



California Society of the
Sons of the American Revolution

Gen. George S. Patton, Jr., Chapter

Minutes of the Meeting for
13 January 2006

The regular monthly luncheon meeting of the General George S. Patton, Jr., Chapter SAR was held Friday, 13 January 2006, in the Garden Room of Marie Callender's Restaurant, 1295 S. Victoria Avenue, Ventura. The meeting was called to order by Chapter President Richard Hawley. Following the pledge and invocation the members adjourned to the buffet. In attendance were eleven compatriots: President Richard Hawley, J. Stephen Hurst, Ron Risley, Richard Caldwell, Frank Budroe, Ward White, Jim Cary, Dick McMullen, Bill Henry, Chuck Bennett and Robert Colbern; and four guests, Mrs. Rosemarie Risley, JoAnn Bennett, Sunny McMullen and Sua White. Compatriots Gary Smith and Bob Taylor were excused from attending the meeting. President Hawley reconvened the meeting following the luncheon.

Reports were given by the following officers:

1. Treasurer Caldwell presented the financial report which was accepted and filed.
2. Acting Secretary Risley presented the minutes for the November and December meetings which were read and approved.
3. Registrar Risley gave the registrar's report. Compatriot Jim Shepherd received approval from NSSAR on his ancestor, Sgt. Richard Price of VA. Membership certificates were received from NSSAR for new members, Ward White descendant of Patriot Giles White, and Charles Ward descendant of Patriot MG Artemus Ward. Membership application had been received by the chapter for Tyler Smith a descendant of patriot Roger Edgerton. Associate Compatriot Chuck Bennett has completed his application for regular membership on patriot Joshua Smith.

Program:

Associate Compatriot Chuck Bennett gave a program on the Revolutionary War experiences of Private Joseph Plumb Martin. The presentation focused on the meaning of true patriotism, and the unbelievable sacrifices that were made by the soldiers in the American Revolution. To them patriotism meant independence, and they were ready and willing to give their lives for that cause. Starvation and exposure to the elements were common place, and little reward in the form of money or other compensation was forth

coming. This presentation put a face on the soldiers of the Revolution that made us all more aware of their misery.

Initiation of New Members. President Hawley swore in Ward White of Simi Valley as a new member of the Chapter. In absensia, Ron Risley took the oath for Charles Ward, III, another new member from Apple Valley CA.

Old Business:

Compatriot Hawley thanked Rosemarie Risley for the gifts she had made and gave out at our December meeting.

Compatriot Hurst reported on the Valley Forge Contest. Compatriot Cary reported on the Eagle Scout Competition. Compatriot Henry reported on the Knight Essay Contest.

New Business:

Compatriot Risley announced the 24th George Washington Massing of the Colors to be held at 3 PM Sunday, 19 February at Forest Lawn in Burbank, sponsored by the Sons of Liberty Chapter SAR. This will be the 20th year that our chapter has been in this event.

Compatriot Richard Caldwell volunteered to be responsible for coordinating the luncheon menus with the restaurant staff for future meeting.

For the Good of the Chapter

Compatriot Hurst informed the Chapter of an exhibit at the Huntington Library in San Marino on Benjamin Franklin including his autobiography "Art of Virtue."

Compatriot Colbern recommended four books on the Revolutionary War: including 1) Glorious Cause; and 2) Spirit of 1776. Compatriot Cary recommended David McCullough's, 1776.

Compatriot Risley reported that he was the incoming president of the Society of the War of 1812 in the State of California.

The next regular Chapter meeting will be convened at Noon on Friday, 10 March 2006.

The meeting was adjourned following the SAR recessional and the benediction.

Respectfully submitted,

Ronald D. Risley, for,
Robert Taylor, Chapter Secretary.