



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



Minutes of the **13 January 2017** Meeting

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

The regular monthly luncheon meeting of the General George S. Patton, Jr., Chapter SAR was held Friday, 13 January 2017, in the Garden Room of the 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 twenty Compatriots: President Ken Lynch, Lou Kreuzer, Steve Hurst, Bob Taylor, Dick McMullen, Dan Sword, Barrie Walters, Tom Shaw, Tom Allen, Martin Spann, Ken Birdsall, Fred Dunn, Peter Bueschen, Jim Wyly, Bob Laymon, Gene Cooper, Eric Stassforth, Kim Thomas, Chuck Lombard and Hal Reniger. Our guests included Barbara LaMarche (DAR Liaison), Sunny Vasquez-McMullen, Ellie Lombard, Carol Koch, Dannie Thomas, and pending Compatriot Mark Collins III and his wife Kathleen.

Member and guest introductions were made.

**Reports:**

Secretary Bob Taylor presented the minutes for the meeting of 9 December, which were approved as presented.

The treasurer's report was not presented due to the absence of Treasurer Russ Ireland caused by illness.

Registrar Dick McMullen presented the registrar's report, which was accepted. The application for Charles Hubert Lombard (NY Patriot John Townsend) and the supplemental application for Patryke Kim Thomas (CT Patriot Israel Williams) have been approved by NSSAR. The applications for Bradley Norton Dodds (VA Patriot Levi Phillips), Christopher Michael Thomas (VA Patriot Richard Reeves), and Joshua Alan Thomas (VA Patriot Richard Reeves) are pending at NSSAR; the applications for Stephen David Andrews (MA Patriot Caleb Andrews), Jerry Lee Hayes, Jr. (NC Patriot Nathaniel Overall), Theodore A. Siegel (NY Patriot Israel Lyon, Sr.), Michael David Bick (NJ Patriot Jacobus Post, Sr.), William Gary Galloway (VA Patriot John Burch, Jr.), Noble Allen Powell III (NY Patriot Jonathan Olmstead), Mark Stuart Collins III (NH Patriot Benjamin Collins), and two supplemental applications for Peter Winfield Bueschen (VA Patriots Thomas Terrell and Isaac Votaw) are pending at CASSAR. There are no new applications being prepared.

**Old Business:**

Chaplain's report: Aside from today's absence of Russ Ireland due to illness, there are no known illnesses.

Color Guard: Chapter Color Guard commander reported on the Wreaths Across America ceremony conducted at the Pioneer Cemetery in Simi Valley 17 Dec 2016. The color guard has been invited to participate in the CSSCAR annual banquet at the Ventura Marriott 18 Feb 2017; an additional color guardsman is needed. The Massing of the Colors will be held 19 Feb 2017 at Forest Lawn Hollywood Hills, and three guardsmen are needed.

Sea Cadets (NSCC/NLCC): There will be an award ceremony at NBVC Port Hueneme 28 Jan.

Bob Taylor noted the emphasis by CASSAR on the brochure contest, and requested Chapter participation.

Lou Kreuzer noted he has received 6 Knight Essay entries, and requested assistance in evaluating them. President Lynch and Barrie Walters volunteered to assist.

Business meeting was recessed for lunch.

Marty Spann announced "For the Troops", which provides care packages to all troops, will be holding a gala 18 Feb at the Reagan Library, for which he is the event chairman. He encouraged Chapter participation.

Fred Dunn, Veterans Committee, noted the MOA will be meeting at the Las Robles Country Club 25 Jan; Allen Weinstein, who saved Pisa during WW II, will be the keynote speaker. Fred also noted there is a CAP unit nearby, and requested volunteers to work with them.

Barbara LaMarche, Mitz-Khan-a-Khan Chapter DAR liaison, had nothing to report.

Kathleen Collins noted the effort by the Mitz-Khan-a-Khan Chapter, DAR, to install a historical plaque on the Ventura Mission within the next 12 months; requires approval, which is being pursued.

President Lynch presented Kim Thomas with his supplemental certificate, and presented Jim Wyly with his bronze Good Citizenship medal awarded to him last September.

President presented the officers' slate for 2017. There were no nominations from the floor, and the slate was elected by the membership. The officers were sworn in by past CASSAR President Steve Hurst.

President Lynch reminded everyone that 2017 dues are payable, and requested they be paid.

Bob Taylor presented Vietnam 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary pins to compatriot Fred Dunn and for his wife, Dianne.

President Lynch again discussed the need for speakers, and Steve Hurst suggested the books he donated in December might provide a number of program topics.

#### **New Business:**

There was no new business to discuss.

#### **Program:**

The program "Sword Family History" was presented by chapter member Dan Sword, and was well received by the Chapter members and guests.

#### **Next Meeting:**

The next Chapter meeting will be held on Friday, 10 February 2017, at Marie Callender's Restaurant. The program will be "Military Advisor to Iraqi Police Commandos", presented by Compatriot Marty Spann.

#### **Closing:**

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

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Taylor, Chapter Secretary