



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



10 March 2017 Meeting Minutes

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

The regular monthly luncheon meeting of the General George S. Patton, Jr., Chapter SAR was held Friday, 10 March 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 nineteen Compatriots: President Ken Lynch, Steve Hurst, Lou Kreuzer, Bob Taylor, Dick McMullen, Dan Sword, Bill Hurley, Gene Cooper, Ward White, Keith Thomas, Bill Bays, Barrie Walters, Tom Allen, Ken Birdsall, Tom Shaw, Fred Dunn, Derek Dodds, Chuck Lombard and Hal Reniger. Our guests included Ken Mayeda (speaker), Lois Lynch, Carolyn Cooper, Barbara LaMarche (DAR Liaison), Sunny Vazquez-McMullen, Steve Schleder, Ellie Lombard, and Mary Hurley.

Member and guest introductions were made.

Reports:

Secretary Bob Taylor presented the minutes for the meeting of 10 February, which were approved as read.

Due to the absence of Treasurer Russ Ireland, there was no treasurer's report presented.

Registrar Dick McMullen presented the registrar's report, which was accepted. The applications for Stephen David Andrews (MA Patriot Caleb Andrews), Mark Stuart Collins III (NH Patriot Benjamin Collins), Michael David Bick (NJ Patriot Jacobus Post, Sr.), Theodore A. Siegel (NY Patriot Israel Lyon, Sr.), Jerry Lee Hayes, Jr. (NC Patriot Nathaniel Overall), William Gary Galloway (VA Patriot John Burch, Jr.), and supplemental application for Peter Winfield Bueschen (VA Patriot Thomas Terrell) are pending at NSSAR; the applications for Noble Allen Powell III (NY Patriot Jonathan Olmstead), Christopher Michael Thomas (VA Patriot Richard Reeves), Joshua Alan Thomas (VA Patriot Richard Reeves), and one supplemental application for Peter Winfield Bueschen (VA Patriot Isaac Votaw) are pending at CASSAR. One application is in preparation for Clark Randolph Pingree (DE Patriot George Read). There was discussion regarding the acceptance of members with Spanish descent.

Committees

Chaplain Bob Taylor reported the sending of get-well cards to compatriots Russ Ireland and Dick Strayer, and requested prayer for them. He again encouraged the members to let him know of illnesses and issues.

Color Guard Commander Bob Taylor presented reports for the CSSCAR banquet at the Ventura Marriott 18 February and the Massing of the Colors at Forest Lawn, Hollywood Hills, 19 February. Both events were successful and enjoyable for those attending, particularly the social time at the Smokehouse after the Massing of the Colors.

Secretary Bob Taylor attended the NSSAR Spring Leadership meetings in Louisville, KY, 2-3 Mar as CASSAR VP-South, and gave a short report. In particular, CASSAR was congratulated for the 47 Knight Essay entries submitted.

Knight Essay committee chairman Lou Kreuzer reported he received 5 essays, and thanked Ken Lynch and Barrie Walters for their assistance. Lou acknowledged the assistance he received from deceased member Bill Henry. Lou's selection of Miss Elena La Reina's winning entry on Benedict Arnold was also selected by CASSAR as their winner and will be submitted to NSSAR for judging during their Congress in July. Lou will provide copies to the membership, and will invite her to speak at a future chapter meeting.

Old Business:

President Lynch reminded the membership of the upcoming CASSAR Annual Spring meeting in Irvine, and noted 15 March is the last date for the reduced registration rate. He has almost finished the chapter annual report for submission to CASSAR.

President Lynch reported receiving a letter regarding IRS Form 990N, and requested a copy of the latest filing, plus his wishes to be involved.

President Lynch reminded members of his need for program speakers for 2017, particularly May.

New Business:

President Lynch swore in new member Derek Charles Dodds, presented his certificate and SAR rosette, and introduced him to the Chapter membership. President Lynch provided Derek with his son's, Bradley Norton Dodds, certificate and rosette, and requested his attendance to be sworn in at a later date.

Business meeting was recessed for lunch.

Program:

The program "With Liberty and Justice for All" was presented by Thousand Oaks resident Kenzo Mayeda, who provided a thumbnail sketch of his life in the Los Angeles area, including his experiences at Tule Lake Japanese internment camp during WW II. The program was interesting and well received by the Chapter members and guests. President Lynch presented Mr. Mayeda with a certificate of appreciation.

Next Meeting:

The next Chapter meeting will be held on Friday, 14 April 2017, at Marie Callender's Restaurant. The program will be "World Events at the Time of the American Revolution", presented by Barrie Walters.

Closing:

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

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Taylor, Chapter Secretary