



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



**13 September 2019 Meeting Minutes**

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

The regular monthly luncheon meeting of the General George S. Patton, Jr., Chapter SAR was held Friday, 13 September 2019, at the Poinsettia Pavilion, 3451 Foothill Road., Ventura, CA. The meeting was called to order by President Marty Spann. Chaplain Steve Hurst gave the Invocation, which was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and the Pledge to the SAR.

In attendance were twelve compatriots: President Martin Spann, Vice President Tom Shaw, Secretary Bob Taylor, Treasurer Kim Thomas, Chaplain Steve Hurst, Ken Lynch, Bill Hurley, Ken Birdsall, Bill Bays, Harry Copeland, Dan Sword, and Lou Kreuzer. Our guests were Barbara LaMarche, DAR Mitz-Khan-A-Khan liaison, and pending member Errol Berk.

**Reports:**

Secretary Bob Taylor presented the minutes for the meeting of 9 August 2019, which were approved as presented.

Treasurer Kim Thomas presented the Treasurer's report, which has \$789.26 in checking and \$2,014.97 in savings. VenMo is active for those wishing to pay direct. Report was accepted as presented.

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

**Awaiting induction:**

Philip Servis Wilson (PA Patriot William Wilson)  
Scott Kevin Fox (VA Patriot Thomas Overstreet, Sr.)  
Cody James Richardson (MA Patriot Ebenezer Howe)  
Kevin Michael McMurtry (VA Patriot John McMurtry)  
Neal Conrad Murphy (MD Patriot Darby Murphy)  
Gerald Wayne Davis (SC Patriot John Williams)  
Christian David Jordan (VA Patriot Valentine Flower)  
Jared James Nathan (MA Patriot Phineas Putnam) Supplemental  
Matthew James Hare (MA Patriot Israel Bates)

**Application approved by National: None**

**Applications sent for National approval:**

Jared James Nathan, 11 Supplementals (VT Patriot Abel Baldwin, VT Patriot Thomas Baldwin, MA Patriot Israel Putnam, VT Patriot Susanna Goldsmith, VT Patriot John Coffeen, PA Patriot Jacob Groff (Grove), Sr., PA Patriot John Groff; PA Patriot Peter Wolf, PA Patriot Frederick Scholl (Shull), Henry Mills, and James Larkin).

Errol Jayson Berk (PA Patriot Thomas Copenhaver, Sr.)

**Pended Applications**

Anthony Alexander Angelini (MA Patriot Edward Henderson)

Kris Lee Wilson (NC Patriot William Hughlett)  
Thomas Ellsworth Retan (CT Patriot Joseph Buckley)

Applications sent for State approval: None

Applications in preparation:

Paul Travis Friedman (PA Patriot Adam Miser)  
Frankie Gahlen McConnell (NC Patriot John McConnell, Jr.)  
Eric Douglas Kaufman (NY Patriot Peter Miller)  
Gerald Frederick Campbell (MA Patriot Samuel Merrill, Jr.)  
Albert M. Goldberg  
Eric Richard Reed (PA Patriot Peter Dumm)

Chaplain Steve Hurst presented the Chaplain's report. Secretary Taylor reported Dick McMullen has a kidney infection. Bill Bays reported speaking with Elaine Colbern concerning Bob Colbern's condition after his stroke. According to Elaine, Bob is finding it hard to stand, but is doing some walking.

### **Old and New Business:**

Secretary Taylor reported no color guard requests for Veterans Day as yet. He further reminded the members of the upcoming CASSAR Fall Board of Managers Meeting in Irvine 1-2 November, and encouraged members to attend. Wreaths Across America is scheduled for December, and hopes members of the color guard will participate in Bob's absence.

President Spann noted he will be the key-note speaker at the Veterans Symposium 30 October at the Irvine Community College, Lemon Park, starting at 9:30 am.

Regarding Cemetery Park, it was noted the Medal of Honor awarded during the Indian Wars was not as important as it has been since WW I, when it gained its present importance.

Pending member Errol Berk provided some personal information regarding his father, who was Gen Patton's chief medical officer, was part of the 5<sup>th</sup> Cavalry when they gave up horses for tanks, and was ordered to Kasserine Pass, but orders rescinded. He was impressed with the SAR Pledge and Recessional. Finally, he mentioned the Lions' Club is interested in obtaining support to provide flags for the Ventura pier.

The meeting was recessed for lunch.

During lunch, President Spann related his involvement with the biggest drug bust in U.S. history, which occurred in a warehouse in Arleta in 1989 and had a street value of \$6.9 million.

### **Program:**

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

Jared Nathan & Hal Reniger	Outstanding Citizenship Award certificate & Pin (both absent)
Barrie Walters	Bronze Von Steuben Color Guard Medal.
Judy Shaw	Martha Washington certificate & Medal (absent)
Bill Nugent, Marty Spann & Kim Thomas	Bronze Good Citizenship certificate & Medal
Harry Copeland, Steve Hurst, Dick McMullen & Dan Sword	Bronze Roger Sherman Certificate & Medal (Dick McMullen absent)
Tom Shaw	Chapter Distinguished Service certificate & Medal (Compatriot of the Year)

### **Next Meeting:**

The next Chapter meeting will be Friday, 11 October 2019, at the Poinsettia Pavilion. The program will be a presentation by Compatriot Eric Stassforth.

### **Closing:**

The meeting was adjourned by President Spann following the SAR Recessional by the membership and the Benediction by Chaplain Hurst.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Taylor, Secretary