



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



**8 September 2017 Meeting Minutes**

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

The regular monthly luncheon meeting of the General George S. Patton, Jr., Chapter SAR was held Friday, 8 September 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 fifteen Compatriots: President Ken Lynch, Hal Reniger, Steve Hurst, Bob Taylor, Ken Birdsall, Eric Stassforth, Martin Spann, Dan Sword, Ron Risley, Bill Bays, Dick Strayer, Bob Laymon, Peter Beuschen, Chuck Lombard, and Barrie Walters. Our guests included Ellie Lombard, and Matt & Katie Gibson.

**Reports:**

Secretary Bob Taylor presented the minutes for the meeting of 11 August, which were approved pending future amendment (attendance).

President Lynch presented the Treasurer's report in the absence of Treasurer Kreuzer, which was accepted as presented.

Registrar's Report was presented in Registrar McMullen's absence and accepted. The applications for Noble Allen Powell III (NY Patriot Jonathan Olmstead), 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 Wyly/Wiley) continue 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 Sunny McMillen's eyesight has drastically improved and she is back to a normal routine. Gene Cooper is in Los Robles Hospital after surgery on a collapsed neck disc and is doing well, while Mary Hurley fell while on vacation and broke her arm. 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 reported on his participation with the American Christian Heritage Club during Diversity Day at the Los Angeles AFB 31 August. Several recruitment discussions were conducted.

VP South Taylor reported on the Orange County Chapter 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary picnic at Mile Square Park in Fountain Valley 19 August, which was very successful.

VP South Taylor mentioned having raffle tickets for the patriotic quilt to be raffled to help defray costs for the 2019 NSSAR Congress to be held in Newport Beach/Costa Mesa

Secretary Taylor noted the current roster includes 12 members who have been dropped since last January for non-payment of dues, and asked if they should be deleted. President Lynch suggested they be e-mailed to see if any would be interested in reinstating. He also noted the 2018 dues notice will be sent out in October.

President Lynch reminded the membership again about the CASSAR Fall Board of Managers meeting November in Irvine, and encouraged participation by the members.

There was no new business.

President Lynch announced the program speakers' list for 2017 is filled, with Robert Dempster speaking in October and Marty Spann in November. He further announced he will need a full slate of speakers for 2018.

Business meeting was recessed for lunch.

Ron Risley made the announcement to the membership that he is not a Risley, even though he is the American patriarch for the family and has researched the line for 35 years! DNA results have proved his lineage is from the Campbell line, and research indicates the ancestor who married Duncan Risley in 1816 already had two sons, and Duncan had served with a Campbell during the War of 1812.

**Program:**

The program was the annual Chapter Award Ceremony to recognize our compatriots for their service this past year. Those present who received their awards included:

Hal Reniger	Outstanding Citizenship Award & Pin
Bob Taylor	Certificate of Meritorious Service
Eric Stassforth	Meritorious Service Medal
Ken Lynch	Bronze Color Guard Medal
Marty Spann	War Service Medal

**Next Meeting:**

The next Chapter meeting will be held on Friday, 13 October 2017, at Marie Callender's Restaurant. The program is titled "How the American Revolution Really Started" and will be presented by Robert Dempster.

**Closing:**

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

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Taylor, Chapter Secretary