



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



**12 May 2017 Meeting Minutes**

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

The regular monthly luncheon meeting of the General George S. Patton, Jr., Chapter SAR was held Friday, 12 May 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, Gene Cooper, Edwin Luth, Dick Hawley, Bob Colbern, Bill Bays, Dan Sword, Bill Hurley, Tom Allen, Harry Copeland, Ken Birdsall, Fred Dunn, Mark Collins, Kim Thomas, Peter Bueschen, and Bob Laymon. Our guests included Carolyn Cooper and Mary Hurley.

Member and guest introductions were made.

**Reports:**

Secretary Bob Taylor presented the minutes for the meeting of 14 April, which were approved as presented.

President Lynch as interim Treasurer presented the Treasurer's report, which was accepted as presented. Question asked if there are "walled-off" funds, and the answer is there are two bequested accounts. A volunteer to take the unfilled term for Treasurer was again requested with no response.

Bill Hurley presented the Registrar's report in the absence of Registrar Dick McMullen, which was accepted. The applications for Stephen David Andrews (MA Patriot Caleb Andrews), Theodore Alan Siegel (NY Patriot Israel Lyon, Sr.), Jerry Lee Hayes, Jr. (NC Patriot Nathaniel Overall) and Mark Stuart Collins III (NH Patriot Benjamin Collins) were approved by NSSAR. The applications for Noble Allen Powell III (NY Patriot Jonathan Olmstead), Clark Randolph Pingree (PA Patriot John Wall), and two supplemental applications for Peter Winfield Bueschen (VA Patriot Thomas Terrell and VA Patriot Isaac Votaw) are pending at NSSAR. No applications are currently pending at CASSAR. One supplemental application is in preparation for Keith Alan Thomas (VA Patriot Daniel Shumate).

**Old and New Business:**

Chaplain Bob Taylor reported Compatriot Dick Hawley is undergoing chemo, and Compatriot Tom Allen reported he will be having a heart valve replacement operation and will be absent. Chaplain Bob solicited prayers for those with issues, and encouraged the members to let him know of illnesses and issues among the membership.

Color Guard Commander Bob Taylor reported two 29 May Memorial Day ceremonies for the chapter color guard at Pierce Brothers Memorial Park in Westlake starting at 11:00 AM, and at Cemetery Park in Ventura starting at 2:30 PM. He will send an email to the color guard for final volunteers and providing the details.

Spirit of America committee chairman Bob Taylor asked for volunteers to provide Spirit of America presentations at the Pleasant Valley School District middle schools 14-15 June. Bill Hurley is available on

Thursday, 15 Jun; while President Lynch is available Wed, 14 Jun. One additional volunteer will be needed.

Knight Essay Committee chairman Lou Kreuzer reported our Knight Essay participant, Miss Elana Luo, while winning the CASSAR contest, did not place at NSSAR. She was honored at the 142<sup>nd</sup> Spring annual meeting youth luncheon, but was unable to attend. President Lynch received the LAUX check for \$250 for later presentation, and the \$1000 CASSAR check was mailed to her. Lou was asked to invite her to present her essay to the chapter in June or July. The chapter received five essays. Lou will prepare a PR release. It was recommended the chapter prepare certificates of appreciation for those submitting entries, and perhaps a monetary reward.

Eagle Scout Committee chairman Bob Colbern reported he presented the Eagle Scout certificate to Konrad Dellacqua at his Court of Honor 29 April in Moorpark.

ROTC Committee chairman Bob Colbern is planning to present JROTC medals and certificates at Oxnard High School 24 May and Hueneme High School 1 June.

President Lynch noted the Memorial Day proclamation issued by NSSAR President-General Mike Tomme and circulated a copy for the membership.

President Lynch stated he has paid the additional dues assessment of \$35 noted in the final reconciliation report from CASSAR.

President Lynch submitted the IRS Form 990-N and FTB Form 199N, and will provide copies to Secretary Taylor.

President Lynch reported speaking with CASSAR President Jim Fosdyck at the Society of Colonial Wars business luncheon at the LA Athletic Club, and President Fosdyck will visit our chapter 9 June.

President Lynch reminded the chapter of the 127<sup>th</sup> NSSAR Congress in July at Knoxville, TN, and encouraged chapter members to attend.

President Lynch reminded members of his need for program speakers for July and August 2017. Fred Dunn volunteered for May and we have a program for June.

Dan Sword announced he had a terrific birthday to mark his 90<sup>th</sup> year, and the chapter sang "Happy Birthday" to him.

Business meeting was recessed for lunch.

#### **Program:**

The program "Benedict Arnold" was presented by Compatriot Fred Dunn, detailing Gen Arnold's patriotic service early in the Revolutionary War. The program was interesting and well received by the Chapter members and guests.

#### **Next Meeting:**

The next Chapter meeting will be held on Friday, 12 May 2017, at Marie Callender's Restaurant. The program will be "Privateers, Pirates, Frigates & Politics", presented by Channel Islands Maritime Museum docent Jim Kosinski.

#### **Closing:**

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

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Taylor, Chapter Secretary