



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



**11 August 2017 Meeting Minutes**

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

The regular monthly luncheon meeting of the General George S. Patton, Jr., Chapter SAR was held Friday, 11 August 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, and was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and the Pledge to the SAR.

In attendance were thirteen Compatriots: President Ken Lynch, Steve Hurst, Bill Bays, Bob Taylor, Ken Birdsall, Eric Stassforth, Martin Spann, Dan Sword, Bill Hurley, Barrie Walters, and Clark Pingree. Our guests included, DAR liaison Patti Bagley, pending new member Jim Butcher, and

Member and guest introductions were made. President Lynch noted Lou Kreuzer, Hal Reniger and Gene Cooper had informed him they would be absent.

**Reports:**

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

President Lynch as interim Treasurer presented the Treasurer's report, which was accepted as presented.

Registrar Dick McMullen presented the Registrar's report, which was accepted. The applications for Weldon Morse Lewis, Jr. (NY Patriot Henry Strang), Mark Stuart Collins IV (NH Patriot Benjamin Collins), Whitney James Collins (NH Patriot Benjamin Collins), James Francis Butcher (VA Patriot Gaspar Butcher), Philip Servis Wilson (PA Patriot William Wilson), and five supplemental applications for Peter Winfield Bueschen (VA Patriot Thomas Terrell and VA Patriot Isaac Votaw), Edwin Day Luth (NJ Patriot Nehemiah Day), and James Taylor Wyly (NC Patriot William H. Clark and VA Patriot James Wily/Wiley) are pending at NSSAR. No applications are pending at CASSAR. Applications in preparation include: Christopher Scott Wilde (SC Patriot Robert Archer), Fred J. Line III (NJ Patriot John Line) and Ryan Beeman (Patriot unknown).

**Old and New Business:**

Chaplain Taylor reported sending cards to Compatriots Ward White, George Horne, Gene Cooper, and Russ Ireland. Chaplain Bob solicited prayers for those with issues, and encouraged the members to let him know of illnesses and problems among the membership.

Color Guard Commander Taylor had nothing to report.

Secretary Taylor reported on the ceremony for Compatriot COL. Marty Spann, who was awarded with a Bronze Star with Valor for his actions in Iraq 11 Mar 2005. It was a distinct honor for the chapter to have been invited to the ceremony at the Museum of Military History in Simi Valley.

VP South Taylor noted the invitation given during the 127<sup>th</sup> NSSAR Congress for a special ceremony commemorating 100 years since the end of WW I to be held in France 10-17 June 2018.

VP South Taylor noted the Orange County Chapter will be celebrating their 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary with a picnic at Mile Square Park in Fountain Valley 19 August, and encouraged the members to attend.

VP South Taylor mentioned the 2019 NSSAR Congress will be held in Newport Beach/Costa Mesa, and has raffle tickets for the patriotic quilt to be raffled off to help defray expenses.

President Lynch announced the CASSAR Fall Board of Managers meeting will be held this November in Irvine, and encouraged participation by the members.

There was no new business.

President Lynch noted he still needs program speakers for October and November, which elicited several suggestions: Bill Hurley will pursue a speaker (Daughters of Union Veterans, quartermaster), former CASSAR President Steve Hurst has a CD regarding America's Founding Father and mentioned John Calvin Brewster, early resident of Ventura and descendant of William Brewster of the Mayflower (Ward White & Peter Bueschen are descendants), and Robert Dempster was suggested (Peter Bueschen will followup). Marty Spann volunteered to speak in November on "Prison Ships during the American Revolution".

Business meeting was recessed for lunch.

**Program:**

The program "National Cemeteries" was presented by President Ken Lynch, which was informative, interesting and well received by the Chapter members and guests. Certificates of Appreciation were presented to Ken and to Eric Stassforth for last month's program.

**Next Meeting:**

The next Chapter meeting will be held on Friday, 8 September 2017, at Marie Callender's Restaurant. The program will be the annual award ceremony.

**Closing:**

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

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Taylor, Chapter Secretary