



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



**13 April 2018 Meeting Minutes**

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

The regular monthly luncheon meeting of the General George S. Patton, Jr., Chapter SAR was held Friday, 13 April 2018, in the Garden Room of the Marie Callender's Restaurant, 1295 S. Victoria Ave., Ventura, CA. The meeting was called to order by President Hal Reniger. 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 seventeen compatriots: President Hal Reniger, Lou Kreuzer, Ken Lynch, Steve Hurst, Dick McMullen, Bob Taylor, Bill Bays, Bob Colbern, Dan Sword, Ken Birdsall, Tom Shaw, Mark Collins, Kim Thomas, Martin Spann, Don Bennett, Bill Nugent and Bill Hurley. Our guests included Sue Birdsall, Katherine Collins, Sunny Vasquez McMullen, and Judy Shaw.

**Reports:**

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

Treasurer Lou Kreuzer presented the Treasurer's report. Report shows a checking balance of \$4,953.61 and a savings balance of \$9,013.18 as of 13 April. An additional \$357 was provided to the Treasurer from last month's luncheon. The report was accepted as presented.

Registrar Dick McMullen presented the Registrar's report, which was accepted as presented.

Applications approved by NSSAR:

William Kenneth Nugent (CT Patriot David Holcomb)  
Douglas Cavins Lowthorp (VA Patriot James Templer)

Applications pending at NSSAR:

Noble Allen Powell III (NY Patriot Jonathan Olmstead)  
James Jack Kehr, PhD (NC Patriot Reuben Coffey)  
Albert Edward Marland III (NC Patriot Henry Lancaster)  
Philippe Entienne Ragland (VA Patriot John Dudley Ragland)  
Grifton Morse Lewis (NY Patriot Henry Strang)  
Jordan Muir Lewis (NY Patriot Henry Strang)  
Case Aynsley Lewis (NY Patriot Henry Strang)  
George Christopher Thomas (SC Patriot Arthur Middleton)

Applications submitted to CASSAR: None

Applications in preparation:

Scott Kevin Fox (VA Patriot Thomas Overstreet, Sr.)  
Michael E. McGehee (SC Patriot Reuben Weed, Sr.)  
Randy Wells (MD Patriot Edward Dyer)

It was noted that the applications approved by NSSAR listed in the Registrar's report include those members previously approved and awaiting presentation of their certificates and swearing in as members.

**Old and New Business:**

Chaplain Taylor asked about Gene Cooper's status from the membership, and reported the sending of a get-well card. He also sent cards to George Horne and Dick Hawley.

Color Guard Commander Taylor reported on the plaque dedication by DAR chapter Mitz-Khan-a-Kahn at the Ventura Mission 31 March; color guard members Barrie Walters and Dick McMullen joined Bob Taylor and member Mark Collins to present the colors for the ceremony.

Secretary Taylor explained the flag certificate program and encouraged the chapter to participate. Committee was formed with Kim Thomas as chairman. Motion was made to replace the flag of Moustapha Abou-Samra, who was presented a flag certificate in March 2016 and who lost his home in the Thomas Fire; motion was tabled for further review.

Secretary Taylor noted he has California CASSAR and 2019 Congress medals available, as well as raffle tickets for the 2019 Congress quilt and a free hotel stay during the Congress.

Katherine Collins presented the chapter with a \$50 check for the color guard's participation at the plaque dedication.

Ken Lynch noted the NSSAR will not accept DAR applications, unless stamped as a DAR record copy, nor SAR applications prior to 1970 when considering for use as proof with NSSAR applications. Applications are taking 5-1/2 weeks to process due new genealogists. Vickie Schmaeman is upset over changes.

The Spring Meeting of the Membership is fast approaching, and Ken Lynch has prepared the chapter report. Issue of chapter voters was discussed, and Bob Taylor will be representing the chapter. Steve Hurst will also be attending the annual meeting in Concord.

President Reniger noted that Patriot's Day is 18 April.

The business meeting was recessed for lunch.

The 2019 Spring Annual Meeting was discussed, especially the need to secure a contract with the selected hotel. The need for volunteers was discussed, and compatriots Tom Shaw, Ken Birdsall and Marty Spann volunteered to form a committee with Tom Shaw as chairman. Bob Taylor will also be part of the committee and will assist with the resources from the 2013 Spring meeting.

Hal Reniger noted he has located a teacher in Simi Valley who is interested in submitting an application for the Valley Forge Teachers Recognition program; if she is selected he will schedule her to speak to the chapter in October.

Hal Reniger discussed the Eagle Scout program and will serve as committee chairman with other volunteers. He is looking forward to having the three Eagle Scout certificates presented at the May luncheon.

Hal reniger is interested in having Simi Valley schools participate in the Spirit of America program.

Dan Sword presented a delightful poem commemorating his 91<sup>st</sup> birthday, and was congratulated.

It was noted Marie Callenders no longer gives large groups a discount. Each member is being charged \$21.05 for their meal. Katherine Collins noted her DAR chapter is meeting at the Saticoy Club, which is less expensive and provides excellent meals. After discussion, it was decided to make no changes from the \$20 member cost for the rest of the year, and pay for the difference from chapter funds.

Steve Hurst mentioned a program regarding Thomas Jefferson on TV, and noted Thomas Jefferson may have had Asbergers condition.

**Program:**

The program was "Revolutionary War Veterans buried at Arlington National Cemetery", presented by compatriot Marty Spann. There are 11 Revolutionary War veterans buried at Arlington, five had been prisoners and three had been wounded. Since the cemetery was not established until the Civil War, all of

the burials were re-interments. A short history of the property was presented. The program was interesting, informative and well received by the membership.

President Reniger presented Compatriot Spann with a certificate of appreciation for his program presentation.

**Next Meeting:**

The next Chapter meeting will be held on Friday, 11 May 2018, at Marie Callender's Restaurant. The program will be "Technology and the Ironclad Ships during the American Civil War", presented by Mr. Steven Lund.

**Closing:**

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

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Taylor, Chapter Secretary