



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



**11 May 2018 Meeting Minutes**

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

The regular monthly luncheon meeting of the General George S. Patton, Jr., Chapter SAR was held Friday, 11 May 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 twelve compatriots: President Hal Reniger, Lou Kreuzer, Ken Lynch, Steve Hurst, Tom Allen, Bob Taylor, Dan Sword, Tom Shaw, Kim Thomas, Martin Spann, Edwin Luth, and Bill Nugent. Our guests included Margarida Eidson and her sons, Eagle Scouts Ryley, Kyle and Derek Eidson, pending compatriot Albert Marland, Judy Shaw, and Margie Kreuzer.

**Reports:**

Secretary Bob Taylor presented the minutes for the meeting of 13 April, which were approved as presented.

Treasurer Lou Kreuzer presented the Treasurer's report. Report shows a checking account balance of \$5,268.45 and a savings account balance of \$9,013.33 as of 10 May. The report was accepted as presented.

Secretary Taylor presented the Registrar's report in the absence of Registrar Dick McMullen, which was accepted as presented.

Applications approved by NSSAR:

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)

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)  
George Christopher Thomas (SC Patriot Arthur Middleton)

Applications submitted to CASSAR:

Scott Kevin Fox (VA Patriot Thomas Overstreet, Sr.)

Applications in preparation:

Michael E. McGehee (SC Patriot Reuben Weed, Sr.)  
Randy Wells (MD Patriot Edward Dyer)

**Old and New Business:**

Chaplain Taylor sent a get-well card to John Bernick, whose wife has had an operation. Gene Cooper is reportedly getting well, but slowly. Status of Dick Hawley, George Horne, Ward White and Jim Wyly not known.

Color Guard Commander Taylor reported receiving an invitation for the color guard to participate in the Memorial Day ceremony at Cemetery Park in Ventura, and requested volunteers. He also received an invitation for color guard members to join Harbor Chapter for an Armed Forces Day march in Torrance 19 May. Streamers presented at the spring meeting for Wreaths Across America and Massing of the Colors were attached to the SAR flag.

Secretary Taylor asked for volunteers to present Spirit of America awards at the Camarillo middle school graduations middle June. Bob also noted the need for a list of membership drops for 2018 to update the roster. He asked if the chapter had agreed to pay the Junior Member dues, and was assured they had.

Kim Thomas, Flag Certificate Committee chairman, reported presenting a flag certificate to Ms. Margarida Eidson for the proper display of the U.S. flag at the Poinsettia Pavilet me know of required corrections. lion in Ventura., and has five more being prepared. Kim asked who to present certificates to, and was told businesses, organizations and individuals who properly display the U.S. flag. He also recommended a flag fund to pay for meals for those being presented at our meetings, and for replacing flags. It was suggested the committee also look into organizations who properly dispose the U.S. flag. Regarding the replacement of Dr. Moustapha Abou-Samra's flag, the cost would be around \$210, and perhaps that could be presented at the annual meeting in 2019; however, the integrity of the flag pole should be determined.

President Reniger introduced the Eagle Scouts being honored and their mother, Margarida Eidson. Certificates were presented to the three brothers attaining the Eagle Scout rank, Ryley, Kyle and Derek Eidson. Hal requested the chapter compatriots who are also Eagle Scouts, Marty Spann and Ed Luth, to stand with the brothers for photographs.

President Reniger noted a requirement to get the high school award program organized.

Following the program presentation, the question of sponsoring the exhibit "Remembering our Fallen" was discussed. Steve Hurst moved with a second by Marty Spann that the chapter accept the sponsorship of the exhibit for \$1,000; motion was approved.

#### **Program:**

The program was "Civil War Technology: Ironclads and Submarines", presented by Mr. Steven Lund. The program investigated the areas of steam, armament and ship design. Mr. Lund presented a scale model of the Monitor, built from the actual plans prepared by Mr. John Ericsson. Also discussed was the CSA Hunley, which was possibly rammed as the cause of its loss. The program was interesting, informative and well received by the membership.

President Reniger presented Mr. Lund with a certificate of appreciation for his program presentation.

#### **Next Meeting:**

The next Chapter meeting will be held on Friday, 8 June 2018, at Marie Callender's Restaurant. The program will be "Native Americans During the Revolutionary War", presented by Mr. William V. Wenger.

Dan Sword presented another short poem about our ancestors.

It was noted Douglas Lowthorp received his membership certificate without the rosette or swearing in ceremony.

#### **Closing:**

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

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Taylor, Chapter Secretary