



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



**13 July 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 July 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 Bill Hurley and was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and the Pledge to the SAR.

In attendance were eleven compatriots: President Hal Reniger, Lou Kreuzer, Ken Lynch, Bill Hurley, Russ Ireland, Steve Hurst, Eric Stassforth, Tom Shaw, James Kehr, Kim Thomas, and Bill Nugent. Our guests included Robert Arabian, and James Ballard.

**Reports:**

President Reniger presented the minutes for the meeting of 8 June, in the absence of Secretary Bob Taylor. The minutes were approved as presented.

Treasurer Lou Kreuzer presented the Treasurer's report. The report shows a checking account balance of \$3,871.17 and a savings account balance of \$9,013.63 as of 13 July. The report was accepted as presented. Treasurer Kreuzer noted that recent expenditures, including the \$1,000 sponsorship of the "Remembering Our Fallen" exhibit, have depleted the checking account to its current value and recommended that \$3,000 be transferred from the savings account. It was moved and seconded to transfer the funds.

President Reniger presented the Registrar's report in the absence of Registrar Dick McMullen, which was accepted as presented. The Chapter now has seven previously-announced new members approved by NSSAR awaiting induction:

1. Stephen David Andrews (MA Patriot, Caleb Andrews)
2. Philip Servis Wilson (PA Patriot, William Wilson)
3. Douglas Cavins Lowthrop (VA Patriot James Templer)
4. William Kenneth Nugent (CT Patriot David Holcomb)
5. James Jack Kehr (NC Patriot Reuben Coffey)
6. Albert Edward Marland III (NC Patriot Henry Lancaster)
7. George Christopher Thomas (MA Patriot Jonathan Stevens)

**Old and New Business:**

Bill Hurley informed luncheon attendees of the passing of two former Chapter Presidents - Hale Hamilton and Dick Hawley.

Kim Thomas, Flag Certificate Committee chairman, presented a flag certificate to James Donald Ballard of Simi Valley. Kim has also been investigating the possibility of the Chapter purchasing flags to be flown over prominent places such as the state capitol building and later raffled off as a funds raiser.

Tom Shaw presented an update of planning for the Chapter's hosting of the CASSAR 144<sup>th</sup> Annual Spring Meeting of the Membership Meeting in Ventura, 25-27 April 2019. Tom said a contract has been signed

with the Ventura Beach Marriott Hotel on Harbor Boulevard. A deposit of \$3,000 is required from the Chapter. Hotel cost/night is about \$160. Tom indicated the conference registration fee should be \$150; a motion to establish this fee amount was approved by the Chapter. Tom also indicated he needs Secretary and Treasurer help from the Chapter.

In addition to sponsorship of the "Remembering Our Fallen" exhibit at the Ventura County Government Center 19-25 June, Chapter members participated in the opening ceremony. President Reniger introduced Compatriot Marty Spann, who emceed the event, while Bob Taylor provided the invocation and benediction.

Bill Hurley and Ken Lynch related their experiences in presenting outstanding boy and girl awards at middle schools in the Pleasant Valley School District in Camarillo. Bob Taylor and Barrie Walters also made presentations for the Spirit of America program. Boys and girls at five schools were honored.

President Reniger proposed the Chapter hold a Saturday BBQ/Social on 13 October, in lieu of the normal Friday Chapter meeting. The event would be at his home in Simi Valley or at another Compatriot's home; Tom Shaw indicated perhaps he could host. There was a favorable response for the event from the membership.

President Reniger reminded the membership of the 8-10 November Annual CASSAR Fall Board of Manager's Meeting at Lake Natoma Inn in Folsom, California. Compatriots planning to attend are advised to register early for hotel and conference fee discounts.

**Program:**

The program was "The Second Amendment in California: A Brief History and Future Trends", presented by Mr. Robert Arabian. The program was interesting, informative, and well received by the membership. President Reniger presented Mr. Arabian with a certificate of appreciation for his presentation.

**Next Meeting:**

The next Chapter meeting will be held on Friday, 10 August 2018, at Marie Callender's Restaurant. The program is to be determined.

**Closing:**

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

Respectfully submitted,

Ken Lynch, Acting Secretary