMullen presented the registrar's report, which was accepted. The supplemental application for Patryke Kim Thomas (CT Patriot Israel Williams) and the application for Richard Lee Strayer (PA Patriot Jacob Reed) are pending at NSSAR; no applications are pending at CASSAR; applications for William Gary Galloway (PA Patriot Ralph Tafford) and Charles Hubert Lombard (NY Patriot John Townsend) are under preparation.

Old Business:

Secretary Taylor noted Compatriot Charles Bradbury had moved to Georgia and requested to be dropped from the mailing list, and Compatriot Robert Laymon was vacationing in Europe.

Chaplain's report: Ward White is home and feeling better. Jim Wyly is well enough to meet son at LAX, who is returning from deployment.

Color Guard: Reminder that Wreaths Across America is scheduled for 17 Dec 2016 at 0900 (9:00 am). Color Guard Commander Taylor will contact Compatriot Dunn concerning possible Veteran Day activities, and asked for additional opportunities from the Chapter Compatriots.

Chapter was reminded of the Fall Board of Managers meeting 3-5 Nov at Burlingame; one of the two participants of the Valley Forge Teacher Recognition program will be presenting a briefing.

It was noted the Compatriot magazine is available for the membership.

The deadline for submission of essays to the Chapter for the Knight Essay contest is 31 Dec, with final submissions to CASSAR due 28 Jan 2017.

New Business:

President Lynch recapped the visit last month of CASSAR Executive VP Jim Fosdyck, who is visiting all 26 Chapters, presented a flag certificate to the Ventura Mission, and pins in support of the 50th Anniversary of the Viet Nam conflict supported by the CASSAR. President Lynch presented the Vietnam 50th anniversary pin to Compatriot Bill Hurley. Secretary Taylor requested names of other Compatriots who are eligible for the pin.

President Lynch discussed the Chapter's finances. He reviewed previous budget reports and the balance has remained fairly constant for the last 4 years (about \$13,000). He recommended the luncheon remain at \$20. Compatriot Sword asked why a \$10,000 to \$13,000 balance, and would like to see it used for worthwhile projects. It was noted there are two endowments with restrictions as to usage.

New members Derek Dodds and William Allen were unavailable to be sworn in.

Business meeting was tabled for lunch.

Program:

The annual Chapter Awards program was conducted by President Lynch with the assistance of Secretary Taylor. Awards presented included:

Outstanding Citizenship pin: Peter Bueschen (absent), Robert Laymon (absent) and Keith Thomas (absent)

Bronze Good Citizenship medal: Jim Wyly (absent) & Barrie Walters

War Service medal: Dan Sword

Bronze Roger Sherman medal: Lou Kreuzer

Certificates of Meritorious Service: Bill Bays & Bob Colbern (absent)

Meritorious Service medal: Russ Ireland

Chapter Distinguished Service medal: Robert Taylor

Compatriot of the Year (Meritorious medal): Dick McMullen

Next Meeting:

The next Chapter meeting will be held on Friday, 14 October 2016, at Marie Callender's Restaurant. The program will be "Thomas Jefferson Miscellaneous", presented by Compatriot Steve Hurst.

Closing:

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

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Taylor, Chapter Secretary